

# SEPTEMBER

BACK TO  
SCHOOL

# ECE

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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**WELCOME BACK TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**



Head  
Start



This Fall ECE will offer Head Start Programming to 3 & 4 year old children Monday thru Friday 8am - 2pm with classrooms opening at 7:30am. There will be 6 classrooms open in A Pod.

Preschool Care will be offered to 3 & 4 year old children afternoons from 2-5:30pm. On days when there is no Head Start, care will be available from 7:30am - 5:30pm. There will be 3 classrooms open in G Pod.

ECE will not be able to offer a School Age Care program this year to lack of staffing. Families can learn more about the 21st Century Program & the Boys and Girls Club of Warm Springs for out of school programming options.

Early Head Start will be returning this fall as a center based program. There will be 2 classrooms offering programming Monday thru Friday 8am - 2pm. This will be for children 0-3 years old. Families with Kiddos that age are now being recruited.

## NOTE TO FAMILIES

- If your child uses a backpack when they come to ECE, please check the bag for any items that might not be appropriate. Sometimes our youngsters find things around the home, that families are not aware of.
- Please do not bring in snacks for your child as ECE already provides meals, and we need to limit outside snacks to avoid any food allergy reactions.
- Toys need to stay home, or in your car. Outside toys become a distraction when we are working to direct children to engage in activities with materials provided here at ECE. Talk with your child's teacher for tips on helping with the parting of toys.

**A REMINDER** - that all families need to enter and exit the Early Childhood Education Center through the main office. This is for security purposes and there are no exceptions. We are working to utilize a scanner to check each child in at the start and end of each day - and that would happen in the office.

**Thanks in advance for your patience as we work through getting used to this new routine**

We are still in the process of sprucing up the facility but the roof replacement, by and large, has been completed. As soon as funding allows some other needs will be addressed around the ECE Center.

**The Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Department is in the CTWS Branch of Health & Human Services.** The Branch Manager is Caroline Cruz.

Members of the ECE Steering Group include: Caroline Cruz, Taw Foltz, Annette Chastain, Anita Hisatake, Arlissa White, Michele Stacona, Cheryl Tom, Sue Matters, Rosa Graybael, & Alvis Smith III.

- Cheryl Tom is currently on site overseeing the Head Start Program
- Reona Trimble is the Daycare Program Manger
- Sue Matters provides Administrative Support
  
- Ina Chief is the Daycare Secretary
- Angie Spino is the Head Start Administrative Specialist
  
- Tiana Northrup is the Daycare Family Services Coordinator
- Arlena Danzuka is the ECE Outreach Coordinator
- Karla Bagley is the ECE Health Coordinator
- Paulette Henry is the Head Start Family Partnership Coordinator
- Laurissa Bellanger is a Head Start Family Services Advocate
- Shawndell Johnson is a Head Start Family Services Advocates.
- Liana Holyan is the Head Start Disabilities Coordinator
- TaSheena George is the Head Start Curriculum Coordinator/Coach

You can reach all staff by calling 541-553-3241. If someone is not at their desk or if they are working in a classroom, a message will be taken and your call will be returned.

We are looking forward to increased engagement with our families and are planning an activity calendar that will evolve as the year gets underway. We have drafted our ECE Closure and Training Schedule for the year to help us and you plan.

**HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL** - families should be watching for details about your potential role in serving on Policy Council. Elections will be held in October. Policy Council Members serve for one year. You can talk with Head Start Family Services staff to learn more.

The mission of Early Childhood Education is to enrich the lives of Warm Springs families and children, by ensuring quality comprehensive child development services and information.