

Head Start is a federally-funded, locally-run preschool program that provides comprehensive services for America's most vulnerable children and their families.

2016 Hawaii Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Hawaii

2,624

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

593

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



34% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS.



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



"I am a single mother of 3 children and I also care for my 67-year-old mother. I work a full time job as well as a 24 hour a week part time job to pay for my family's living expenses. My finances do not allow me to enroll my son in other programs, so I really appreciate that there is Head Start. Having Head Start gives me comfort in knowing that he is learning and socializing."

Kailianu H., Parent
Wailuku, Hawaii

Hawaii's Head Start Workforce



660

HS and EHS jobs in Hawaii

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree in Hawaii makes **\$44,177** per year, compared to the **\$44,810** a kindergarten teacher makes annually.

Hawaii by the Numbers

\$28,422,235

FY16 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Hawaii

- 4** Head Start programs
- 5** Early Head Start programs
- American Indian/Alaska Native programs
- Migrant/Seasonal programs
- 160** Classrooms operated
- 108** Head Start children were in foster care
- 241** Head Start children with veteran/active military parents

237 Head Start children experiencing homelessness

In Hawaii...



3,807

children had continuously accessible health care



3,423

children had continuous access to dental care



382

children were identified with special needs



157

parents advanced their education level



265

families received job training



74

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start

Head Start's Impact: the Head Start Advantage

Children who participate in Head Start programs receive innumerable benefits. These advantages appear immediately, last a lifetime, and even have an effect on other generations.

38%

Head Start children reduce their vocabulary deficit by 38% during the program year.

31%

Head Start children are 31% less likely to have been held back a grade.

19%

Head Start children are 19% less likely to smoke as adults.

13%

High quality birth-to-five programs, like the combination of EHS and HS, pay off 13% per year.

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.

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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.