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People Inc. announces modified plan of instruction for Head Start and Early Head Start programs

Plan will be implemented in a phased approach for the upcoming school year

ABINGDON, Va. – People Incorporated of Virginia’s Child and Family Development Head Start and Early Head Start programs announced today its modified plan of instruction for center-based and home-based services for the 2020-2021 school year in all localities. The plan will be implemented in phases with the safety of children, families and staff of the highest priority and the driving force behind the development of plans.

Virtual learning will be implemented until it is determined that children may return to centers and home visitors to in-person service provision. Virtual learning will meet the individual needs of children while offering nutritious meals, dental, hygiene and health supplies and support to ensure families have access to the technology and materials necessary to participate in virtual learning.

The return to in-person services will follow a phased approach. **Phase One** begins on Sept. 8 with virtual enrollment for the Head Start program and on Sept. 1 with virtual enrollment for the Early Head Start program. Students will remain virtually enrolled for approximately six to eight weeks as the agency reviews internal and community data. At the end of this review period, if conditions are favorable for in-person learning, Phase Two may be implemented.

Phase Two includes a hybrid approach consisting of both in-person and virtual services for children enrolled in a center-based program. The agency will continue to monitor conditions and solicit feedback from families in the home-based program regarding in-person services.

Once in-person services are resumed, both Head Start and Early Head Start will implement all recommended safety precautions including, but not limited to, physical distancing, temperature checks and daily health screenings. All staff will be required to wear a face mask. The timing of transition to in-person services during Phase Two will consider community, staff and family data and recommendations. In-person services are subject to change at any time depending on COVID-19 transmission data, local health department recommendations, Virginia or Head Start policy or other events or actions that are deemed to affect service delivery.

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People Inc. offers center-based Head Start programs in Frederick County, Clarke County and the City of Winchester and in the City of Bristol, Russell County and Washington County. Early Head Start is offered in the City of Bristol, Buchanan County, Dickenson County, Russell County and Washington County.

People Inc.'s Head Start and Early Head Start programs welcome and appreciate any input from enrolled families and community partners as it plans for the return of in-person services.

Families interested in enrolling in the agency's Head Start or Early Head Start programs may access an enrollment application [here](#).

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