

# SCHOOL READINESS

PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE  
IN HURON COUNTY

*Preparing young children for success in  
kindergarten and beyond!*



Information in this brochure:

- School readiness skills
- Free and low cost preschool
- Tuition based preschool
- Licensed child care
- Quality / star ratings

Looking for parenting resources, family support programs or fun activities to do with your young children? Go to [www.greatstarthuron.com](http://www.greatstarthuron.com).

## WHAT IS SCHOOL READINESS?

At the end of a successful preschool experience, a typical child entering kindergarten has these kinds of skills:

### Social and Emotional

- Follows three step directions (put your cup in the sink, put the ball in your room and get your coat on).
- Takes care of own needs and asks for help when needed. Able to feed themselves, brush their teeth, comb hair, dress themselves, etc.
- Can be away from parents and looks forward to going to school.

### Physical

- Is able to get from one place to another by traveling (gallop, run, skip, hop) and can balance (hop on one foot, walk in a straight line and stand on one foot for 5 to 10 seconds).
- Can hold a pencil, crayon or marker, and scissors to draw, write and cut. Can paste pictures on paper.
- Able to build with blocks, form shapes out of clay or play dough, can thread beads on a string and complete simple puzzles.

### Language

- Able to use words to say what they need or want throughout the day.
- Asks and appropriately answers who, what, where, when and why questions.
- In conversation, maintains eye contact and does not interrupt.

For a more complete list of school readiness skills go to [www.greatstarthuron.com](http://www.greatstarthuron.com).



### Cognitive

- Is able to solve their problems and change their plans for a better solution.
- Sorts objects by size (smaller, bigger, longer, shorter), by weight (heavier, lighter), by color, and by type (block, doll, ball, etc.).
- Understands the order of daily routines, such as meal time routines (wash hands, eat meal, clean up).

### Literacy

- Able to recognize at least 10 letters and the sounds they make and understand that letters can make words.
- Recognizes and says simple rhymes (top, mop or fox, box).
- Enjoys story time (holds book correctly, turns pages from front to back and knows that sentences are read from left to right) and recognizes stop signs, store signs and other print they see often.
- Is able to write their name and draw pictures.

### Math

- Can count 10-20 things, touching one item at a time as they count.
- Verbally counts to 20 and identifies 5-10 numbers by name.
- Identifies names and describes shapes.
- Copy simple, repeating patterns and can make their own pattern.



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## GREAT START TO QUALITY

[www.GreatStartToQuality.org](http://www.GreatStartToQuality.org) helps parents find the best child care and preschool program for their child by rating programs on a 5 star system. The more stars a program has, the higher the quality. On this brochure is a list of licensed child care and preschool programs in Huron County.

If a program is participating in the quality rating system, they will have \* after their phone number or location indicating their star rating. Ratings change all the time because programs continuously work to improve their quality, so check [www.GreatStartToQuality.org](http://www.GreatStartToQuality.org) to see the latest ratings.

### TUITION BASED PRESCHOOL

- Creative Connections, Pigeon: 248-495-6634
- Cross Lutheran, Pigeon: 453-3331
- Kids World, Bad Axe: 269-9284
- Our Savior Lutheran, Bad Axe: 269-7642
- St John's Lutheran, Pigeon: 453-2861\*\*\*

### CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL CENTERS

- Pigeon Children's Discovery Center: 453-2111 \*\*\*
- Early Years, Bad Axe: 269-2383 \*\*\*
- Harbor Beach Community Schools: 479-3261
- North Huron Early Learning Center: 874-4103\*\*\*\*
- Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach: 479-3427
- Sonshine Kids, Bad Axe: 269-8600
- USA Early Child Care, Sebawaing: 883-3140, 225
- Zion Lutheran, Harbor Beach: 479-6400

### HOME BASED CHILD CARE (LICENSED FOR 12)

- Jennifer Bouverette, Bad Axe: 989-269-2880
- Bright Beginnings, Elkton: 989-553-3647
- Dianna Dubs, Pigeon: 989-453-3489
- Faye Errer, Owendale: 989-678-4105 \*\*\*
- Kelly King, Caseville: 989-856-7342
- Lori Smith, Pigeon: 989-453-3953
- Terri Volmering, Bad Axe: 989-315-1770
- Tikes and Tots Daycare, Pigeon: 989-553-0921\*

