

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS—PARENTS

A Message from PRIME TIME, Inc.:

We feel privileged and humbled to have been chosen to provide these critical services to the families of Lafayette and Iberia Parishes. We understand that families and community members have important questions. Please know that our team is working hard to begin the program as quickly as possible. Parents and all impacted community members are invited to stay in touch with us via our website, email, and phone. You may also sign up to receive email updates from PRIME TIME, Inc by completing our [web form](#).

What is PRIME TIME, Inc.?

Since 1991, PRIME TIME has developed and implemented programs that support family learning and bonding as well as teacher professional development. Since 2016, we have operated the Head Start program in Ouachita Parish where we serve 505 students and their families.

Why is PRIME TIME, Inc. providing Head Start services now?

After an eight-month competitive process, the US Department of Health and Human Services has selected PRIME TIME, Inc. to be the Early Head Start and Head Start operator for Lafayette and Iberia parishes. With this award, PRIME TIME, Inc. will serve 747 children, from six weeks to five years old, through a diverse set of free, humanities-focused program options.

When will the PRIME TIME Head Start program begin?

We are currently engaged in a transition period. During this period, we are working with the current provider and our partners to put all program components in place. This includes establishing and licensing centers, hiring and training staff, and setting up data and technology systems. Once this transition period is complete, PRIME TIME, Inc. will assume operation of the Lafayette/Iberia Early Head Start and Head Start program in January 2021.

Where will the PRIME TIME Head Start centers be located?

As we work to identify centers, the areas of Lafayette and Iberia parishes with the highest need are our priority. Safe and hygienic facilities in which our students and families can thrive are a top priority for PRIME TIME, Inc. During the transition period, we will be working to license centers that can meet health and safety standards and serve as optimal learning environments.

How many children will PRIME TIME Head Start serve?

The Office of Head Start has approved Early Head Start and Head Start service for 747 eligible children and their families in throughout Lafayette and Iberia Parishes.

My child was enrolled in the Early Head Start or Head Start program last school year; will my child be approved by your organization as well?

During the 2020 – 2021 school year, returning Early Head Start and Head Start students will be prioritized for enrollment. Parents with children who were not previously enrolled in the Early Head Start or Head Start program will be asked to share their contact information for follow-up.

Will PRIME TIME, Inc. provide student transportation?

Our program will not provide transportation for students. We are committed, however, to working with families through our family advocates to ensure access to the program.

Please feel free to call (337) 347-6699 (toll free) with additional questions.