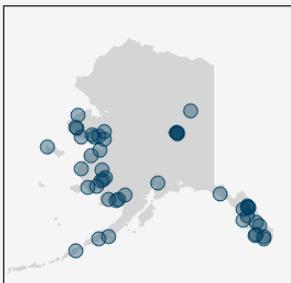
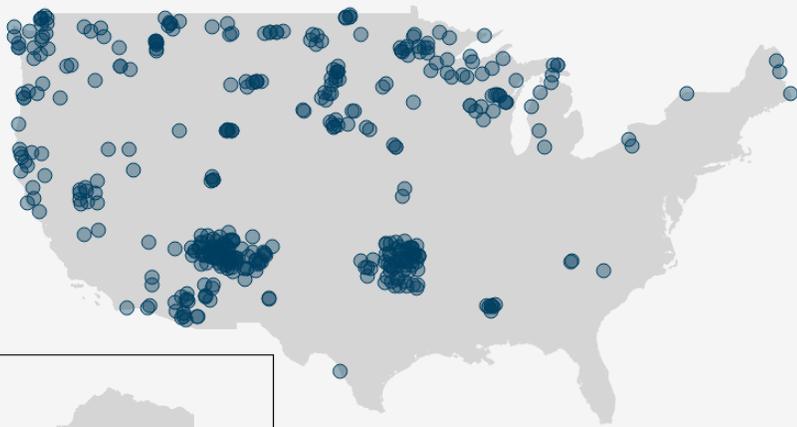


American Indian/ Alaska Native

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“I love Head Start and have for a long time. My two grandchildren were so prepared when they started school. The teachers were fantastic, the staff were very helpful and friendly. This year my youngest grandson is in Head Start. I can really see a big change in him. I know he is in good hands.”

– Vickie May



● **462**
Head Start Centers Nationwide

Visit nhsa.org/locator to view the map in more detail.

\$316,684,151
FY21 Funding

21,207
Funded Slots Nationwide

16,654
Funded American Indian / Alaska
Native Head Start Slots

4,553
Funded American Indian / Alaska
Native Early Head Start Slots

Head Start's Model

Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the six decades since our founding, we have reached a new milestone: 37 million children have been served by Head Start. Innovators and small business owners, police officers and members of the service, nurses and teachers—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country. From early math and reading skills, to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children and their families. **There are four pillars in every program:**

Education: Learning experiences support intellectual, social, and emotional growth

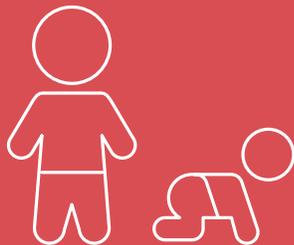
Health Services: Immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health support, nutritional services, and early screenings ensure healthy development

Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

Wraparound Support: Tailored services meet local and individual needs and link children and families to community supports.

“**Head Start and Early Head Start programs successfully implemented CDC recommended guidance and other ancillary measures for child care programs that remained open, allowing them to continue offering in-person learning.**”

— CDC, *Implementing Mitigation Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission*
December 2020



Children

89,652

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

385

Pregnant Women Served

6,431

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

551

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

5,907

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

9,339

Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment Screenings



Families

1,426

Homeless Families Served

11,234

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

4,257

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

1428

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

6,666

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

12,035

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training



The National Head Start Association is committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. Since 1974, NHSA has worked for policy changes that ensure all income-eligible children have access to the Head Start model.

For citations, the national profile, and other state profiles, visit go.nhsa.org/state-profile