

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 North Dakota Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in North Dakota

**2,521**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



61% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

**611**

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



8% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS\*

These slots filled **199 classrooms** in North Dakota.

## By the numbers:

**\$20,782,531**

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

**10** Head Start programs

**8** Early Head Start programs



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

"I am a young single parent. I had my child at 19 years old. His father ran out during the pregnancy. After I had my son and he got to start at Early Head Start, it made my life better. I don't know how I would have been able to work and go to school without EHS. I would not be able to pay for day care while trying to just make a living for me and my son."

**Lindsay H.**  
Parent  
North Dakota

## 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.**

## North Dakota's Head Start Workforce



**917**

HS and EHS jobs in North Dakota

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$32,747** per year.

## In North Dakota...



**983**

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



**0**

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



**249**

children in foster care were served by Head Start



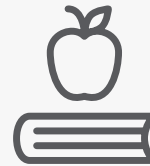
**106**

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



**260**

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



**1,629**

families participated in health education



**3,393**

children had continuously accessible health care



**3,338**

children had continuous access to dental care



**565**

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



**161**

parents advanced their education level



**61**

families received job training



**111**

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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Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.