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**Wayne County Head Start Program celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Wayne County—Face painting, dancing clowns, snow cones, and the moon walk are just a few of the activities scheduled for Wayne County Head Start 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and recruitment fair on June 25, 2009 at Nankin Mills (Hines Park), 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. The event begins at 10:00a.m.

Despite the economy, parents have an opportunity to get free quality education for their three to five year olds through the Wayne County Head Start program. “Many parents are having to make major sacrifices during these economic times,” said Wayne County Executive Robert A. Ficano. “But thanks to our Head Start program, it does not include sacrificing the education of their pre-schoolers. More than ever, we’re committed to helping as many children as possible get a head start on their education.”

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

“We are proud of the work our Head Start program accomplishes each and every day to provide quality education,” said Wayne County Health & Family Services Head Start Executive Director Carolyn Gray. “In fact, many families don’t realize we are an available resource right in their community and that they qualify for our program.”

Wayne County Head Start also offers special recreational events, family literary activities, and opportunities for volunteering including meaningful male/ father involvement. In addition to educational activities, children receive medical, dental and nutrition services at no cost.

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