

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

7.041

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start Slots 230

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Early Head Start Slots

Head Start Centers Statewide

Funded **Migrant and Seasonal Head Start** Slots

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

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

December 2020



753,510

Home Visits
Conducted
Throughout the Year

3,905

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition 1,179

Pregnant Women Served

31,521

Children Received Preventative Dental Care 22,330

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

46,711

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



6,935

Homeless Families Served 62,433

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes 13,449

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



5,081

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms 28,544

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff 58,424

Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training

