



**LUZERNE COUNTY
HEAD START INC.**

VIRTUAL HEAD START SERVICES



Teachers monitor progress virtually as children participate in educational games.



Children complete at-home learning activities as part of our virtual Head Start program.



Educational sessions and experiments take place during live Zoom sessions.

Until we can safely resume in-person services, Luzerne County Head Start, Inc. is here to support your child by encouraging him/her to grow through at-home learning activities. Our virtual Head Start experience is offered to families to complete at their own pace. Here are some examples of how the program works:

Head Start At-Home Learning Program:

- Class sizes limited to 10 children
- Learning supplies/materials dropped off by Head Start staff prior to weekly lessons
- Classroom teacher makes weekly phone call to each family to ask if there are any needs and to follow up on the child's progress. Teachers and families work together on individual goal planning for the child.
- 15 minute live Zoom session offered twice weekly to allow children to interact with their teachers and classroom staff and other children. The lesson/activity is the same for both sessions and allows families to choose which session fits best into their schedule.
- Each student is given a password to download an app called "Ignite by Hatch." The app supports continuous learning by allowing children to play educational games from any location while teachers monitor their progress. It also allows teachers to track attendance while virtual learning takes place.
- Classroom staff prepares a learning activity each week for children to complete that goes along with the theme of what they are learning about. The learning activities are recorded in Google classroom and students follow along as they work with their families to complete their projects. Families are encouraged to send photos or videos of their child's finished project.
- Developmental screenings conducted for each child.
- All at-home learning activities align with the PA Early Learning Standards, Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment, and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

- Regional nurses post educational health and safety videos to Google classrooms; these videos encourage children to continue practicing safe and healthy habits at home.

Additional Head Start Virtual Services:

- \$10 weekly WIC-approved food voucher (or food bag) provided to each enrolled child
- Program governance and parent leadership opportunities
- Regional nurses available to help answer children's health-related questions
- Over-the-phone oral, vision and health evaluations
- Resources to connect families to medical providers, identify child's vision/hearing needs
- Referrals/information available to help families with needs including food, clothing, rent, mental health services, etc.
- Alerts on free community health screenings and other free health/wellness events



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My great granddaughter, Trinity, is learning a great deal through the Head Start virtual learning program. She loves to see the other children and speak to them. Trinity loves doing the online projects and really enjoys listening to stories read by the teachers. During this difficult time, Head Start is providing a valuable education to my great granddaughter.
-Donna, Head Start great grandmother



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