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

**2016 Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Profile**

**Access to Migrant & Seasonal Head Start**

- **31,081** Funded Head Start (HS) Slots
- **1,031** Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots

- **45%** of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS.
- **1%** of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS.

"Being young parents, living check to check, we couldn’t afford child care. I took my youngest to Head Start and I knew I could go to work and not worry. I was encouraged to join the parent committee the first year. I realized I was setting a good example for my boys. All the time and dedication paid off, I went from a job that did not pay very good to finding my true calling.”

Kay O., MSHS Parent
Klamath Falls, Oregon

**Migrant & Seasonal Head Start by the Numbers**

- **$369,244,615** FY16 Estimated Funding for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- **--** Head Start programs
- **--** Early Head Start programs
- **--** American Indian/Alaska Native programs
- **60** Migrant/Seasonal programs
- **2,518** Classrooms operated
- **36** Head Start children were in foster care
- **14** Head Start children with veteran/active military parents
- **572** Head Start children experiencing homelessness

**Head Start’s Migrant and Seasonal Workforce**

- **12,695** Migrant and Seasonal HS and EHS jobs
- The average Migrant & Seasonal Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes **$27,346** per year, compared to the **$54,550** a kindergarten teacher makes annually.
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.

In Migrant & Seasonal Head Start...

- 28,033 children had continuously accessible health care
- 27,124 children had continuous access to dental care
- 2,346 children were identified with special needs
- 3,182 parents advanced their education level
- 953 families received job training
- 2,346 children were identified with special needs
- 190 pregnant women were served by Early Head Start
- 27,124 children had continuous access to dental care
- 31% Head Start children are 31% less likely to have been held back a grade.

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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