

# Klamath Family Head Start



A Family Development Program Serving Preschoolers

On Tuesday April 1, we learned that Head Start Regional offices 1,2, 5, 9, and 10 were closed across the country. Region 10 is our regional office and is located in Seattle. We understand that some of our team members at the regional office in Seattle office were dismissed.

This decision is part of broader changes at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services aimed at reshaping and restructuring the federal government.

We would like to assure everyone that Klamath Family Head Start continues to run and provide services to all our families in Lake and Klamath County. This change at the Regional office does not disrupt or change KFHS staff employment or our current grant funding.

Regional Head Start Offices oversee and support Head Start and Early Head Start programs within a specific geographic area. These offices operate under the Office of Head Start (OHS), which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Their main responsibilities include grant oversight and funding distribution, program monitoring and compliance, and providing training and technical assistance. These staff are an essential part of ensuring that children and families are able to access reliable, high-quality, and fiscally sound support.

At this time, we don't know details as to how this will impact our programs. With fewer regional offices, some administrative processes may be streamlined or adjusted. This could lead to changes in how programs receive guidance and oversight. Also, fewer regional offices may mean longer response times for certain administrative matters, such as grant approvals and technical assistance, which could impact how quickly programs can adapt to challenges.

Despite the downsizing of regional offices, our program remains committed to providing high-quality early childhood education, family support, and health services to children and families in our community. We will do everything in our power to ensure that this restructuring should not impact the direct services your child receives.

Head Start has been an essential resource for children and families in Klamath and Lake County for years. We sincerely appreciate the trust and partnership you have granted us, and we are committed to maintaining that for decades to come.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us,

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