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

ACCESS
Number of Children in Poverty Ages 0-52: 149,000
Total Funded Enrollment1: 16,672
   Early Head Start: 1,409
   Head Start: 15,263
   American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start: 0
   American Indian/Alaska Native Early Head Start: 0
   Migrant/Seasonal Head Start: 0
Homeless Children Served3: 398
Children with Disabilities Served3: 2,177
Pregnant Women Served3: 159
Families Receiving Family Services3*: 2,981
*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: 72%

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: 138,895,781
Fiscal Year 2015 Estimated Funding*11: $140,979,218
*Enrollment information for the 2014-2015 school year will be collected and available by Fall 2015
Total Jobs3: 3,747
State Average Salary for Head Start Teachers with a BA1: $30,179
State Average Salary for Early Head Start Teachers with a Child Development Associate Credential1: $21,688

The Head Start investment pays off: for each $1 invested, Head Start yields an annual ROI ranging from 7-9%.6

SEQUESTRATION
Funding Cut Due to Sequestration4: $7,226,390
Children Unserved Due to Sequestration1: 1,332
Jobs Lost Due to Sequestration11: 352

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 Partnerships: $10,200,000
Projected children served: 816

INFANT AND TODDLER CARE

Children birth to 3 in Poverty: 73,837
Federally-Funded Early Head Start Slots: 1,409
State-Funded Early Head Start Slots: 0
State Average Annual Cost of Center-Based Infant Care: $5,857
Children birth to 3 Receiving Child Care Subsidies: 12,804
National Average Annual Subsidy for Children birth to 3: $5,568

EARLY HEAD START HOME VISITING

Office of Head Start-Funded Slots: 271
Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Funded Slots: 0

PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K

Children 3 and 4 in Poverty: 50,062
Federally-Funded Head Start Slots: 14,904
State-Funded Head Start Slots: 359
State-Funded Pre-K Slots: 18,609

Endnotes

11. Data provided by the Administration for Children and Families and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.