

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

## Migrant and Seasonal

## 2023 Head Start Profile

"I don't want to think what my life would be like without Head Start. This program has been, and continues to be a blessing for my kids and me because it cares about my child's education, health and their social and emotional growth as well. I am forever grateful for the mission of the Head Start program."

– Patricia Perea



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290
 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Centers

\$463,758,880

**FY22 Funding** 

27,135
Funded 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



26,990

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

1.048

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

156

**Pregnant Women** Served

7,136

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

8,750

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

15,678

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



1,454

**Homeless Families** Served

12,176

Families Received Support Services

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



1,737

Head Start and Early **Head Start Classrooms**  9,736

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff 13,468

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job **Training** 





