

# The District of Columbia

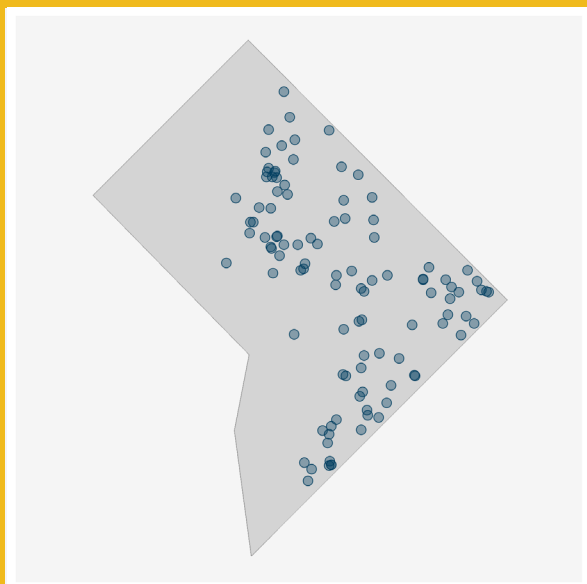
## 2023 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“I am very grateful for the supportive services Head Start provides for children and families. Head Start is evolving and getting better every day. They are there for children and families, they put tools in place to meet families’ needs, and they good with grandparents and blended families. It takes a village to raise children and Head Start is that village.”

— Alisa Jackson-Gray



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• **105**  
Head Start and Early Head Start  
Centers Statewide

**\$36,656,754**

FY22 Funding

**2,354**

Funded Slots Statewide

**468**

Funded Head Start Slots

**1,886**

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.

“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

**17,618**

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

**120**

Pregnant Women Served

**852**

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

**106**

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

**261**

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

**1,198**

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



### Families

**207**

Homeless Families Served

**1,586**

Families Received Support Services

**335**

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



### Community

**276**

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

**950**

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

**1,080**

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training