

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 Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Profile



Access to Migrant & Seasonal Head Start

29,533

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

1,047

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



17% of eligible children under 5 had access to HS*

These slots filled **2,387 classrooms** in Migrant & Seasonal Head Start.

By the numbers:

\$358,229,841

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

40 Head Start programs

22 Early Head Start programs



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

“Being young parents, living check to check, we couldn’t afford child care. I took my youngest to Head Start and I knew I could go to work and not worry. I was encouraged to join the parent committee the first year. I realized I was setting a good example for my boys. All the time and dedication paid off, I went from a job that did not pay very good to finding my true calling.”

Kay O.
Parent
Klamath Falls, Oregon

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.**

Migrant & Seasonal Head Start’s Workforce



12,069

HS and EHS jobs in Migrant & Seasonal Head Start

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes only **\$28,098** per year.

In Migrant & Seasonal Head Start...



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slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



30,580

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



35

children in foster care were served by Head Start



69

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



767

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



9,215

families participated in health education



25,973

children had continuously accessible health care



26,860

children had continuous access to dental care



2,446

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



1,389

parents advanced their education level



1,043

families received job training



249

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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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.