

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 Minnesota Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in Minnesota

**10,053**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



41% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

**2,307**

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



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

These slots filled **801 classrooms** in Minnesota.

## By the numbers:

**\$92,631,827**

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

**27** Head Start programs

**25** Early Head Start programs



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

"Head Start sent me and the kids' father to a Parent Power training where we got to meet other parents and got some great advice. Through Head Start, I also learned about AmeriCorps and was fortunate enough to serve in the AmeriCorps program. Through the support and encouragement from my family and the staff at Head Start I was successful in the completion of my degree."

**April B.**  
Parent  
Grand Rapids, Minnesota

## 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.**

## Minnesota's Head Start Workforce



**3,908**

HS and EHS jobs in Minnesota

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$35,136** per year.

## In Minnesota...



**955**

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



**792**

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



**626**

children in foster care were served by Head Start



**253**

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



**1,419**

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



**7,394**

families participated in health education



**16,453**

children had continuously accessible health care



**15,152**

children had continuous access to dental care



**2,456**

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



**1,487**

parents advanced their education level



**1,348**

families received job training



**371**

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.