## HOME BASED CHILD CARE (LICENSED FOR 6)

- Elizabeth Brilinski, Ubyly: 989-550-2670\*\*
- Elizabeth Brinkman, Gagetown: 810-338-1798
- Holly Cooper, Harbor Beach: 989-315-1503
- Easy Growing CC, Sebawaing: 989-883-2922\*\*\*
- Sharon Epperson, Bad Axe: 989-269-2156
- Deborah Gothro, Bay Port: 989-977-0839
- Diana Kociba, Bad Axe: 989-269-9074
- Alyse Kozfkay, Port Austin: 989-738-8530
- Virginia Krozek, Bad Axe: 989-269-7419
- Mary Catherine Kuhl, Bay Port: 989-883-2667\*\*\*
- Debbie Lange, Pigeon: 453-3559
- Tammy Messing, Bad Axe: 269-3069
- Patty's Daycare, Pigeon: 989-975-1171
- Donna Peruski, Ubyly: 989-658-2954
- Pfaff's Daycare: 479-9509
- Richelle Ranquist, Bad Axe: 989-269-2743\*\*\*
- Constance Rochefort, Bad Axe: 989-315-1143\*\*\*
- Laura Siegfried, Pigeon: 989-856-4303
- Mary Kay Tennant, Pigeon: 989-453-2314
- Geraldine Voss, Port Austin: 989-738-7202
- Doris Ann Wisneski, Kinde: 989-874-6101\*\*\*



We do not endorse any particular child care or preschool. Only you can decide what is a good fit for your child and family!

## FREE AND LOW COST PRESCHOOL FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

### HEAD START

is tuition-free preschool (for those who qualify) funded by the federal government for children 3 or 4 years of age by September 1. There are a limited number of over-income slots.



### Locations:

- Bad Axe at the Huron Learning Center\*\*\*\*
- Caseville Elementary\*\*\*\*\*
- Harbor Beach Elementary\*\*\*\*\*
- Laker Elementary\*\*\*\*
- North Huron Elementary\*\*\*\*\*
- Ubyly Elementary\*\*\*\*

### Head Start provides:

- ⇒ School day preschool sessions, 4 days per week
- ⇒ Breakfast and snack served at a.m. sessions, lunch and snack served at p.m. sessions, breakfast, snacks and lunch served at full day sessions
- ⇒ Transportation (where available)
- ⇒ Parent-teacher conferences
- ⇒ Home visits
- ⇒ Parent classroom involvement
- ⇒ Vision, hearing and health screenings
- ⇒ Dental services and nutrition education
- ⇒ Behavior management coaching
- ⇒ Parent leadership opportunities
- ⇒ Referrals to community resources

To see if your child qualifies for any of these free or low cost preschools call

989-269-6533 or 269-3485.

One phone call gets you access to all of these options!

### GREAT START READINESS PROGRAM

(GSRP) is tuition-free preschool (for those who qualify) funded by state government for children who are 4 years of age by December 1. There are a limited number of over-income slots available at a low cost.



### Locations:

- Bad Axe at the Huron Learning Center\*\*\*\*
- Caseville Elementary\*\*\*\*\*
- Harbor Beach Elementary\*\*\*\*\*
- North Huron Elementary\*\*\*\*
- Owen-Gage Elementary\*\*\*\*
- Ubyly Elementary\*\*\*\*

### GSRP provides:

- ⇒ School day preschool sessions, 4 days per week
- ⇒ Snacks served at half day sessions, breakfast, snacks and lunch served at full day sessions
- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Parent-teacher conferences
- ⇒ Home visits
- ⇒ Parent classroom involvement
- ⇒ Lending library
- ⇒ Family days/nights
- ⇒ Behavioral interventions
- ⇒ Parent leadership opportunities
- ⇒ Referrals to community resources