

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 Hawaii Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in Hawaii

**2,416**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



**37%** of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

**600**

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



**7%** of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS\*

These slots filled **150 classrooms** in Hawaii.

## By the numbers:

**\$27,682,395**

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

**4** Head Start programs

**5** Early Head Start programs



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

"I am a single mother of 3 children and I also care for my 67-year-old mother. I work a full-time job as well as a 24 hour a week part-time job to pay for my family's living expenses. My finances do not allow me to enroll my son in other programs, so I really appreciate that there is Head Start. Having Head Start gives me comfort in knowing that he is learning and socializing."

**Kailianu H.**  
Parent  
Wailuku, Hawaii

## 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.**

## Hawaii's Head Start Workforce



**630**

HS and EHS jobs in Hawaii

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$35,200** per year.

## In Hawaii...



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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



114

children in foster care were served by Head Start



194

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



215

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,586

families participated in health education



3,603

children had continuous accessible health care



3,242

children had continuous access to dental care



364

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



177

parents advanced their education level



219

families received job training



70

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.

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