



## What is In-Kind?

In order to fund your child's Head Start or Early Head Start program we must receive 25% of our funding from local donations of time, money, materials, and services. This funding source is called In-Kind. This means we need help from parents and the local community to operate our Head Start program. Parent involvement in their child's education is key to their future success, and In-Kind is a great way to be involved.

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.”  
- Jane D. Hull

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## How Can You Help?

You can provide In-Kind for our program by documenting your time spent on the WCMCA Head Start *Monthly Parent Activity In-Kind Sheet*. Here are some examples:

- Read books to your child
- Complete curriculum activities including TS Learning Games and Partners for a Healthy Baby
- Complete the Parent Page activities provided by your child's Family Education Specialist
- Work with your child on his/her school readiness goals
- Volunteer in your child's classroom
  - Read a story to the class
  - Share a meal with your child
  - Share a hobby or talent
  - Prepare or donate materials for the classroom
- Complete activities provided by your EHS Family Education Specialist as listed on the Lesson Plan or prepare materials for the home visit activity

Other ways to be involved:

- Serve on Policy Council
- Attend Open House, Family Events and Socializations
- Attend Parent Trainings

Please ask your Family Education Specialist for additional options.