The Stevenson-Carson Preschool program is a collaboration between the Stevenson-Carson School District and Educational Service District 112.

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Research suggests that it is critical for future academic success to be enrolled in a preschool program. Children who participate in the program learn to manage their feelings, get along with others and follow classroom routines.

Early Support for Infants and Toddlers
ESD 112 is the local lead agency for Clark, Klickitat, Pacific and Skamania Counties. Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) is the Washington State Department of Early Learning program designed to be the first point of contact for any parents concerned about the development of their children Birth-3 years old. ESIT offers free developmental screenings for infants and toddlers along with an informational meeting for parents with a Family Resources Coordinator. Once a child is screened, a Family Resources Coordinator helps each family access the Early Intervention services through a referral system and provides each family with additional community resources for support.

For more information call Kim Puckett 509-281-1281

Early Intervention Program
Early intervention education supports early learning for children birth to three through specialized instruction and family coaching in all developmental areas including social, problem solving skills, large and small motor skills, self-care and communication. Staff who serve children on Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSP) include Early Intervention Specialists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational & Physical Therapists, Teachers for Deaf & Hard of Hearing, and Teacher of Visually Impaired who are all certificated in their fields. Services are provided in a variety of natural environments which may include the family’s home, community play groups and childcare.

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Early Head Start Home Visits and Playgroups
Early Head Start provides free comprehensive child and family development services for low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers ages birth to three. Families enrolled in the program will participate in weekly home visits and biweekly parent-child playgroups. The program helps promote school readiness by enhancing with infants and toddlers along with an informational meeting for parents. The program is managed by the Mid-Columbia Children’s Council.

For more information call Yvonne Bintz 509-427-5641

Head Start
Head Start is a federal program that provides comprehensive preschool for students 3 to 5 years of age from low-income eligible families. The program includes parent involvement, early childhood education, health and nutrition. Up to ten percent of the students in the program are identified as having some kind of special needs. Students attend class 4 days a week and receive a minimum of 5 home visits and 2 parent/teacher conferences a year. The morning class is from 8:30 AM to noon and the afternoon class is from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Transportation is limited. This program is managed by the Mid-Columbia Children’s Council.

For more information call Cecilia Burgess 509-427-5815

Special Education Preschool
Special education preschool serves students from 3 to 5 years of age with identified special needs. Students must be evaluated and have an IEP to qualify for this free program. Students attend either the morning or the afternoon session Mondays through Thursdays. The morning session is from 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM. The afternoon session is for 3 to 4 year olds, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM. Students do not need to be toilet trained to be in the program. Transportation is provided curb to curb in small buses fitted with appropriate seating to and from our program for students who qualify. There is a mix of disabled and nondisabled students in the classes. Up to 5 typically developing students attend the classes to serve as role models for behavior and language. These students complete a screening to ensure an appropriate fit. Parents of these students pay a small fee ($60 for AM session, $90 for PM session) to participate in our program.

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Speech Therapy
We offer speech and language therapy for students who are demonstrating mild delays in speaking, producing, or understanding oral language. These services are provided by a credentialed speech therapist with extensive background in working with preschool aged children. Services can be provided in an individual or small group session as appropriate.

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Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Birth–Three

Child Developmental Screening
Screenings take place on Fridays once a month at the Wind River Education Center. At the screening a speech therapist and the teacher will determine if further evaluation is warranted. If it is, the team will conduct an in-depth evaluation, typically completed that day. Another meeting is scheduled to review the results and write an Individualized Education Program (IEP) if he or she qualifies. IEPs are written yearly and the evaluation lasts for three years. If you are concerned that your preschooler is not learning or talking as soon as they should please contact us and ask to have your child screened for a disability.

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Occlusal Therapy is available for those who qualify and are demonstrating delays in the development of fine motor skills. Physical therapy is available for students whose gross motor development is inhibiting their ability to access the preschool environment. Transportation is provided curb to curb in small buses fitted with appropriate seating to and from our program for students who qualify. There is a mix of disabled and nondisabled students in the classes. Up to 5 typically developing students attend the classes to serve as role models for behavior and language. These students complete a screening to ensure an appropriate fit. Parents of these students pay a small fee ($60 for AM session, $90 for PM session) to participate in our program.

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The preschool experience builds on children’s strengths and interests while helping prepare them for school.

Students will discover:
- How to make friends by sharing, taking turns, and solving problems.
- How to be part of a group by following routines and directions.
- What interests them and to be excited about learning.
- Foundational concepts in reading, math, and science.