

District of Columbia

2025 Head Start Profile



BY THE NUMBERS

\$39,381,167 **FY24 Funding**

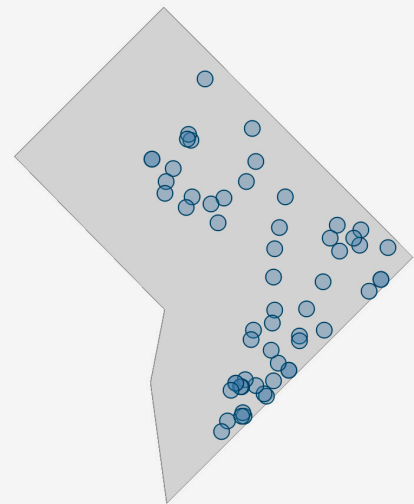
2,130 **Total Funded Seats**

448 **Funded Head Start Preschool Seats**

1,682 **Funded Early Head Start Seats**

883 **Total Staff Employed**

54 **Total Centers**



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SNAPSHOT



“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 are good with grandparents and blended families. It takes a village to raise children and Head Start is that village.”

—Alisa, Head Start Parent



THE HEAD START MODEL

Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

The premise of Head Start is simple: every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to reach their full potential.

In the six decades since its founding, Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start has served nearly 40 million children and their families. Innovators and small business owners, police officers and members of the military, nurses and teachers, and even members of Congress—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country. From early math and reading skills, to confidence and resilience, Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start help with children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

There are four pillars in every program.

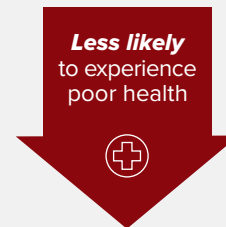
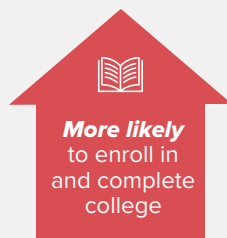
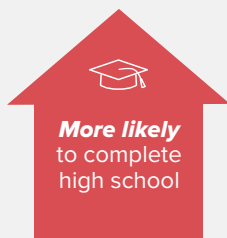
Education: Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

Health: Providing dental, health, and mental health services and referrals, as well as healthy eating based on current nutritional best practices, and early identification of health problems, Head Start addresses critical health and nutrition needs so that children are fully ready to learn and grow.

Parent Engagement and Support: Believing that parents are a child's first and most important teachers, Head Start requires parent involvement in major program decision-making. Further, Head Start works with parents to put them on a path of economic self-reliance through goal-setting, parenting training, and genuine engagement, enabling parents to join the workforce and stay working.

Local Design: Acknowledging that each community has different strengths, resources, and challenges, each program is designed to reflect the traditions, priorities, and cultures of their community.

Children who attend Head Start are:



Research shows that the benefits of Head Start appear to transfer from one generation to the next in a substantial way.



CHILDREN

13,494	Home Visits Conducted	170	Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition
101	Pregnant Women Served	1,815	Children Received Preventative Dental Care
790	Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings	1,574	Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Screenings



FAMILIES

124	Homeless Families Served	229	Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences
44	Active Duty or Military Veteran	1,596	Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes



COMMUNITIES

258	Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms	1,249	Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training
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