

Coffeyville

Background

After suffering the worst flood in its 139 year history, Coffeyville established a New Coffeyville Steering Committee. This diverse group of 11 community leaders identified five goals. One of these is to provide “quality birth-to-four early childhood education.”

The new vision for early childhood services is that every four-year-old in the school district will have access to a quality preschool experience. Settings will include the family home, child care, private preschools, special education programs, and programs that serve at-risk children. A recent survey shows that 76% of patrons in the school district support its efforts to develop additional early education programs.

Description of Existing Preschool Programs

Head Start has been housed in district-owned facilities for 15 years. It currently occupies half of a building, known as Whittier School. Head Start operates two part-day, double session classrooms, which serve 20 children in each session, for a total of 80 enrolled slots. In addition, an Early Head Start (EHS) infant/toddler classroom located at the same facility serves six (6) EHS eligible children and two (2) community children. The building also houses a gymnasium, offices, a setting for Parents as Teachers play groups and a developmental classroom.

Partners

Coffeyville: USD #445 (Coffeyville School District), SEK-CAP Head Start, Coffeyville Early Childhood Action Team (diverse community leadership)

Program Goal

Coffeyville will add two half-day integrated classroom settings serving 28 children; one full-day/full-year integrated classroom, serving 15 children with comprehensive services; and increase the number of contact days to 174 in Coffeyville, impacting an additional 80 preschool children. (Total = 123)