

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 New Hampshire Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in New Hampshire

1,255

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



38% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

385

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



11% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **92 classrooms** in New Hampshire.

By the numbers:

\$16,783,424

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

5 Head Start programs

5 Early Head Start programs



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

"I started as a stay-at-home mom. But because of Head Start and child care in the same building, I was able to get a job. I was hired by Easter Seals to support clients with disabilities. I met my goal of getting a car and that allows me to take my clients on field trips, appointments and shopping. I love the job and am thankful for the role Head Start has played in my children's life and mine."

Melissa V.
Parent
Pittsfield, New Hampshire

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.**

New Hampshire's Head Start Workforce



446

HS and EHS jobs in New Hampshire

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$30,333** per year.

In New Hampshire...



0

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



0

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



45

children in foster care were served by Head Start



20

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



217

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,641

families participated in health education



2,023

children had continuous accessible health care



1,805

children had continuous access to dental care



327

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



219

parents advanced their education level



30

families received job training



21

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.