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 Wisconsin Head Start Profile

### Access to Head Start in Wisconsin

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<td>Funded Head Start (HS) Slots</td>
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*31% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS*

*6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS*

These slots filled 983 classrooms in Wisconsin.

### By the numbers:

- **$120,137,875**
  - FY17 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in WI
- **29** Head Start programs
- **23** 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.

### Wisconsin’s Head Start Workforce

- **4,001** HS and EHS jobs in Wisconsin

  The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes only **$36,115** per year.
In Wisconsin...

- 1,046 slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children
- 457 slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children
- 640 children in foster care were served by Head Start
- 275 children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start
- 1,307 children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start
- 8,421 families participated in health education
- 17,625 children had continuously accessible health care
- 13,287 children had continuous access to dental care
- 2,686 children with disabilities were served by Head Start
- 2,231 parents advanced their education level
- 1,025 families received job training
- 333 pregnant women were served by Early Head Start
- 1,046
- 2,231

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.

*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.