

## **Head Start Literacy Program Literacy Program**

UCHRA Van Buren County Head Start's Literacy program is designed to assist families of our children to enhance their quality of life. Through a partnership with the Van Buren County School System and the resource center, they can access Adult basic Education and GED. Through the Van Buren County Public Library, we have a program set up to assist you in obtaining a library card. You can pick up your cards and more information at Head Start.

### **Power Packs**

We also have designed a Parent Power Pack Education Program(Power Packs) which will empower the parent to get involved with their child's education at home. The Power Packs will consist of a canvas bag containing thematic materials( i.e. colors, shapes, counting, telling time, etc. ) When the child returns to school with the Power Pack, they will be given the opportunity to share their learning experience with the class at group time. This experience will enhance your child's vocabulary, promote increased self esteem and encourage other children to ask their parents/guardians to obtain a Power Pack for their use.

### **Lending Library**

We are excited about our Lending Library. We have children's books for you to read to your child, child development books for you to grow as a parent, and adult books for your own reading enjoyment. These can be checked out at the Head Start Center for your convenience. Please feel free to come and review our selection. We also have children's videos and a VCR that you can check out and enjoy with your family. We also have some videos available to cover health topics such as HIV, asthma and mental health. We also have college level textbooks providing opportunities for continuance of your educational studies. For more information contact Tina Scarbrough at the Center.

### **Computer Education Program**

We have a Computer Education program to assist you to learn the computer and use the internet, to construct resumes for job searching, to make banners, card, etc. for special occasions. If you want to gain computer skills, you can log onto a computer and type materials for Head Start staff and yourself-using the computer is the best way to learn it! We will be happy to provide you with a letter of recommendation to go along with your resume after you gain user knowledge.

### **Family Reading Night**

We have one night a month for our families to spend quality family time reading together. We also provide a meal and a make it and take it activity for the family to do together on those nights. This is a great opportunity to have a quiet evening together as well as improve literacy.