

**AGE:**

Children must be 6 weeks - 30 months old by September 1 to attend center-based classes. Pregnant women and children newborn - 36 months may participate in a home-visit program.

**INCOME:**

90% of the children accepted must be from families who are low income according to the federal guidelines. 10% of the children accepted may be over-income, if they have special needs.

**SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Children with disabilities or from families with extreme hardships or other difficult circumstances may also be eligible.

**Nutrition and Health:**

Healthy, age-appropriate meals are provided for home-based program and socialization groups. Families are assisted with medical and dental referrals, and speech, hearing and developmental screenings are done on site.

**Education and Family:**

Our program recognizes each parent as the main influence in a child's development, strengthens parent/child relationships, and enhances each child and parent's potential for success.

**Family and Community Partnerships:**

Staff members partner with families to set and attain their goals, and to obtain essentials such as housing, transportation, employment, and counseling. Parents are encouraged to participate in home visits, classroom activities, and adult education opportunities. Parents may also be involved with program evaluation and decision making.

**Home-based Program:**

In each of the 3 communities, a home visit program is available for 9 – 10 pregnant women or families with infants and/or toddlers. Income level and/or special needs determine eligibility. Socialization group activities are offered 2 times a month.

**Sweet Home Teen Parent Program:**

8 Sweet Home High School students with infants/toddlers are eligible for our center-based program, which provides care from 7:30 – 3:30 on school days. During the summer, enrolled families receive home visits and participate in socialization group activities. Teen parents attending GED classes may also be eligible.

**Albany Program:**

8 LBCC students with infants/toddlers are eligible for our center-based program, which provides care from 7:45 – 5:15 throughout school terms. During LBCC breaks and summer, enrolled families receive home visits and participate in socialization group activities.

**Corvallis Program:**

8 Corvallis-area families with infants/toddlers whose parents need preparation for employment and self-sufficiency are eligible for this program. Families attend socialization groups/adult education opportunities 3 days a week for 2 1/2 hours a day Tuesday – Thursday, and receive two home visits a month.

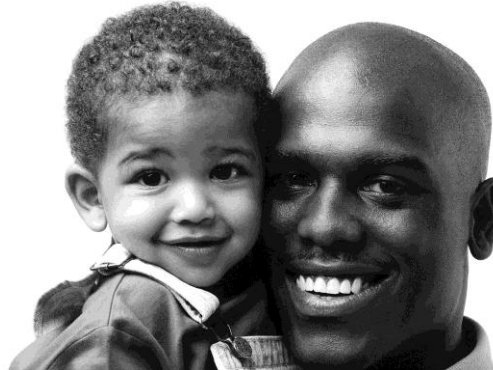
**Early Head Start's mission is to:**

- promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women,
- enhance the development of very young children, and
- promote healthy family functioning.

All Early Head Start children receive nutrition, health, and education services. Families receive support to enhance parent-child relationships, as well as periodic home visits.



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**Program Locations:**

Albany - Linn Benton Community College  
Corvallis - Old Mill Center  
Sweet Home - Sweet Home High School

We are currently accepting applications for services to begin in late April. For all locations, call (541) 451-1581

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SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 55

**FREE INFANT/TODDLER SERVICES**

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Kidco Early Head Start is a free program that serves pregnant women, children 0 – 36 months and their families in Sweet Home, Albany, and Corvallis.