

## EARLY HEAD START

**Providence Connections (PC) is pleased to partner with Pittsburgh Public Schools (PPS) to offer toddler slots in the District's Early Head Start Program.**

Early Head Start programs:

- provide comprehensive child development and family support services to families with children up to age three.
- strive to be an advocate for children and families to ensure that their children reach their full potential.
- work to support the development of young toddlers and promote healthy family dynamics.
- Work collaboratively with parents/guardians to connect them with community resources for family well-being, social service agencies and organizations for crisis prevention and emergency assistance. Parent engagement is encouraged, with many opportunities available for family participation. Translation services are available for ESL families for initial applications and weekly visits.

To participate in the program at PC, all District guidelines listed below **must** be followed:

- Families must submit a complete Early Head Start application, including all required documentation. **Children cannot enter into the program at PC unless a complete application is submitted.**
- Families must meet income guidelines and other criteria set by the PPS Early Head Start Program.
- All children must arrive at the center by 9:00 am unless there is a documented reason, such as a doctor's note, and no later than 12 noon.
- Children must be at least 18 months old upon entry into the program.

Eligible toddlers receive free diapers and wipes during school time