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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICE'S HEAD START PROGRAM ANNOUNCES START OF SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 TO BEGIN ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS** – The Virgin Islands Department of Human Services (VIDHS) Head Start program wishes to remind Head Start families and the community, that the Head Start School Year begins following the Labor Day Weekend. Head Start students will return to classrooms for School Year 2022-2023 on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at all Head Start sites territorially.

VIDHS Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez stated, “The Head Start Program is a beacon in the world of early childhood education. Many of today’s leaders locally and globally were Head Start students. The VIDHS Head Start Program wishes our staff, students and Head Start families a successful and positively transformative school year.”

The community is reminded that Head Start recruitment continues. Visit our Head Start administrative office at Anna’s Hope on St. Croix or Knud Hansen Complex on St. Thomas to enroll your student, who will be 3 years old by December 31, 2022 but not yet 5 years old.

You may also call (340) 774-0930 ext. 4201 on St. Thomas, (340) 772-1981 / (340) 773-1972 on St. Croix, or the Head Start Hotline at (340) 244-4360 or (340) 642-6282. You may also register online at your convenience, 24 hours a day at <https://vihs.mycopa.com/familyPortal/childCare.epl>. Simply follow the prompts.

The Department of Human Services (VIDHS) exists to provide social services to members in our community with diverse needs. In times of national uncertainty and hardship we act as a safety-net and exist to inspire hope and empower change through non-judgmental, quality delivery of needed services and resources. For general information, please visit the Department of Human Services website, [www.dhs.gov.vi](http://www.dhs.gov.vi) or on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/usvidhs>).

The Bryan-Roach Administration is investing in the Territory’s people, infrastructure, and future through transparency, stabilizing the economy, restoring trust in the government, and ensuring that recovery projects are completed as quickly as possible. Visit [transparency.vi.gov](http://transparency.vi.gov).

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