

Head Start is a federally-funded, locally-run preschool program that provides comprehensive services for America's most vulnerable children and their families.

2016 Maryland Head Start Profile



Access to Head Start in Maryland

8,861

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

1,559

Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



27% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS.



6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS.



"I enrolled my son in Head Start for the social interaction he was not getting from being home with me during the day. Head Start has motivated me to open my own in-home childcare. Today, my son is excelling in school, I have a successful business, and I provide transportation for students in Head Start who may not have any other transportation to Head Start."

Crystal G., Parent
Waldorf, Maryland

Maryland by the Numbers

\$98,001,496

FY16 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Maryland

- 19** Head Start programs
- 31** Early Head Start programs
- American Indian/Alaska Native programs
- Migrant/Seasonal programs
- 604** Classrooms operated
- 178** Head Start children were in foster care
- 52** Head Start children with veteran/active military parents

Maryland's Head Start Workforce



2,302

HS and EHS jobs in Maryland

The average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree in Maryland makes **\$36,720** per year, compared to the **\$58,820** a kindergarten teacher makes annually.

489

Head Start children experiencing homelessness

In Maryland...



11,912

children had continuously accessible health care



11,170

children had continuous access to dental care



1,386

children were identified with special needs



3,142

parents advanced their education level



1,202

families received job training



209

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start

Head Start's Impact: the Head Start Advantage

Children who participate in Head Start programs receive innumerable benefits. These advantages appear immediately, last a lifetime, and even have an effect on other generations.

38%

Head Start children reduce their vocabulary deficit by 38% during the program year.

31%

Head Start children are 31% less likely to have been held back a grade.

19%

Head Start children are 19% less likely to smoke as adults.

13%

High quality birth-to-five programs, like the combination of EHS and HS, pay off 13% per year.

About NHSA

The National Head Start Association is a nonprofit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

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NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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