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2017 New Mexico Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in New Mexico

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<th>Funded Head Start (HS) Slots</th>
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48% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

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

These slots filled 590 classrooms in New Mexico.

"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

By the numbers:

$65,933,657
FY17 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in NM

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Head Start programs

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Early Head Start programs

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

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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
- 0 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.

*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.

For citations and other state fact sheets, please visit www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets

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