Applications are accepted throughout the year. New students may begin any time during the year when openings occur. Families are encouraged to find a way to get involved. This can be achieved by spending time in the classroom, involvement in Family Activity Night (FAN) or Head Start’s Policy Council, as well as many other programs.

Together We Make A Difference

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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

The Hays Head Start staff consisting of families, community, and staff provides a comprehensive program based on individual strengths to enrich families.

~ ELIGIBILITY ~

Building America’s Future by involving children and their families as partners in education!
**What is Home Based Head Start?**

Home Based Head Start is a new, full year, free preschool program with 18 slots available for any interested family living in Ellis, Rush, Russell and Rooks County. Home Based Head Start emphasizes the parent as the primary educator of the child, with parent participation being the key to success. This program provides parents with developmental information and a chance to learn how everyday activities can be teaching opportunities.

**Group Socialization**

Developmentally appropriate activities are planned for parents and children 1-2 times a month based on their interests. Group interaction is important to develop social competence which is needed for future success. Parents and children can both benefit from getting to know others through a variety of activities. Activities take place in many settings such as classrooms, community facilities and field trips.

**What is a Home Visit?**

Families enrolled in the Home Based Program meet with a home visitor once each week for approximately 1 1/2 hours. It is preferred to have the visits in the family’s home, since the home is the child’s primary learning environment. The visits are scheduled based on the family’s and home visitor’s schedules. Together they develop educational activities individualized for the child.

**Family Involvement**

All enrolled families are encouraged to find a way to get involved!