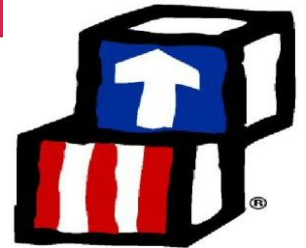




The ALPI Head Start and Early Head Start Parent Orientation



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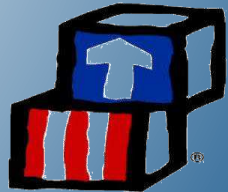


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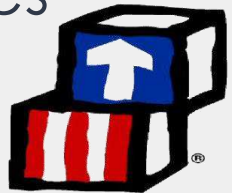
About The ALPI

A Brief Overview of Who We Are!



History of The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.

- Headquartered in Lake Alfred, Florida
- Established in 1968 by the Coca-Cola Company
- Our mission is to collaborate with community partners and deliver human service programs that empower the economically disadvantaged and others to be self-sufficient.



963 children served

**The ALPI Head Start and Early Head Start Team
is proud to serve you and your child.
Thank you for your confidence in us to serve you.**



Locations Served by The ALPI

St. Lucie County

6 Directly-Operated Centers

- ❖ ALPI Lincoln Park Head Start- **105 Head Start**
- ❖ ALPI Child Development & Family Services Center- **163 Head Start/ 16 Early Head Start**
- ❖ ALPI Queen Townsend Head Start Center II -**204 Head Start / 16 Early Head Start**
- ❖ ALPI George W. Truitt Family Services Center- **53 Head Start / 48 Early Head Start**
- ❖ ALPI Francina Duval Head Start- **39 Head Start**
- ❖ ALPI Garden Terrace Head Start- **91 Head Start**
- ❖ **Contracted Center** - Learning Tree Academy, Inc. – **20 Head Start**

Polk County

1 Directly-Operated Center

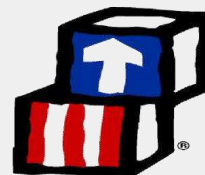
- ❖ Frostproof Child Development Center – **56 Early Head Start**

1 Contracted Center

- ❖ Jumpstart Development Center – **20 Early Head Start**

Martin County

Total served will be **100- Head Start and 32 Early Head Start**



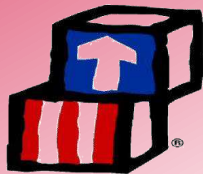


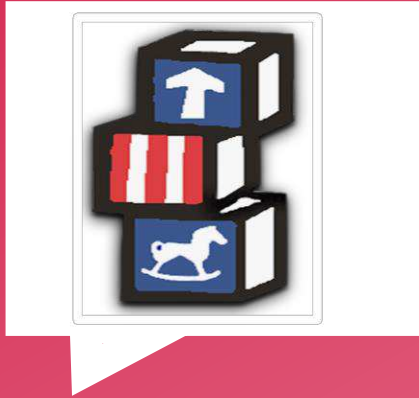
Head Start

Federally funded program provides comprehensive child development services to disadvantaged preschool children (ages 3-5) and their families.

These Services Include:

- School Readiness and Cognitive Development Services
- Frequent Medical Screening, Immunizations, and Dental Services
- Healthy Nutritional Assistance
- Referral Services for a Range of Individual Child and Family Needs
- An Opportunity for Parents to Participate in School Decision-Making



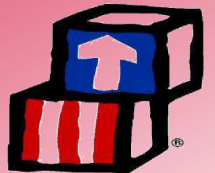


Early Head Start

Federally funded program with a mission to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhance the development of children ages 3 and under, and promotes healthy family functioning.

These Services Include:

- Quality Early Education both in and out of the home
- Parenting Education
- Comprehensive Health and Mental Health Services, including services to women before, during, and after pregnancy
- Nutrition Education
- Family Support Services



Health Program Services



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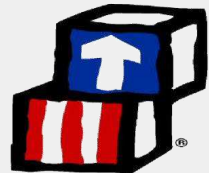


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Health Program Services

- Works with our parents and medical providers to complete hearing, vision, height / weight, as well as blood pressure and hemoglobin screenings, lead testing & dental exams.
- Ensures that your child receives their necessary Developmental and Social Emotional screenings in a timely manner.
- Assists families in following up on their children's Health Concerns
- Ensures Classroom Supervision by having two staff in the classroom at all times
- Ensures that the playgrounds are age appropriate for Playground Safety

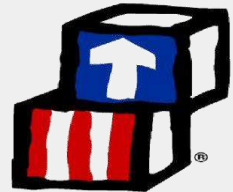


Health Program Services

COVID-19

In response to the COVID 19, children and staff will:

- Increase handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer
- Practice social distancing
- Implement Daily Health Checks to include temperature taking
- Staggered Schedules for Pick up and drop offs
- Daily sanitizing of classrooms, etc.



