

Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.



2019 Iowa Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in Iowa

5,718

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots



32% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

1,546

Funded **Early Head Start** (EHS) Slots



6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled **543 classrooms** in Iowa.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



2.3x

Children in poverty are **2.3 times** more likely to suffer from 3 or more ACEs.

ACEs include abuse, neglect, homelessness, parental substance abuse, or foster care.

Research shows that as the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk of lifelong negative outcomes.

Iowa's Head Start Workforce



2,095

HS and EHS jobs in Iowa

In Iowa, the average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes **\$31,257** per year, compared to an average kindergarten teacher salary of **\$51,140**.

By the Numbers

\$63,732,302
FY18 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Iowa

18 Head Start Programs

18 Early Head Start Programs

Head Start Story

"Head Start helped me as a parent by providing information and demonstrations to help me manage my child's temperament. My Head Start specialist made me feel confident as a parent, listening to my concerns and providing support when I needed it the most. I would recommend Head Start to anyone!"

Jacob Fuentes
Parent
Sioux City

The Head Start Advantage in Iowa

Demographics



158

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start



1,103

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



329

children in foster care were served by Head Start



155

children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



601

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



315

children in the care of grandparents or other relatives were served by Head Start



8,497

children had continuously accessible health care



8,056

children had continuous access to dental care



3,982

families participated in health education



541

parents advanced their education level



413

families received job training



2,461

families received crisis intervention

Services

Head Start in the Community



326

agreements between Head Start and **local school districts**



51

agreements with agencies to provide **disability services** to infants and toddlers



11

collaboration agreements with **child welfare agencies**

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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.