

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 York Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in New York

45,877

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



37% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

9,053

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



10% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **3,492 classrooms** in New York.

By the numbers:

\$544,125,946

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

179 Head Start programs

83 Early Head Start programs



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

"Our son was in Early Head Start when we became homeless. While we worked to get back on our feet, my husband took a job as a dish washer. Within months, he found a higher paying job as a gas station attendant. I worked as a secretary knowing my son was receiving excellent care. Because of EHS, we were able to keep the extreme stress away from our infant son."

Erin M.
Parent
Schenectady, New York

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 York's Head Start Workforce



18,040

HS and EHS jobs in New York

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$33,956** per year.

In New York...



143

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



304

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



806

children in foster care were served by Head Start



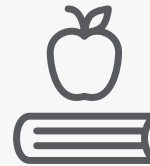
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children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



2,908

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



26,544

families participated in health education



61,903

children had continuously accessible health care



54,792

children had continuous access to dental care



9,959

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



7,816

parents advanced their education level



3,486

families received job training



1,069

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.