

PROVIDERS¹

Total Number of Grantees/Delegates: 24

Early Head Start: 10

Head Start: 11

American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start: 3

American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start: 0

Migrant/Seasonal Head Start: 0

ACCESS

Number of Children in Poverty Ages 0-5²: 15,000

Total Funded Enrollment¹: 3,139

Early Head Start: 737

Head Start: 2,322

American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start: 80

American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start: 0

Migrant/Seasonal Head Start: 0

Homeless Children Served³: 298

Children with Disabilities Served³: 695

Pregnant Women Served³: 68

Families Receiving Family Services^{3*}: 1,233

*Family services include mental health care, dental health care, housing assistance, parenting education, smoking cessation, job education and more.

Research on Head Start has shown that participating families are more likely to invest time in literacy activities with their children, both while enrolled and years after their children graduate from the program.⁵

QUALITY

Head Start and Early Head Start programs engage in continuous quality improvement efforts. Among other notable accomplishments, the national percentage of Head Start teachers with Bachelors degrees has increased from 38% to 66% since 2007.

Percent of Head Start Teachers with BA or Advanced Degrees³: 77%

Over Head Start children's lives they are less likely to need special education services⁶ or engage in unhealthy behaviors⁷ and are more likely to achieve success in school and in life.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

Fiscal Year 2014 Enacted Funding¹²: 31,942,044

Fiscal Year 2015 Estimated Funding^{*12}: \$32,421,175

**Enrollment information for the 2014-2015 school year will be collected and available by Fall 2015*

Total Jobs³: 1,063

State Average Salary for Head Start Teachers with a BA¹: \$24,967

State Average Salary for Early Head Start Teachers with a Child Development Associate Credential¹: \$26,261

The Head Start investment pays off: for each \$1 invested, Head Start yields an annual ROI ranging from 7-9%.⁸

SEQUESTRATION

Funding Cut Due to

Sequestration⁴: \$1,661,862



Children Unserved Due to Sequestration¹: 333

Jobs Lost Due to Sequestration¹¹: 60

71% of Americans agree that to ensure low income children are successful, we have to also invest in their parents' economic well-being, and **52%** believe that programs are most effective at moving families out of poverty if they are targeted to parents and children together to help each get the education and training they need.¹⁰

Head Start is the original two-generation model, and over the past fifty years comprehensive health, education, and self-sufficiency supports for children and their parents have helped thirty-two million families achieve success in school and in life.

STATE CONTEXT

EARLY HEAD START-CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIPS

Estimated new funding for EHS Expansion and EHS-CC Partnerships¹³: \$1,600,000
Projected children served¹⁴: 128

INFANT AND TODDLER CARE

Children birth to 3 in Poverty¹³: 7,676
Federally-Funded Early Head Start Slots¹⁴: 659
State-Funded Early Head Start Slots¹⁴: 78
State Average Annual Cost of Center-Based Infant Care¹⁵: \$9,360
Children birth to 3 Receiving Child Care Subsidies¹⁷: 360
National Average Annual Subsidy for Children birth to 3¹⁷: \$5,568

EARLY HEAD START HOME VISITING

Office of Head Start-Funded Slots¹³: 450
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Funded Slots¹⁴: 0

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K

Children 3 and 4 in Poverty¹³: 5,326
Federally-Funded Head Start Slots¹⁴: 2,382
State-Funded Head Start Slots¹⁴: 20
State-Funded Pre-K Slots¹⁶: 5,088

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