

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 Mexico Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in New Mexico

7,302

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



48% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

1,910

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



9% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **590 classrooms** in New Mexico.

By the numbers:

\$65,933,657

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

14 Head Start programs

15 Early Head Start programs



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

"It is through this wonderful program that I have been given the opportunity to succeed in life. I am working hard to graduate school with my BA and strive for a better brighter future for me and my daughter. I am very grateful that I have outstanding and caring individuals that care for my baby, facilitating my attendance to graduate university."

Magali G.
Parent
Deming, New Mexico

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 Mexico's Head Start Workforce



2,257

HS and EHS jobs in New Mexico

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$34,109** per year.

In New Mexico...



1,698

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



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slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



260

children in foster care were served by Head Start



150

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



333

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,264

families participated in health education



10,003

children had continuously accessible health care



9,639

children had continuous access to dental care



1,343

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



1,016

parents advanced their education level



374

families received job training



178

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.