

Head Start Legislative Briefing

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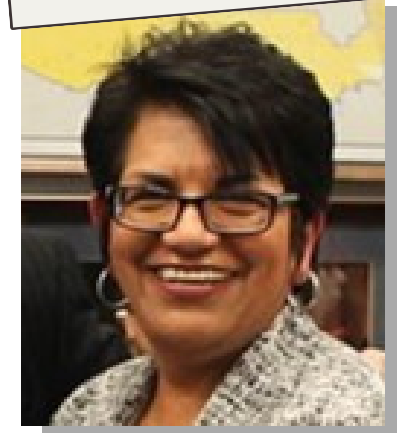
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Head Start IN CALIFORNIA



140 Programs
1,835 Centers
\$1.3B Annual Funding



94,577 Funded Slots
86,323 Enrolled
27,571 Staff Employed

Eligibility Criteria	California State Preschool	Contract or Voucher Programs ^a	Transitional Kindergarten	Head Start
Family Income eligibility cap	Family earns at or below the State Median income	85% of state median income	None	100% of federal poverty level.
Income cap for a family of three (2022-23)	\$96,590	\$82,102	N/A	\$24,860
Work requirement	Yes, for full-day program	Yes.	No.	No.
Age requirement	3-year old and 4-year old.	Under age 13.	Child is age 4 with a birthday between Sept. 2 and Feb. 2.	Under age 5.
Approximate # of 3-year olds and 4-year olds served (2022-23)	211,000 ^c	49,000 ^b	120,000	50,930 ^c

a. includes the CalWORKS child care, Alternative Payment, and General Child Care programs. Programs are offered to children birth through 12 years of age.

b. Data is from 2018-19

c. May count children dually enrolled in State Preschool and Head Start.

Source: Legislative Analyst's Office "Child Care and Preschool: Overview of Programs" Report, February 20, 2019 and February 13, 2023

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Academic Content Standards	Developmentally appropriate activities designed to facilitate transition to Kindergarten.	None for Voucher programs. Contract programs same as State Preschool.	Locally developed, modified kindergarten curriculum.	The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.
Duration	At least 6.5 hours per day, 250 days per year for full-day program. At least three hours per day, 175 days per year for part-day program.	Varies based on parents' work schedules.	Must operate no fewer than 180 days per year. Hours per day determined by district.	Determined by local provider.

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