

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 Nevada Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Nevada

2,497

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



17% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

794

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



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

These slots filled **214 classrooms** in Nevada.

By the numbers:

\$38,198,343

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

4 Head Start programs

6 Early Head Start programs



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

"I am a single mother with two jobs. I wasn't sure how I was going to maintain both my jobs and be a mother at the same time. Head Start helped me with child care in the morning which was a life saver. Not only that, it is a place my children love and they learn so much. The staff is incredibly nice and helpful; I feel comfortable coming to them, and they go out of their way to help."

Britney L.
Parent
Ely, Nevada

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.**

Nevada's Head Start Workforce



832

HS and EHS jobs in Nevada

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$35,407** per year.

In Nevada...



362

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



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slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



155

children in foster care were served by Head Start



49

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



707

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,216

families participated in health education



4,304

children had continuously accessible health care



3,538

children had continuous access to dental care



536

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



702

parents advanced their education level



116

families received job training



81

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.