



We are so happy you are interested in *The Giving Tree Great Start Readiness Program*. *The Giving Tree Great Start Readiness Program* is a free, state funded program for children who qualify. Children receive high-quality, developmentally-appropriate instruction designed to prepare them for success in school. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2023, and the family must meet income eligibility and/or risk factors established by the State of Michigan. *The Giving Tree GSRP* is a 30 week full-day program starting September 13, 2023.

Days and Times:

Monday-Thursday

8:30-3:30

Location:

Inside the Greater City Church

3800 E. 11 Mile Rd.

Warren, Michigan 48091

586 850-3729

Eligibility Criteria #1

Low Family Income:

Family of 2 income between \$26,130-\$43,550

Family of 3 income between \$32,940-\$54,900

Family of 4 income between \$39,750-\$66,250

Family of 5 income between \$46,560-\$77,600

Family of 6 income between \$53,370-\$88,950

Income below lowest amount will be referred to a local Head Start Program.

Eligibility Criteria #2

- Diagnosed disability or identified developmental delay
- Physical and/or sexual abuse and neglect
- Non-English/limited English household
- Environmental risks: single parent or teenage parent, parent/sibling loss by death or divorce, incarcerated parent, parent with low school achievement or dropout, severe or challenging behaviors, parent military involvement, parental substance abuse or addiction, sibling issues

Steps prior to the start of school:

Step 1: Complete and return Application (Incomplete applications will not be accepted.)

Step 2: Your child will be automatically placed on a waiting list. (Submitting an application does not guarantee your child of a spot in the program. Children are placed according to eligibility criteria.)

Step 3: Once we receive funding from the State of Michigan, you will be contacted to set up an interview to complete the registration packet and provide documentation of eligibility criteria. (See Below) Interviews will begin August 2, 2023.

Step 4: Your child will be placed in a class, based on your registration.

Step 5: Information regarding the first day of school will be mailed to you.

Documentation needed at interview:

- Completed application
- Child's birth certificate
- Health Appraisal and Immunization Record
- Proof of income for all in household who worked in 2022 (Tax return for 2022)
- Two current pay stubs for all in household who are working
- Child information Card
- Household Income Eligibility Statement (Child and Adult Care Food Program form)
- Parent Notification of Licensing Notebook form

(All documentation will be kept confidential.)

School starts on September 18, 2023
School Hours 8:30-3:30 Monday -Thursday

If you have any questions, please contact Joy Smick at 586 850-3729