

*Pearl River Valley
Opportunity, Inc.*

Head Start/Early Head Start

*Approach to
School Readiness
2016-2017*



"The Best Is Yet To Come"

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PRVO's School Readiness Goals

***Domain: Physical Health and
Development***

By the end of Early Head Start or Head Start:

Goal: Children will use perceptual information, demonstrate gross and fine motor skills and develop healthy behaviors with increased independence.

***Domain: Social and Emotional
Development***

By the end of Early Head Start or Head Start:

Goal: Children will develop relationships with adults and peers, express a broad range of emotions and develop a sense of identity and belonging.

Domain: Approaches to Learning

- Cognitive Self-Regulation
- Initiative and Curiosity
- Creativity
- Emotional and Behavioral Regulation

By the end of Early Head Start or Head Start:

Goal: Children will develop emotional and behavioral self-regulation skills and demonstrate initiative, persistence, curiosity and creativity to increase understanding and learning.

Domain: Language and Literacy

- Literacy and Knowledge Skills
- Language Development

By the end of Early Head Start or Head Start:

Goal: Children will use verbal and non-verbal communication, demonstrate alphabet knowledge, phonological awareness and knowledge of print and its uses.



***Domain: Cognition and General
Knowledge***

- Cognition
- Mathematics Development
- Scientific Inquiry

By the end of Early Head Start or Head Start:

Goal: Children will demonstrate the ability to observe, remember, and connect new and known experiences to gain a better understanding of the world around them.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Pearl River Valley Opportunity, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start, a community based resource, exists to provide a comprehensive, culturally sensitive early childhood development program of high quality for low income children and families, including children with significant disabilities. We will impact communities through partnerships, resources and programs designed to promote school readiness, foster parent engagement and encourage self-sufficiency.

Head Start/Early Head Start

PRVO's Head Start and Early Head Start Program serves children ages birth to five and expectant women in six counties: Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Pike, Stone and Walthall. The program provides age appropriate services to infants, toddlers and preschoolers in a center based or home based setting.

PRVO believes in the importance of providing each child with an educational opportunity that addresses their individual learning style. We apply a daily schedule of activities that is child-initiated/teacher-directed in our Head Start classrooms and *child-initiated/teacher-supported* in Early Head Start. We utilize the *Creative Curriculum for Preschoolers, 5th Edition* and the *Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Two's, 2nd Edition Revised* in our center-based classrooms. Both curriculums are based on a firm foundation of research and serves as a guide in defining developmentally appropriate goals, objectives, and experiences for each child. Our teachers implement daily lesson plans that are individualized to address the following areas of development: Social/Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mathematics Knowledge, Science Knowledge, Creative Arts, Social Studies Knowledge, Logic and Reasoning, Literacy Knowledge, Language Development and Approaches to Learning. All children are assessed three times per year using Teaching Strategies Gold, a research based assessment for all children including those with disabilities.



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