

# SCHOOL READINESS

PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE  
IN HURON COUNTY

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



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Information in this brochure:

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

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## 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 travel-  
ing (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.greatstarhuron.com](http://www.greatstarhuron.com).



### Cognitive

- Is able to solve their problems and change their  
plans for a better solution.
- Sorts objects by size (smaller, bigger, longer, short-  
er), 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 indicating their star rating. Ratings change all the time because programs continuously work to improve their quality,

### TUITION BASED PRESCHOOL

- Adams School, Bad Axe 989-269-8944
- Cross Lutheran, Pigeon: 989-453-3331
- Little Pirates, Harbor Beach: 989-479-3261
- Kids World, Bad Axe: 989-269-9284
- North Huron Early Learning Center: 874-4103★★★★
- Our Savior Lutheran, Bad Axe: 989-269-7642
- Ubly Preschool & Latchkey Center: 989-658-8554

### CHILD CARE & PRESCHOOL CENTERS

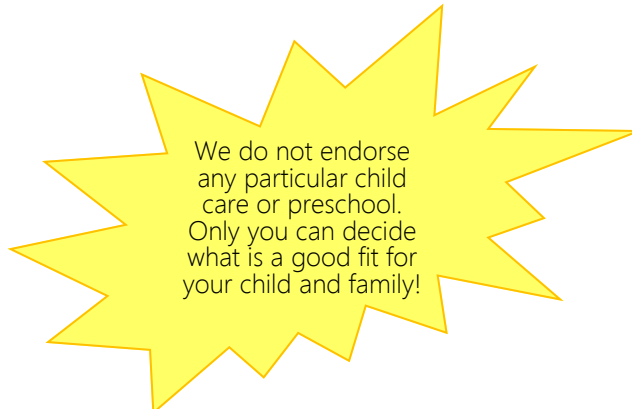
- Pigeon Discovery Center: 989-453-2111 ★★★★★
- Early Years, Bad Axe: 989-269-2383 ★★★★★
- North Huron Early Learning Center: 874-4103★★★★
- Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach: 479-3427
- Sonshine Kids, Bad Axe: 989-269-8600★★★★
- USA Early Child Care, Sebawaing: 883-3140★★★★
- Zion Lutheran, Harbor Beach: 989-479-6400

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

- Jennifer Bouverette, Bad Axe: 989-269-2880
- 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 & Tots Daycare, Pigeon: 989-553-0921★★★★

## HOME BASED CHILD CARE (LICENSED FOR 6)

- Elizabeth Brilinski, Ubyly: 989-550-2670★★
- Sharon Epperson, Bad Axe: 989-269-2156
- Diana Kociba, Bad Axe: 989-269-9074
- Alyse Kozfkay, Port Austin: 989-738-8530
- Mary Catherine Kuhl, Bay Port: 989-883-2667★★
- Tammy Messing, Bad Axe: 989-269-3069
- Patty's Daycare, Pigeon: 989-975-1171★★★★
- Donna Peruski, Ubyly: 989-658-2954
- Pfaff's Daycare: 989-479-9509
- Richelle Ranquist, Bad Axe: 989-269-2743★★★★
- Constance Rochefort, BA: 989-315-1143★★★★
- Laura Siegfried, Pigeon: 989-856-4303
- Mary Kay Tennant, Pigeon: 989-453-2314
- Doris Ann Wisneski, Kinde: 989-874-6101★★★★



## 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 Elementary★★★★
- Caseville Elementary★★★★
- Harbor Beach Elementary★★★★
- Laker Elementary★★★★
- North Huron Elementary★★★★
- Ubyly Elementary★★★★

#### Head Start provides:

- ⇒ School day preschool sessions, 4 days per week
- ⇒ Snacks and lunch served
- ⇒ Transportation (where available)
- ⇒ Parent-teacher conferences
- ⇒ Home visits
- ⇒ Developmental screening
- ⇒ Ongoing child development assessment
- ⇒ 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 989-269-3485, 989-269-6533, or go to [www.greatstarthuron.com](http://www.greatstarthuron.com) to complete the online application.**

**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 September 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 and lunch served
- ⇒ Transportation
- ⇒ Parent-teacher conferences
- ⇒ Home visits
- ⇒ Developmental screening
- ⇒ Ongoing child development assessment
- ⇒ Parent classroom involvement
- ⇒ Lending library
- ⇒ Family days/nights
- ⇒ Behavioral interventions
- ⇒ Parent leadership opportunities
- ⇒ Referrals to community resources