

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

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.

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

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



190

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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