

Head Start is a federally-funded, locally-run early childhood development program that provides comprehensive services for America's most vulnerable children and their families.

2017 Delaware Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Delaware

1,541

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



30% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

397

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



5% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **125 classrooms** in Delaware.

By the numbers:

\$19,115,795

FY17 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in DE

3 Head Start programs

4 Early Head Start programs



Photo: A Head Start parent from Oakland, California with her child.

"Early Head Start has helped me to get a better job, which has helped me financially. It has helped my children be at or above the expectations for their development. They gave me great ideas to help my child who was experiencing a delay and now she is in kindergarten and on grade level."

Tiawana J.
Parent
Wilmington, Delaware

The Head Start Advantage

Head Start children **reduce their vocabulary deficit by 38%** during the program year.

Head Start children are **31% less likely to have been held back** a grade.

Head Start children are **19% less likely to smoke** as adults.

High quality birth-to-five programs, like the combination of EHS and HS, **pay off 13% per year.**

Delaware's Head Start Workforce



522

HS and EHS jobs in Delaware

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$22,676** per year.

In Delaware...



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slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



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slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



25

children in foster care were served by Head Start



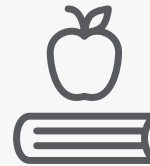
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children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



26

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,108

families participated in health education



2,548

children had continuously accessible health care



2,285

children had continuous access to dental care



232

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



184

parents advanced their education level



71

families received job training



45

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start

About NHSA

The National Head Start Association is a nonprofit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

For more information, please contact us: [go.nhsa.org/Contact](https://www.nhsa.org/Contact).

*Eligible is defined as children from birth to age five who are from families with incomes below the poverty level, are homeless, and/or receive public assistance. Foster children are eligible regardless of their foster family's income.

For citations and other state fact sheets, please visit www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.