

# American Indian/ Alaska Native

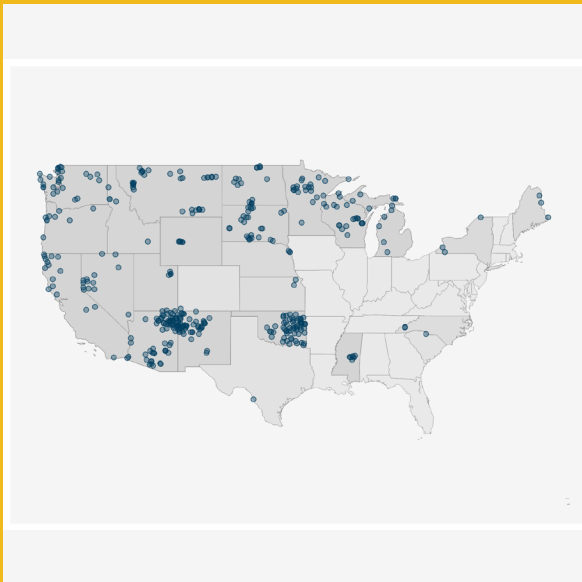
## 2023 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

"I love Head Start and have for a long time. My two grandchildren were so prepared when they started school. The teachers were fantastic, the staff were very helpful and friendly. This year my youngest grandson is in Head Start. I can really see a big change in him. I know he is in good hands."

— Vickie May



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• **461**  
Head Start and Early Head Start  
Centers Nationwide

**\$309,184,414**

FY22 Funding

**20,498**

Funded Slots Nationwide

**16,076**

Funded American Indian /  
Alaska Native Head Start  
Slots

**4,422**

Funded American Indian /  
Alaska Native 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.

“The key takeaway is that the benefits of Head Start appear to transfer from one generation to the next in a substantial way... These results imply that cost-benefit analyses of Head Start and similar early childhood interventions underestimate the benefits of such programs by ignoring the transmission of positive effects across generations.”

— *Breaking the Cycle? Intergenerational Effects of an Antipoverty Program in Early Childhood*, Journal of Political Economy, 2022



### Children

20,498

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

367

Pregnant Women Served

7,395

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

600

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

7,774

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

10,347

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



### Families

1,309

Homeless Families Served

10,779

Families Received Support Services

4,573

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



### Community

1355

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

6,136

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

11,978

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training