

Program Information

Classes are ½ days; morning or afternoon – depending on where the child is picked up and dropped off by program bus.

Aboriginal Head Start offers two programs, one for the three year olds and a program for the four years old.

Classes are Monday to Friday –
5 days a week.

Children must be 3 years old by December 31 of that year they are attending if they are attending the 3 year old program

Children must be 4 years old by December 31 of that year they are attending.

Acceptance into the program follows Yellowknives Dene First Nation admission policy and procedure.

Our Program is funded by Northern region – Aboriginal Head Start Urban & Northern Communities



Parental Involvement

Parents are children's first teachers; involvement in their child's education is important. Our Program requires parents to volunteer in their child's AHS experience.

Parents are required to volunteer two hours each month by attending parent workshops, helping out in the classroom, assisting with field trips, baking healthy snacks or donating traditional foods.



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Ndilo Aboriginal Head Start

Yellowknives Dene First Nation



Mission Statement

The Yellowknives Dene Aboriginal Head Start Program is an early intervention preschool program for First Nations, Metis and Inuit children. The Program is dedicated to the spiritual, social, emotional, intellectual and cultural well being of children, while encouraging their families to support their children to become life long learners.



What is Aboriginal Head Start?



Aboriginal Head Start is an early intervention program designed to prepare children for entry into kindergarten.

Willideh Language & Culture – The children learn about the Yellowknives Dene First Nation culture and language. Classroom staff members introduce the children to various words in the Willideh language throughout the daily program. The children also participate in cultural activities and on the land experiences as a part of the program.

Academics – The children are introduced to concepts in many subject areas preparing them for school (literacy, numeracy, etc.). They are also given the opportunity to develop their social skills, fine and gross motor skills.

Nutrition - A healthy snack is provided each day. Cultural foods such as dry fish, dry meat, stew and bannock are a part of the menu.

The children also learn about healthy eating habits.

Health Promotions – Classroom staff teach the children about healthy life styles, proper dental care, the importance of physical activity and healthy choices.

Transportation – The children are picked up and dropped off each day by the program bus. Parents volunteering for the program are welcome to ride on the bus.

The bus service is free and in the event the bus is not able to run; parents are required to drop their child off at the program and pick them up to take them home.

