

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 Texas Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Texas

65,446

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



26% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

10,374

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



4% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **5,082 classrooms** in Texas.

By the numbers:

\$621,266,002

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

88 Head Start programs

77 Early Head Start programs



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

"3 years ago, I became a single parent of four when their father was incarcerated. Head Start helped me work towards my long-term goals: attending school and owning a business. They helped me have a better connection between my children and me. I don't think I would be a business owner almost done with my bachelor's if it wasn't for this wonderful organization."

Khrystan W.
Parent
Dallas, Texas

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.**

Texas's Head Start Workforce



18,641

HS and EHS jobs in Texas

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$37,463** per year.

In Texas...



34

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



5,100

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



1,690

children in foster care were served by Head Start



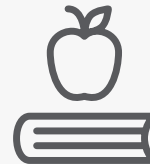
982

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



3,588

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



18,927

families participated in health education



81,277

children had continuously accessible health care



81,838

children had continuous access to dental care



8,809

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



9,362

parents advanced their education level



4,504

families received job training



998

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



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