Health Program Services

Enrollment Requirements

- Each child must have a **medical examination** and an **immunization record** provided to the Center prior to being admitted.
- Child specific care plans (from their health care provider) must be completed & provided by the family prior to your child's entry into the program .



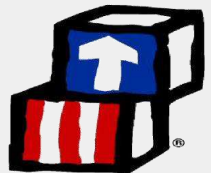
Health Program Services

Nutrition

We encourage our children to try new and different food as they appear on the menu.

■ Does your child have food allergies? **Please let us know !**

Physician documentation is needed to change the school menu and prepare special food for any food allergy , but we will work with you to the best of our ability to address food preferences.



Health Program Services

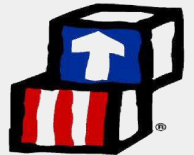
Appropriate Dress

- Because we encourage physical activity; tennis shoes and sandals with support straps are best suited for outside play.

- Purchase clothing that is easy to get in and out of; pants or shorts with elastic and easy snaps are suggested.

- Overalls are very difficult to get out of, so we encourage parents to allow their children to wear them later in the year when self help skills are more developed.

- For safety reasons; avoid excessive jewelry, dangling earrings, necklaces and rings.



Disabilities Services



- Head Start and Early Head Start offers a welcoming child-centered environment that provides individualized teaching and chances to learn for all children to access, participate and thrive in a early learning setting. All classrooms are inclusive for all children.
- The program makes at least 10 percent of their enrollment opportunities available for children with special needs.
- Your child will learn and grow in a traditional/virtual classroom along with children their age, while still meeting the goals and objectives in their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP) or Plan of Care(POC).
- Therapy sessions are available to be provided onsite in the least restrictive environment. We work with families to connect to services through partnerships with local school districts and community resources.

Mental Health Services (Social/Emotional Well-Being)

Head Start and Early Head Start supports the Mental Health of all children, families and staff every day. Early childhood mental health is the same as social & emotional well-being. It is a child's (birth to 5 years) growing ability to experience, regulate, and express emotions. They learn to develop close, secure relationships with peers and caring adults. Children begin to explore and learn from their surroundings, pay attention, and follow directions.

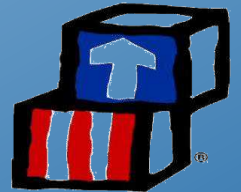
Head Start and Early Head Start programs partner with local professionals and other programs to ensure children, families, and staff have access to prevention and intervention services. The mental health of children and the adults that care for them is essential for school readiness.



Family & Community Partnerships Program Services



Donita Brunson
Family and Community
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Family & Community Engagement Program Services



Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework

Positive & Goal-Oriented Relationships

Equity, Inclusiveness, Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness

PROGRAM FOUNDATIONS	PROGRAM IMPACT AREAS	FAMILY OUTCOMES	CHILD OUTCOMES
Program Leadership Professional Development Continuous Learning and Quality Improvement	Program Environment Family Partnerships Teaching and Learning Community Partnerships Access and Continuity	Family Well-being Positive Parent-Child Relationships Families as Lifelong Educators Families as Learners Family Engagement in Transitions Family Connections to Peers and Community Families as Advocates and Leaders	Children are: Safe Healthy and well Learning and developing Engaged in positive relationships with family members, caregivers, and other children Ready for school Successful in school and life

Family & Community Engagement Program Services

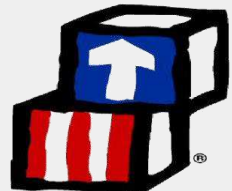
Parent, Family & Community Engagement

Family Goal Setting

- ❖ Family Strengths and Needs Assessment
- ❖ Families will have the opportunity to engage in a family partnership agreement process
- ❖ Information Sharing/Two-way Communication
- ❖ Identify and Access Community Resources

Parent Involvement

- ❖ Research-Based Parenting Curriculum (Conscious Discipline)
- ❖ Families will have the option to select the traditional setting (center-based) or virtual learning.
- ❖ Parent Engagement Handbook/Manual
- ❖ Parent Committee Meetings/ Policy Council
- ❖ Home visits



Family & Community Engagement Program Services

E.R.S.E.A

■ Eligibility

- ❖ Determining, verifying and documenting eligibility

■ Recruitment

- ❖ Community Outreach

■ Selection

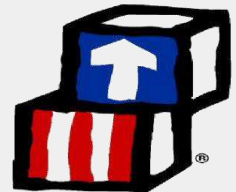
- ❖ Selection Criteria
- ❖ Children in Foster Care, homelessness, and Children with disabilities

