

MISSION

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. is dedicated to enhancing the cognitive, social, emotional and physical well being of children and families in New Castle County, Delaware. The agency provides quality early educational programs for preschool children, as well as supportive family services in partnership with parents and their communities.

VISION

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. strives to be a model collaborative, early education agency promoting individual growth and personal achievement for children and their families.

CORE VALUES

CHILD, PARENT AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT

We embrace and support the growth and self-actualization of everyone involved with New Castle County Head Start, Inc.

RESPECT

We strive to treat all with care, compassion, dignity, equality and trust.

COMMUNICATION

We encourage on-going, open and honest expression of all points of view.

DIVERSITY

We welcome a broad representation of experiences, perspectives and cultures.



New Castle County Head Start, Inc.

Administrative Office

256 Chapman Road, Suite 103

Newark, Delaware 19702

T: (302) 452-1500 **F:** (302) 452-1509

W: www.ncchs.org **F:** www.facebook.com

Center Locations

Absalom Jones

310 Kiamensi Road
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 999-8480

Lambson

19 Lambson Lane
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 655-5070

Bear

931 Corbitt Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 832-2212

Manor Park

1 Bassett Avenue
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 328-9454

Claymont

3301 Green Street
Claymont, DE 19703
(302) 792-9065

Marshallton

310 Kiamensi Road
Wilmington, DE 19804
(302) 225-3790

Early Head Start

19 Lambson Lane
New Castle, DE 19720
(302) 777-5104

*New Castle County Head Start, Inc. is a 501(c)(3)
non-profit organization.*



**New Castle County
Head Start, Inc.**

"Give your child a Head Start"

A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Introduction to the Board of Directors



New Castle County Head Start, Inc. is a private, nonprofit organization devoted to promoting the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 years from income-eligible families in New Castle County, Delaware. The agency provides excellence in early childhood education and supportive services to help families achieve self-sufficiency. Head Start embraces diversity and welcomes children and families of all backgrounds and abilities including those with special needs.



Head Start Program Highlights

- A home-based program serving pregnant women and children ages birth to 3 years
- A center-based preschool program serving children ages 3 to 5 years
- Part-day and full-day center-based program options
- Nationally approved curriculum
- Low student to teacher ratio
- Medical, dental, vision, hearing and developmental screenings
- Training and support opportunities for the entire family



Board Duties & Responsibilities

The Board of Directors serves as the governing body and oversees strategic planning, fiscal management, funding allocations, and program policies. The membership of the board consists of the executive director, as a non-voting member, and 9 to 15 elected members. Board member responsibilities include:

- Serve without pay for a three-year term.
- Meet six times a year for 2.5 hours.
- Participate on one or more subcommittees.
- Work closely with policy council members on the development of the annual budget and strategic plan.
- Assist in recruiting new board members as needed.
- Attend occasional agency meetings and events such as policy council meetings, volunteer celebrations, and annual luncheons.

Board Best Practices

- Come to meetings prepared, having reviewed all pertinent materials.
- Ask questions to gain an understanding of the issues and make an informed vote.
- Keep all Board discussions confidential to ensure board effectiveness and credibility.
- Avoid any conflict of interest, whether business or personal.
- Volunteer at both internal agency activities and external community events.
- Bring any problem or issue to the attention of the executive director or board chairperson.

Head Start Makes a Difference

Since 1977, New Castle County Head Start, Inc. has offered comprehensive education services to eligible children and families at no cost.



The program is funded through grants from the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Delaware Department of Education, community partners, and private donors.

EXCELLENCE IN EARLY EDUCATION

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. offers an industry-leading, nationally approved curriculum designed to meet the social, emotional, health, nutritional, and physical needs of at-risk children in our community.

PLAN FOR A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE

New Castle County Head Start, Inc. teachers and staff work closely with students and their families to design individualized education plans to help students gain the skills needed for long-term success in school, both academically and socially.

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE TODAY



Volunteers and donors play a critical role in the Head Start program. From volunteering in the classroom to donating goods or services, New Castle County Head Start, Inc. depends on community support.