

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

2016 Texas Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Texas

68,686

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots



24% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS.

10,415

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



4% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS.



"3 years ago, I became a single parent of four when their father was incarcerated. Head Start helped me work towards my long-term goals: attending school and owning a business. They helped me have a better connection between my children and me. I don't think I would be a business owner almost done with my bachelor's if it wasn't for this wonderful organization."

Khrystan W., Parent
Dallas, Texas

Texas by the Numbers

\$632,331,789

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

89 Head Start programs

75 Early Head Start programs

1 American Indian/Alaska Native program

1 Migrant/Seasonal program

5,253 Classrooms operated

1,712 Head Start children were in foster care

1,123 Head Start children with veteran/active military parents

3,259 Head Start children experiencing homelessness

Texas's Head Start Workforce



20,017

HS and EHS jobs in Texas

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree in Texas makes **\$36,295** per year, compared to the **\$51,160** a kindergarten teacher makes annually.

In Texas...



86,064

children had continuously accessible health care



84,258

children had continuous access to dental care



8,662

children were identified with special needs



11,858

parents advanced their education level



4,788

families received job training



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.