

## Home-Based Option

The Home-based option is designed for families who have the ability to spend time at home with their child. This option focuses on child development and parent-child interaction through weekly home-visits by a Case Manager. Parents/guardians also come together two times per month at Ravalli Early Head Start for a Parent-Child Interaction Group to play with their children, discuss child development and share a meal.

## Center-Based Option

The Center-based option offers full-day child services for 16 children five days a week from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Center-based families have two home visits and two information sharing meetings with their Infant/Toddler Teacher each year and monthly parent groups in addition to ongoing parent involvement opportunities.

*Families must be working or in school to qualify for the Center-based option.*

## Prenatal Option

The Prenatal option is designed to offer as-needed weekly home visits on health, wellness & nutrition and one monthly group session at the Center for pregnant mothers. Babies transition into one of the above program options.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Applications are scored on an established point system reflecting highest needs for services
- Families must qualify according to Federal Poverty Guidelines. A limited number of the programs families can be over-income if there are other high-scoring demonstrated needs for services.

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## APPLY TODAY

Ravalli Early Head Start accepts applications year round. Applications can be picked up at the Early Head Start Building or mailed upon request.

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## Ravalli Early Head Start Program Services

Ravalli Early Head Start (REHS) is a high-quality federally funded program serving Ravalli County families with children from birth to 3 years-old and prenatal families/pregnant mothers with a comprehensive child development curriculum.

The 12 month REHS program is designed to meet the special strengths and needs of each child and family. There are three program options: Home-Based, Center-Based and Prenatal. Each program offers the following comprehensive services:

- Child Development Services
- Health Services
- Family Services
- Parent Involvement Opportunities



### 1. Child Development Services offer your child a unique learning opportunity:

- Age-appropriate curriculum in a nurturing setting
- Qualified staff trained in child development and education
- Coordination of support services for children with special needs and disabilities
- 10% of our enrolled children must have a diagnosed developmental delay or disability



### 2. Health Services help to improve and protect the health of the children and families:

- Vision, hearing and dental screening
- Nutritious meals and snacks provided by USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Nutrition, health and wellness education and information provided to children and their families
- Help finding health insurance, medical and dental homes

### 3. Family Services provide children and families tools and skills to enhance their lives:

- Ongoing parent education, trainings, professional development opportunities and support groups
- Family activities and home visits throughout the year
- Parent support groups individualized for fathers, mothers, guardians & care givers
- Parent advocacy, volunteer and leadership opportunities
- Help obtaining local area resources and social services

### 4. Parent Involvement Opportunities provide guidance to build the future you want for you and your family:

- Build positive relationships
- Take part in education workshops offered by the program
- Parent involvement in Policy Council and committees that help make decisions on how REHS is governed
- Family members serving as volunteers in the program (volunteers are given priority consideration as future substitutes and regular employees)

