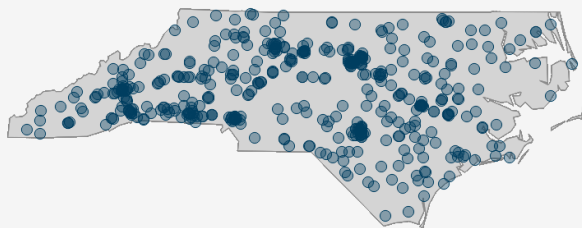


North Carolina

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“Head Start changed our lives for the better. Without Head Start, my children would not be where they are today—especially my oldest who, because of Head Start, was finally able to start communicating her wants and needs.”

– Delta Davis, Asheville



● 450

Head Start Centers Statewide

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

\$242,459,414

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

21,240

Funded Slots Statwide

15,477

Funded **Head Start** Slots

5,023

Funded **Early Head Start** Slots

144

Funded **American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start** Slots

86

Funded **American Indian / Alaska Native Early Head Start** Slots

510

Funded **Migrant and Seasonal 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

95,670

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

81

Pregnant Women Served

8,301

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

733

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

6,534

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

12,809

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



Families

994

Homeless Families Served

13,377

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

4,085

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

1,401

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

6,104

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

12,015

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training