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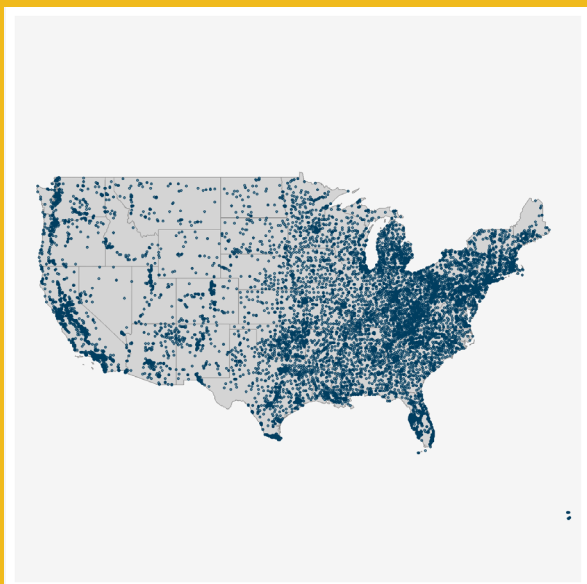
2023 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

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!”*



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• **17,515**
Head Start Centers Nationwide

\$10,748,095,000

FY22 Funding

822,491

Funded Slots Nationwide

586,030

Funded Head Start Slots

188,828

Funded Early Head Start Slots

16,076

Funded American Indian /
Alaska Native Head Start
Slots

4,422

Funded American Indian /
Alaska Native Early Head
Start Slots

27,135

Funded Migrant and
Seasonal 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

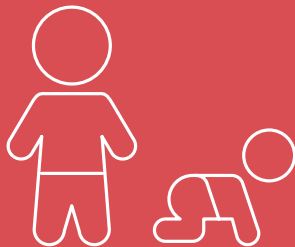
Health Services: Immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health support, nutritional services, and early screenings ensure healthy development

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

4,513,418

Home Visits
Conducted
Throughout the Year

12,736

Pregnant Women
Served

390,661

Newly Enrolled Children
Completed Behavioral
Screenings

48,013

Children Received Care
for a Chronic Health
Condition

372,087

Children Received
Preventative Dental
Care

550,441

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



Families

47,135

Homeless Families
Served

576,110

Families Received
Support Services

173,705

Fathers Involved in their
Child's Educational
Experiences



Community

51,809

Head Start and Early
Head Start Classrooms

259,587

Total Head Start and
Early Head Start Staff

514,603

Parents Employed,
in School, or in Job
Training