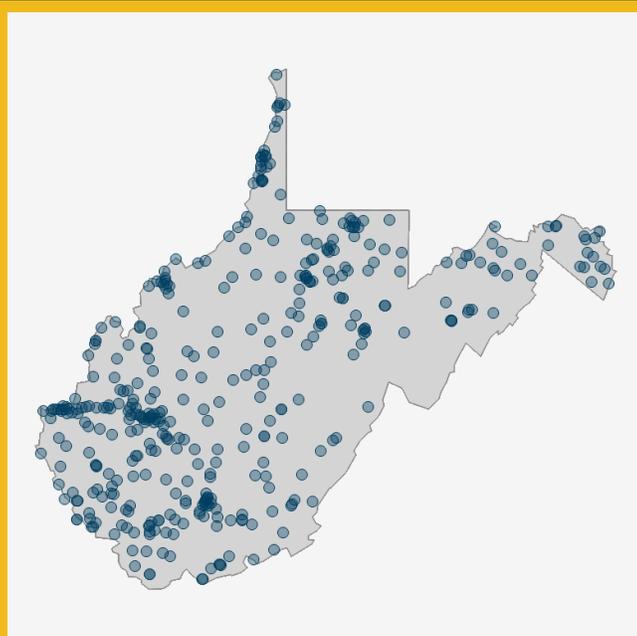


West Virginia

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

In West Virginia, a former addict found support through Head Start and is now working to support a group of mothers who are all suffering with depression. “I never would have stayed in that waiting room if you Head Start weren’t there with me,” the mom said. “That’s walking beside somebody.”

– *Home Visitors in West Virginia Approach Families with Empathy, Understanding*



● **399**
Head Start Centers Statewide

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

\$75,798,821

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

7,849

Funded Slots Statewide

6,771

Funded Head Start Slots

1,078

Funded 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

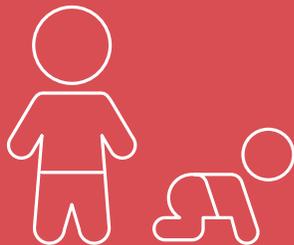
Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

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

43,668

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

158

Pregnant Women Served

3,812

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

659

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

4,046

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

5,350

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



Families

538

Homeless Families Served

5,666

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

1,638

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

743

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

3,187

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

4,388

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