

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 Indiana Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Indiana

11,926

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



36% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

2,427

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



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

These slots filled **839 classrooms** in Indiana.

By the numbers:

\$125,143,068

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

37 Head Start programs

29 Early Head Start programs



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

"Head Start has been great for my family of 6 kids. I know they are in a safe loving educational environment that helps them grow and thrive. They provide nutritious meals and fun activities. If it hadn't been for Head Start, I could not have worked."

Candi P.
Parent
Newburgh, Indiana

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.**

Indiana's Head Start Workforce



3,391

HS and EHS jobs in Indiana

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$27,673** per year.

In Indiana...



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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



1,328

children in foster care were served by Head Start



342

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



1,033

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



9,868

families participated in health education



17,722

children had continuously accessible health care



15,981

children had continuous access to dental care



2,668

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



1,177

parents advanced their education level



1,121

families received job training



314

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.