■ Enrollment

- ❖ Continuity of enrollment
- ❖ Enrollment Requirements

■ Attendance

- ❖ Promoting regular attendance (traditional or virtual learning)
- ❖ Maintaining 85%
- ❖ Suspension and expulsion policy



Family & Community Engagement Program Services

- Families that select the traditional option are expected to participate/attend class on a daily basis to maintain enrollment.
- Families that select virtual option must have internet services and the technology such as a cell phone, tablet, laptop or desktop needed to log on. The child will be expected to participate online 3 days out of the week. The other two days will be additional online learning such as ABC Mouse, etc.
- Once the options have been selected, it will not be revisited until after the 1st nine weeks or November.
- Contacts will be made with the families on a weekly basis and services will still be rendered as needed.
- Staff will work with families that may be experiencing a hardship and attempt to accommodate with the available resources.



Education & Child Development Program Services



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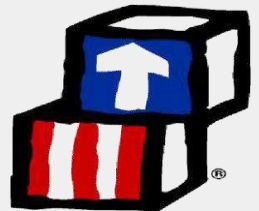


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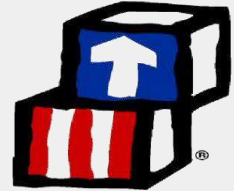
Education & Child Development Program Services

- Provides a learning environment where children develop socially, intellectually, physically and emotionally in an age and developmentally appropriate manner.
- Emphasizes the importance that parents are their child's first teacher and provides Parent Engagement Activities & Tools to encourage learning at home.
- Teachers and Caregivers at The ALPI hold either a Bachelors Degree, Associate Degree, or CDA with specialization in Infant, Toddler, or Preschool.



Education & Child Development Program Services

Follows Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

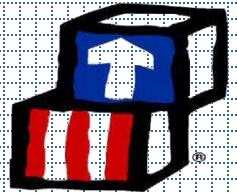


	CENTRAL DOMAINS				
	APPROACHES TO LEARNING	SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT	LANGUAGE AND LITERACY	COGNITION	PERCEPTUAL, MOTOR, AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT
▲ INFANT/TODDLER DOMAINS	Approaches to Learning	Social and Emotional Development	Language and Communication	Cognition	Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development
● PRESCHOOLER DOMAINS	Approaches to Learning	Social and Emotional Development	Language and Communication Literacy	Mathematics Development Scientific Reasoning	Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

Implements The Creative Curriculum for Preschools (Head Start) and The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, & Twos (Early Head Start)

Actively utilizes web-based tools such as Teaching Strategies, ABC Mouse, and Ignite to document learning gains as well as enhance classroom instruction.

2020 – 2021 Program Year

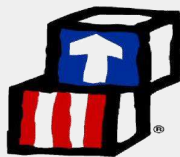




Traditional Option

The ALPI understands a virtual option is not possible for all children and families.

Therefore, we will continue to provide Head Start and Early Head Start Services in a traditional setting at all centers with additional health and safety measures in place.



Virtual Option

The ALPI understands some children and families would prefer a virtual learning experience during these times. Therefore,

A Virtual Head Start and Early Head Start Service Option will be available for children this school year.

VPK & School Readiness Not Eligible

Traditional Option Overview

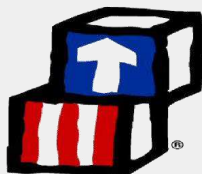
Centers will continue to provide on-site Head Start and Early Head Start Services.

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) & School Readiness

- ❖ Due to requirements put in place by the Department of Education, Office of Early Learning, Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) vouchers & School Readiness can only be used in a traditional on-site setting. A virtual option is not currently available.

