

Maryland

2025 Head Start Profile



BY THE NUMBERS

\$135,576,763

FY24 Funding

7,774

Total Funded Seats

5,765

Funded Head Start Preschool
Seats

2,009

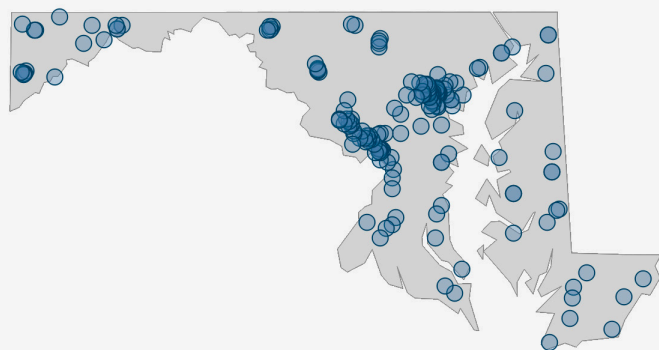
Funded Early Head Start Seats

2,362

Total Staff Employed

202

Total Centers



Visit nhsa.org/locator to view maps in detail with congressional districts.



SNAPSHOT



Without Head Start, our children would have struggled to learn English. Mrs. Rosa, our family advocate, helped me find employment. She spent so much time supporting my family as we studied for the citizenship test and she helped us learn English. She assisted us for more than five years!”

—Ateef, 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.

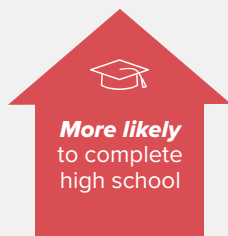
Education: Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

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.

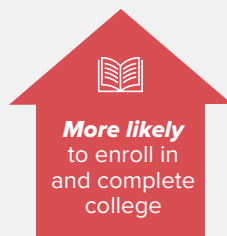
Parent Engagement and Support: Believing that parents are a child's first and most important teachers, Head Start requires parent involvement in major program decision-making. Further, Head Start works with parents to put them on a path of economic self-reliance through goal-setting, parenting training,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



More likely
to complete
high school



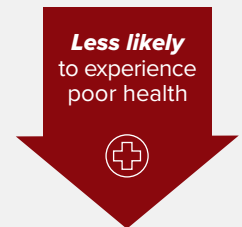
More likely
to enroll in
and complete
college



Less likely
to be
arrested



Less likely
to enter
foster care



Less likely
to experience
poor health

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



CHILDREN

31,970

Home Visits Conducted

95

Pregnant Women Served

4,435

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

914

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

6,749

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

5,923

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



FAMILIES

456

Homeless Families Served

98

Active Duty or Military Veteran

1,200

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences

5,762

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes



COMMUNITIES

521

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

4,388

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training