L.B.J.& C. HEAD START NOTES

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- Child's birth certificate, Mother's copy, or Foster Care Contract.
- Income Verification

Head Start
Registration

requirements:

• 3 years old h

- 3 years old by August 15, 2023
- Does not turn
 5 years old
 before August
 15, 2023

Head Start serves children ages 3-5 including children with disabilities.

CHILD APPLICATION INFO

For more information, call your local Head Start center, call 931-528-3361, ext. 222, or visit our website ww.lbjc.org to start the application process.

Upcoming Events

February 20 President's Day

 Centers Closed/HAFH Closed

Volunteer Opportunities

Be a Head Start Volunteer-Contact your local Center Supervisor today. Head Start needs and appreciates all volunteers.



Toothbrushing Tips for Your Child with a Disability

Some children with disabilities need extra help to take care of their teeth. Young children, especially those with a physical, emotional, behavioral, intellectual, or communication disability, may not have the fine motor skills they need to clean their teeth well. It's important to brush and help your child with toothbrushing. Here are come tips to make brushing your child's teeth a good experience:

- Choose a toothbrush made for children. Look for toothbrushes with soft bristles and a small head made for brushing a child's teeth. Let your child pick a toothbrush that is a favorite color or favorite character.
- Use oral hygiene aids. If it is hard for your child to hold a toothbrush, look for a toothbrush with a thick handle, or make the handle thicker by putting it inside a tennis ball. The toothbrush handle can also be strapped to your child's hand with a hair band or Velcro. Another way is to place a hand over the child's hand to guide the toothbrush as the child brushes.

Use a smear for children under age 3.

- Use fluoride toothpaste that your child likes. Find one that your child likes and feels good in his or her mouth.
- Use the right amount of fluoride toothpaste. An adult should always place toothpaste on the toothbrush. For children under age 3, use a smear (size of a grain of rice) of toothpaste. For children ages 3 to 6, use a pea-size amount of toothpaste. Encourage your child to spit and not swallow the remaining toothpaste.
- Make toothbrushing fun. Sing a song, count or say the alphabet, tell a story, say a nursery rhyme, or make animal sounds while brushing.



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APPLY NOW

All age eligible children can apply. Serving children 3 & 4 years of age including children with disabilities.

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