

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

2016 Nevada Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Nevada

2,696

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

794

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



21% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS.



2% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS.



"I am a single mother with two jobs. I wasn't sure how I was going to maintain both my jobs and be a mother at the same time. Head Start helped me with child care in the morning which was a life saver. Not only that, it is a place my children love and they learn so much. The staff is incredibly nice and helpful; I feel comfortable coming to them, and they go out of their way to help."

Britney L., Parent
Ely, Nevada

Nevada by the Numbers

\$36,357,829

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

- 4** Head Start programs
- 6** Early Head Start programs
- 3** American Indian/Alaska Native programs
- Migrant/Seasonal programs
- 218** Classrooms operated
- 128** Head Start children were in foster care
- 41** Head Start children with veteran/active military parents

Nevada's Head Start Workforce



819

HS and EHS jobs in Nevada

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree in Nevada makes **\$33,543** per year, compared to the **\$50,140** a kindergarten teacher makes annually.

594

Head Start children experiencing homelessness

In Nevada...



4,367

children had continuously accessible health care



3,774

children had continuous access to dental care



584

children were identified with special needs



1,119

parents advanced their education level



326

families received job training



89

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.