Our mission is to coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education.

California

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“Having grown up in a predominantly agricultural town, in a low-income household with a single parent, the odds were stacked against me. Head Start helped me beat those odds by helping me gain confidence as a learner and giving me a teacher that became a lifelong mentor.”

– Darline Garibay, Oxnard

$1,333,333,902
FY21 Funding
(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

95,691
Funded Slots Statewide

63,344
Funded Head Start Slots

24,574
Funded Early Head Start Slots

502
Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start Slots

230
Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Early Head Start Slots

7,041
Funded Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Slots

1,835
Head Start Centers Statewide

Visit nhsa.org/locator to view the map in more detail.
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.

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**Head Start and Early Head Start programs successfully implemented CDC recommended guidance and other ancillary measures for child care programs that remained open, allowing them to continue offering in-person learning.”**

— CDC, *Implementing Mitigation Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission*

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[Infographic Table]

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<td>753,510 Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year</td>
<td>1,179 Pregnant Women Served</td>
<td>22,330 Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings</td>
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<td>3,905 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition</td>
<td>31,521 Children Received Preventative Dental Care</td>
<td>46,711 Children Up-to-Date on Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic &amp; Treatment Screenings</td>
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<td>6,935 Homeless Families Served</td>
<td>62,433 Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes</td>
<td>13,449 Fathers Involved in their Child’s Educational Experiences</td>
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<td>5,081 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms</td>
<td>28,544 Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff</td>
<td>58,424 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training</td>
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The National Head Start Association is committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. Since 1974, NHSA has worked for policy changes that ensure all income-eligible children have access to the Head Start model.

For citations, the national profile, and other state profiles, visit go.nhsa.org/state-profile