

American Indian / Alaska Native



PROVIDERS¹

Total Number of Grantees/Delegates

Head Start: 146
Early Head Start: 56

ACCESS

Total Funded Enrollment¹:

Head Start: 18,774
Early Head Start: 3,528

Homeless Children Served³: 978

Children with Disabilities Served³: 1,848

Pregnant Women Served³: 436

Families Receiving Family Services^{3*}: 11,295

*Family services include mental health care, dental health care, housing assistance, parenting education, smoking cessation, job education and more.

QUALITY

Head Start and Early Head Start programs engage in continuous quality improvement efforts. Among other notable accomplishments, the national percentage of Head Start teachers with Bachelors degrees has increased from 38% to 72% since 2007.

Over Head Start children's lives they are less likely to need special education services⁶ or engage in unhealthy behaviors⁷ and are more likely to achieve success in school and in life.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2014 Enacted Funding¹²: \$222,722,363

Total Jobs³: 6,112

Average Salary for Classroom Teachers with a BA¹: \$32,303

The Head Start investment pays off: for each \$1 invested, Head Start yields an annual ROI ranging from 7-9%.⁸

SEQUESTRATION

Funding Cut Due to Sequestration⁴: \$11,736,682



Children Unserved Due to Sequestration¹: 3,047

Jobs Lost Due to Sequestration: 216



71% of

Americans agree that to ensure low income children are successful, we have to also invest in their parents' economic well-being, and **52%** believe that programs are most effective at moving families out of poverty if they are targeted to parents and children together to help each get the education and training they need.¹⁰

Head Start is the original two-generation model, and over the past fifty years comprehensive health, education, and self-sufficiency supports for children and their parents have helped thirty-two million families achieve success in school and in life.

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