Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.

## District of Columbia

### 2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“I am very grateful for the supportive services Head Start provides for children and families. Head Start is evolving and getting better every day. They are there for children and families, they put tools in place to meet families’ needs, and they are good with grandparents and blended families. It takes a village to raise children and Head Start is that village.”

– Alisa Jackson-Gray

### FY21 Funding

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| Centers         | 105 Head Start Centers                                                  |

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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.

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**Children**

- 16,524 Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year
- 51 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition
- 1,095 Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic & Treatment Screenings

**Families**

- 191 Homeless Families Served
- 1,388 Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes
- 207 Fathers Involved in their Child’s Educational Experiences

**Community**

- 233 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms
- 737 Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff
- 1,079 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training

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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.

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“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*

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For citations, the national profile, and other state profiles, visit [go.nhsa.org/state-profile](http://go.nhsa.org/state-profile)