

# HEAD START LEADS TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE



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- LISA PRICE,  
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP  
OF KERN - HEAD START  
*HEAD START GRADUATE, 1968*



Head Start gives children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life — supporting more kids, families, and communities on their path to success.

In 1967, my mother enrolled me in Head Start at 3 years old. I loved the environment, the teachers, socialization and field trips! After that first year ended, I was more social, and began putting letters together to spell words. I started reading simple books at 4 years of age. My love for learning began in Head Start. Though I was born to a teen mother, she instilled the importance of learning and supported my school experiences at home. Years later, I remember accompanying my grandmother to the Head Start program in her community where she worked as a cook. I got to help the students, reading and playing with them.

Now, I serve as the program governance coordinator at Community Action Partnership of Kern Head Start. I thoroughly enjoy the interactions I have with parents and exposing them to leadership opportunities. I am proud to be a part of a program that empowers parents with the necessary tools for today, tomorrow and the future of their family. Head Start matters; it is where I started and where I will stay. Head Start is a part of me!

In 2018, only

# 30%

Fast Fact

of eligible children ages three to five had access to Head Start and only nine percent of eligible children younger than age three had access to Early Head Start in California. \*

\*Source: National Head Start Association. 2018 National Head Start Profile. <https://www.nhsa.org/national-head-start-fact-sheets#> Accessed October 1, 2019