

DCEA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START TIMES

Spring 2024



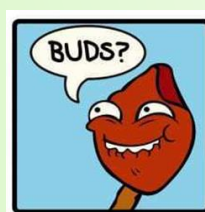
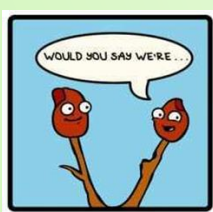
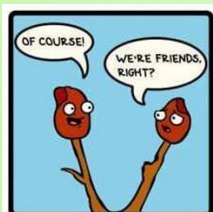
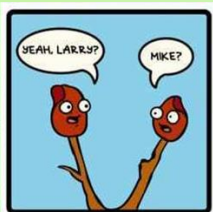
News and Updates

Head Start and Early Head Start

- Beginning July 1st, there will be changes to work hours for all staff. Please check with your area coordinator if you have any questions about what your new hours are.
- The return to work letter has been posted on our website dceaheadstart.org. It is located under the staff only tab.
- The Blount County facility is almost complete! We hope to start the new program year with four classrooms there. This new facility will be Maryville Head Start.
- During the summer months, please remember to check the employment tab on the website. All new job openings will be posted on our website and indeed.com.
- We have not received any word on the Focus Area 2 review. We hope to hear something soon.
- Remember to stay up to date on the TCCOTS required licensing training. When you return to work in July, check your progress. There are trainings due in July, August, and September. There will be a new QRIS cycle starting in October and a new TCCOTS training log will begin.
- **Reminder:** If you suspect Child Abuse or Neglect call the hotline 1-877-237-0004 or for non-emergencies report on the website <https://apps.tn.gov/carat/>.
- The new Head Start/Early Head Start calendar will be posted on our website once we have it completed. Please become familiar with the calendar. Look for center closing dates, wellness dates, and training days!

WELLNESS SPOTLIGHT

This year, we had our End of the Year training at Cherokee Park in Hamblen County. Our focus was on staff wellness. We had wonderful trainings from TN Voices and AimHiTN.



Happenings

Wellness

The Wellness Team is planning special wellness events. These events will be posted on the calendar. We plan to continue celebrating International Dot Day!

History

60 Years Ago

In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the “War on Poverty” movement. This movement led to The Economic Opportunity Act of 1964. A direct result of this act was the creation of the Community Action Program and the Head Start program in 1965.

Consider this: Working for DCEA Head Start/Early Head Start means you are part of history!

Other News

Retirement

Janet Holt retired with 27 years of service! Thank you for your devotion to the Head Start program!

Education

Morgan Books graduated with her Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Alexis Simpson-Kincaid graduated with her Associate Degree.

If you would like information about furthering your education, contact Human Resources!

Come back for updates in our next newsletter.



“Working together, tiny stars light the universe. That’s the power of teamwork.”