# **Vermont**

# 2025 Head Start Profile



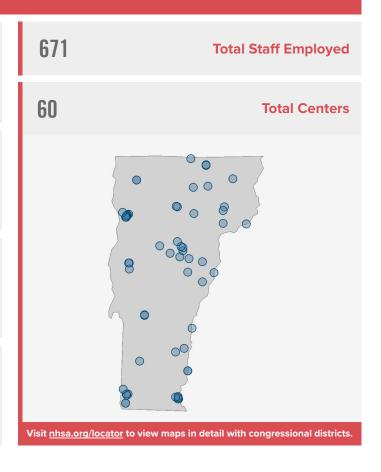
## BY THE NUMBERS

\$26,890,187 **FY24** Funding

1,273 Total Funded Seats

732 Funded Head Start Preschool Seats

541 Funded Early Head Start Seats





# **SNAPSHOT**



"Head Start is a great place to grow. My daughter has learned so much, and the staff has helped me and supported me in numerous ways."

-Savannah, Head Start Parent



### THE HEAD START MODEL

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.

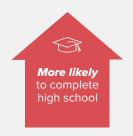
**Education:** Leaning on decades of brain science, Head Start staff work with children to build the brain connections and self confidence necessary for success in kindergarten and beyond.

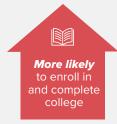
**Health:** Providing dental, health, and mental health services and referrals, as well as healthy eating based on current nutritional best practices, and early identification of health problems, Head Start addresses critical health and nutrition needs so that children are fully ready to learn and grow.

**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.

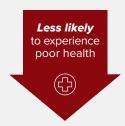
#### Children who attend Head Start are:











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

14,452 Home Visits Conducted  283 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition  42 Pregnant Women Served  910 Children Received Preventative Dental Care	OJH OJH	CHILDREN					
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Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings  1,008  Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Screening		519		1,008	Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Screenings		

 FAMILIES				
203	Homeless Families Served	352	Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences	
17	Active Duty or Military Veteran	1,020	Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes	

### **COMMUNITIES**

99 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

**752** 

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training