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

Louisiana

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“When my son started Head Start, I started volunteering, then substituting, and now I am working as a family advocate. And for my adopted son, who has multiple disabilities, Head Start helped him succeed in school. He is now in 2nd grade and on the honor roll, and he tells everyone that he learned everything from Head Start.”

– Debra Knight, Franklinton

$211,574,493
FY21 Funding
(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

20,740
Funded Slots Statewide

17,526
Funded Head Start Slots

3,214
Funded Early Head Start Slots

330
Head Start Centers Statewide

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

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<th>Children</th>
<th>Families</th>
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<td>49,924 Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year</td>
<td>654 Homeless Families Served</td>
<td>1,390 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms</td>
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<td>1,508 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition</td>
<td>12,137 Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes</td>
<td>5,632 Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff</td>
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<td>173 Pregnant Women Served</td>
<td>3,274 Fathers Involved in their Child’s Educational Experiences</td>
<td>9,777 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training</td>
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<td>8,124 Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings</td>
<td>12,788 Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Screenings</td>
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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.