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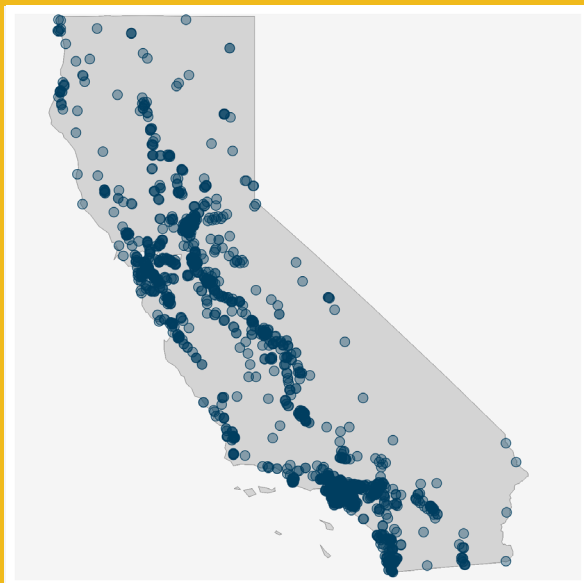
## 2023 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“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*



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• **1,835**  
Head Start and Early Head Start Centers Statewide

**\$1,320,500,737**

**FY22 Funding**

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

**94,577**

**Funded Slots Statewide**

**61,205**

Funded Head Start Slots

**25,628**

Funded Early Head Start Slots

**499**

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start Slots

**204**

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Early Head Start Slots

**7,041**

Funded Migrant and Seasonal 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

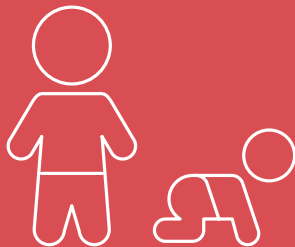
**Health Services:** Immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health support, nutritional services, and early screenings ensure healthy development

**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.

“ The key takeaway is that the benefits of Head Start appear to transfer from one generation to the next in a substantial way... These results imply that cost-benefit analyses of Head Start and similar early childhood interventions underestimate the benefits of such programs by ignoring the transmission of positive effects across generations.”

— *Breaking the Cycle? Intergenerational Effects of an Antipoverty Program in Early Childhood*, Journal of Political Economy, 2022



### Children

753,396

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

1,390

Pregnant Women Served

39,615

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

5,859

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

39,870

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

55,912

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



### Families

7,576

Homeless Families Served

65,549

Families Received Support Services

15,539

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



### Community

4,853

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

27,571

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

59,190

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, NHTSA 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](https://go.nhsa.org/state-profile)