

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 Vermont Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Vermont

991

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



62% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

434

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



21% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled **118 classrooms** in Vermont.

By the numbers:

\$18,744,014

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

7 Head Start programs

6 Early Head Start programs



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

"My oldest son started EHS at 7 months old. I knew it was going to help him develop and learn; I didn't know that it was going to be great for me too. I was inspired to obtain my high school diploma and I graduated when my oldest son was just over a year old. I then enrolled in community college and started working to get my associates degree in early childhood education."

Charlotte S.
Parent
Hardwick, Vermont

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.**

Vermont's Head Start Workforce



543

HS and EHS jobs in Vermont

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$29,089** per year.

In Vermont...



0

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



0

slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



62

children in foster care were served by Head Start



24

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



151

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



849

families participated in health education



1,645

children had continuously accessible health care



1,379

children had continuous access to dental care



369

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



289

parents advanced their education level



111

families received job training



44

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.