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## EARLY HEAD START OPENINGS AVAILABLE

WCCS Early Learning Centers currently has openings for home-based Early Head Start services for children ages birth to three and pregnant mothers. Parents receive support and education on infant health, nutrition, child development and parenting skills, as well as referrals to connect them with community resources to meet family needs.

Early Head Start families receive a weekly home visit from a specially trained home visitor, plus two play group sessions per month, providing a time for social interaction for both parents and children.

Judy Butler, Early Head Start Manager, explains that the home visitors bring new toys, books and learning activities into the home each week, and that the children are always excited to see their home visitor arrive. "The parents and the home visitors form a wonderful relationship based on encouraging the child's growth and development. Young parents with a new baby gain so much confidence from having this personal support in handling the many challenges of parenting a small child."

Eligibility for Early Head Start is based primarily on family income. Infants and toddlers with special needs are welcomed, and may be eligible even if the family is above the income guidelines. Families who are interested in enrolling a child in Early Head Start may call (513) 695-2215 or print an application from the WCCS website at [www.wccsi.org](http://www.wccsi.org).