

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 South Carolina Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in South Carolina

10,876

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



24% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

2,019

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



5% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **791 classrooms** in South Carolina.

By the numbers:

\$114,246,090

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

15 Head Start programs

21 Early Head Start programs



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

"When I found Head Start, I was a high school dropout with a ninth grade education and working 60 plus hours in the gas station barely making ends meet. My Family Service Advocate asked me if I had any goals for my son or family, I said I wanted to get my GED. She told me about a grant they received to help parents go back to school and I did it. I received my GED and then a BA."

Marcella D.
Parent
Rock Hill, South Carolina

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.**

South Carolina's Head Start Workforce



2,728

HS and EHS jobs in South Carolina

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$24,727** per year.

In South Carolina...



80

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



238

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



165

children in foster care were served by Head Start



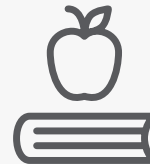
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children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



511

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



5,531

families participated in health education



13,815

children had continuously accessible health care



13,099

children had continuous access to dental care



1,150

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



3,482

parents advanced their education level



1,122

families received job training



122

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.

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



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.