

Supportive relationships are the key.

At The Center, we believe families are a child's first and most important teachers.

Positive relationships between parents, teachers, and community resources benefit everyone.

We are proud of the work we do to connect preschool families to other things in the community they can use and enjoy.

The Center Early Childhood Programs

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What is “In Kind”?

How can I support my child's Head Start program?





In Kind Contributions

In Kind contributions are gifts of goods or services to our program.

To count as In Kind, goods must be something that has purpose or value to the program that the program would normally pay for if it was not donated.

Donations of volunteer time by parents or community members usually count as In Kind donations.

Above: Our friend Smokey the Bear, from the US Forest Service, visited to talk about keeping the forest safe.

Right: A firefighter from Leadville/Lake County Fire Rescue watches while a child practices “throwing water”.

Non-Federal Match

Head Start is a federally funded grant program. As a requirement of receiving the grant money, our program is required to obtain a 25% match from In Kind contributions. If our match is not met, our program loses operating funds.

How much do we need?

For 2020-2021, the amount we must raise for our match is \$164,768.

That seems like a lot of money, and it is... but we are very fortunate to enjoy a high level of support from our community and the families we serve.

Much of this amount we receive through donated services from Lake County School District and other local agencies, such as lake County Public Health for blood lead testing, Full Circle for parenting classes, Ski Cooper for the ski program, the Trail 100 Legacy Foundation, and Leadville/Lake County Fire Rescue.



Families help, too!

Of course, this match could not be met without the help of families who donate their time in support of their children’s educational goals.

What can I do?

Some of the things you do to help us meet this goal are:

- ✓ Volunteering in the classroom
- ✓ Attending events and field trips
- ✓ Serving on committees like Policy Council
- ✓ Attending Family Fun Night meetings
- ✓ Working on your Practice Pack activities and sending back the form

Every time you sign in to a meeting or return the In Kind form from your Practice Pack, we get a little closer to fulfilling our match.

THANK YOU

for taking the time to attend meetings, participate in activities, and complete and return those forms.

We appreciate your time and efforts to ensure a successful and completely funded preschool program.