

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 Michigan Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in Michigan

**25,624**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



**39%** of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

**6,449**

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



**8%** of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS\*

These slots filled **2,015 classrooms** in Michigan.

## By the numbers:

**\$305,457,010**

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

**58** Head Start programs

**54** Early Head Start programs



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

"As a 52-year-old grandmother, I was working full-time when Child Protective Services placed my 3-week-old granddaughter with me and my husband. I contacted our local Head Start program and we began receiving home visits, then placement in the center-based program. We've learned so much from Head Start about parenting, child development, education, and health."

**Kay M.**  
Parent  
L'Anse, Michigan

## 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.**

## Michigan's Head Start Workforce



**8,304**

HS and EHS jobs in Michigan

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$32,577** per year.

## In Michigan...



**598**

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



**1,287**

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



**1,003**

children in foster care were served by Head Start



**760**

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



**1,635**

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



**13,431**

families participated in health education



**36,373**

children had continuously accessible health care



**32,844**

children had continuous access to dental care



**4,882**

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



**3,382**

parents advanced their education level



**2,066**

families received job training



**708**

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.