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 Oklahoma Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in Oklahoma

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29% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS
6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled 1,191 classrooms in Oklahoma.

By the numbers:

$119,444,593
FY17 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in OK

21 Head Start programs
19 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.

Oklahoma’s Head Start Workforce

4,626 HS and EHS jobs in Oklahoma

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes only $33,390 per year.

"I am a 4th generation single mother. I am an African American female. My salary was well below the poverty level most of my life. Support came to me through Head Start. Head Start is a place for families to get the support they need emotionally, physically, financially, and mentally. I am now a teacher and a novelist."

Brandi J.
Parent
Duncan, Oklahoma

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

- **2,897** slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children
- **568** children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start
- **19,586** children had continuously accessible health care
- **2,308** parents advanced their education level
- **976** children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start
- **18,060** children had continuous access to dental care
- **822** children in foster care were served by Head Start
- **1,716** families received job training
- **5,878** families participated in health education
- **2,479** children with disabilities were served by Head Start
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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](http://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](http://www.nhsa.org/Fact-Sheets)

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