

## **Splashing into Success with Head Start**

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The Beaver County Head Start/Early Head Start staff held a “Splash into Success with Head Start” event on Thursday, August 9, 2021. The event was planned to provide prospective families information about our program. Through the support of local businesses, families were provided popcorn, soft pretzels, snow cones, and water. Staff created crafts, water tables, and a splash pad to encourage family participation! The Beaver Falls Fire Department volunteered to displayed a fire truck for the children to explore.



As families arrived, they were given raffle tickets for a variety of prizes. The prizes consisted of manipulatives, books, and dolls in Head Start bags. If a family chose to fill out a pre-application they were able to spin the prize wheel and earn more tickets. Every family that was in attendance filled out a pre-application! Pre-employment applications were also available.

Not only did this event bring the community together, but it also provided team building opportunities for the Head Start staff. Due to COVID, the staff rarely had the opportunity to see each other. To plan this event staff met virtually as a small group twice a month starting in June. On the day of the event, all the staff came together to set-up and promote our services to the community. Everyone involved enjoyed working together and cannot wait to begin planning for next years' event!

