DCP believes that parents are a child’s first and most important teachers. We partner with parents to prepare children for school and to support family goals.

- We welcome children regardless of health or developmental concerns.
- A nutritious breakfast, lunch, and snack are served family style at no cost to parents.
- Screenings and on-going progress are shared with families to develop individualized curriculum.
- All programs use HighScope Curriculum to help prepare children for school.
- DCP serves the child and whole family.
- Parent engagement and input are the cornerstone of our programs.

For more information please call our enrollment office at 207-610-5187 or visit our website at www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

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Each child will spend their day moving, learning, and experimenting in our classrooms. You can expect your child to get messy, have fun, play indoors and out, and take his/her first steps in life long learning.

While all children receive the same educational programming in all of our centers, we have a variety of funding sources and partners to provide comprehensive early education and family support services:

**Head Start and Early Head Start:**
- Head Start promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to five by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development and partnering with the whole family to provide supports and resources.

**Public Pre-K**
- We partner with schools who have Pre-K programs to provide school readiness along with the rich family support services that Head Start offers.

**Child Care**
- We provide child care in three of our programs for children ages 6 weeks to school age. We accept state and private subsidies and also have funds available for families who need care immediately while they are awaiting other subsidies.

**Family Futures Downeast**
- FFD is a one year program that creates access to education and employment opportunities for parents with young children. Parents attend specially designed evening classes at UMM or WCCC while their children attend our early education programs at the same locations.

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"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

-Fred Rogers