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## **Head Start Holds Open House in Shaftsbury**

Bennington and Manchester, Vt. — Parents interested in preschool openings for their children at Head Start are invited to attend an open house at the Shaftsbury Head Start on Wednesday, April 23 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Children must be at least three years old by September 1 to enroll for the fall.

Head Start offers full-day programs in Shaftsbury for children ages 3 to 5. At the open house, parents can meet staff, learn how Head Start helps kids, ask questions, and make plans for the fall.

Head Start provides an enriching environment for learning and growth, and special education to children with disabilities. Head Start is sponsored by United Counseling Service (UCS).

Focusing on each child's well-being, Head Start offers comprehensive services, including medical, vision, and dental screenings, follow up care, parent education, and more.

The Shaftsbury Head Start "Red Brick Schoolhouse" building is located at 95 Grange Road, off Rt. 67 and near Rt. 7. For more information, call Shannon Daugherty at 442-3686, x232.

Head Start has been serving families in Bennington County for more than 40 years. UCS provides comprehensive, community-based behavioral and developmental services for children, adults, families, and seniors since 1958.

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