

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 Idaho Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in Idaho

**3,187**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



**31%** of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

**736**

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



**6%** of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS\*

These slots filled **298 classrooms** in Idaho.

## By the numbers:

**\$30,300,671**

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

**7** Head Start programs

**6** Early Head Start programs



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

"I was a low-income single mother when my child started Head Start. I now have an associate degree, am employed full time, and am a homeowner. All of this came about from the self-worth I gained and the community referrals that were offered while my child was in Head Start."

**Andrea D.**  
Parent  
Inkhome, Idaho

## 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.**

## Idaho's Head Start Workforce



**1,365**

HS and EHS jobs in Idaho

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$24,912** per year.

## In Idaho...



**319**

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



**797**

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



**182**

children in foster care were served by Head Start



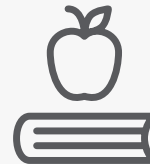
**130**

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



**540**

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



**3,015**

families participated in health education



**4,634**

children had continuous accessible health care



**4,219**

children had continuous access to dental care



**672**

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



**697**

parents advanced their education level



**310**

families received job training



**114**

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](https://www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets)



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