

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 Wyoming Head Start Profile



## Access to Head Start in Wyoming

1,441

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



45% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS\*

461

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



10% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS\*

These slots filled **120 classrooms** in Wyoming.

## By the numbers:

\$14,703,505

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

8 Head Start programs

6 Early Head Start programs



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

"Head Start gave me the support I needed as a young mother with my first child. [My home visitor] connected me to resources such as WIC and helped me connect with other mothers that had children the same age as my child... I was so inspired by what I had learned from her that I went to college and I am now a home visitor."

**Danielle N.**  
Parent  
Guernsey, Wyoming

## 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.**

## Wyoming's Head Start Workforce



753

HS and EHS jobs in Wyoming

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes only **\$34,240** per year.

## In Wyoming...



295

slots were funded to serve American Indian / Alaska Native children



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slots were funded to serve Migrant / Seasonal children



143

children in foster care were served by Head Start



45

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



216

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



1,780

families participated in health education



2,091

children had continuously accessible health care



2,108

children had continuous access to dental care



516

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



159

parents advanced their education level



103

families received job training



62

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