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

National

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

In Ohio, mom Tineisha reflects on how Head Start supported her as a parent. “She was teaching me to be a mom at the same time she was teaching my children.”

— One Early Head Start Mother to All New Mothers: “I’m so proud of you!”

$10,848,095,000
FY21 Funding

841,520
Funded Slots Nationwide

612,806
Funded Head Start Slots

181,793
Funded Early Head Start Slots

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

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

25,714
Funded Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Slots

17,485
Head Start Centers Nationwide

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

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<td>4,566,696 Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year</td>
<td>42,557 Homeless Families Served</td>
<td>52,958 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms</td>
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<td>11,767 Pregnant Women Served</td>
<td>549,068 Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes</td>
<td>262,814 Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff</td>
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<td>275,246 Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings</td>
<td>161,020 Fathers Involved in their Child’s Educational Experiences</td>
<td>489,208 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training</td>
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<td>40,574 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition</td>
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<td>306,414 Children Received Preventative Dental Care</td>
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<td>490,880 Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Screenings</td>
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