

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



• 1,835 Head Start Centers Statewide

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\$1,333,333,902

FY21 Funding (Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

95,691 Funded Slots Statewide

63,344 Funded Head Start Slots

502

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start Slots

7,041

Funded **Migrant and** Seasonal Head Start Slots 24,574 Funded Early Head Start Slots

230

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Early Head Start Slots

Head Start's Model Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

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.

- 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, <u>Implementing Mitigation</u> <u>Strategies in Early Care and</u> <u>Education Settings for Prevention</u> <u>of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission</u>

December 2020



22,330

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

46,711

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

13,449 Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences

58,424 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training



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