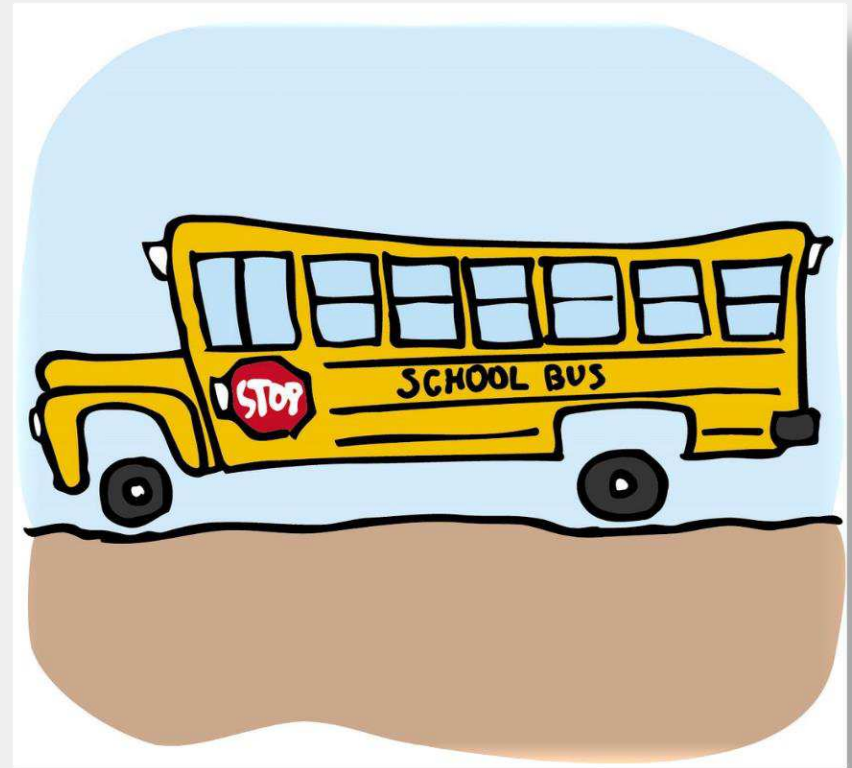
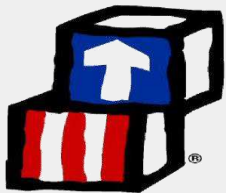
Precautions in Place for Traditional Setting

- ❖ Curbside Drop-Off & Pick-Up Procedure
- ❖ Enhanced Disinfecting & Sanitation In All Areas
- ❖ All Center Staff Required to Wear Masks/Shields At All Times
- ❖ Masks Provided for Children If Needed (Parent Choice)
- ❖ Modified Classroom Set Up to Encourage Social Distancing



Transportation Services

Bus Transportation will be provided on an as needed basis while following all CDC requirements.



Virtual Option Overview

Family & Community Engagement Program Services

- ❖ Attendance will be taken via log in
- ❖ Family Services Staff will make weekly contacts with families
- ❖ Parent Meetings/trainings will be available

Health Program Services

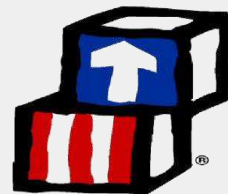
- ❖ Children will not have family-style food service. We will however, continue to encourage self help skills.

Mental Health & Disabilities Services

- ❖ Therapy Sessions can be provided virtually for some services.

Education & Child Development Program Services

- ❖ Children will participate in both group and one-on-one video conferencing calls via Zoom, as well as enhance learning through ABC Mouse and Ignite.
- ❖ Materials for a hands-on learning experiences will be provided for pick-up on a monthly basis.



Sample Group Instruction Schedule

09:30 – 09:45	Domain: Social and Emotional Development Class Meeting
09:45 – 10:00	Domain: Language and Literacy Language & Communication
10:00 – 10:15	Domain: Perceptual, Motor, & Physical Development Music & Movement
10:15 – 10:25	10 Minute Break
10:25 – 10:40	Domain: Cognition Mathematics & Scientific Reasoning
10:40 – 10:55	Domain: Language and Literacy Literacy / Read Aloud
10:55 – 11:00	Closing Session Review



Virtual Head Start

Three Days of Group Instruction via Zoom Video Conferencing per week

- ❖ Based on Central Domains from Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework
- ❖ Incorporates Studies from Creative Curriculum for Preschool
- ❖ Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
 - ❖ 1.5 Hours per Session
 - ❖ AM or PM Session (permanent)

One Day of One-on-One Instruction via Zoom Video Conferencing per week

- ❖ Individualized Activities to meet child's needs
- ❖ Assign ABC Mouse and Ignite Lessons, as well as Review Weekly Progress Reports with Parent
- ❖ Monday or Friday
 - ❖ 30 Minutes Per Session
 - ❖ AM or PM Session (permanent)



Sample Group Instruction Schedule

Domain: Social and Emotional Development	
09:30 – 09:40	Class Meeting
Domain: Language and Literacy	
09:40 – 09:50	Language & Communication
Domain: Perceptual, Motor, & Physical Development	
09:50 – 09:55	Music & Movement
09:55 – 10:00	Closing Session Review



Virtual Early Head Start

Three Days of Group Instruction via Zoom Video Conferencing per week

- ❖ Based on Central Domains from Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework
- ❖ Incorporates Studies from Creative Curriculum for Preschool
- ❖ Wednesday & Thursday
 - ❖ AM or PM Session (permanent)

One Day of One-on-One Instruction via Zoom Video Conferencing per week

- ❖ Individualized Activities to meet child's needs
- ❖ Assign ABC Mouse and Ignite Lessons, as well as Review Weekly Progress Report with Parent
- ❖ Tuesday
 - ❖ 20 Minutes Per Session
 - ❖ AM or PM Session (permanent)





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Thank You for Participating in Parent Orientation!

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