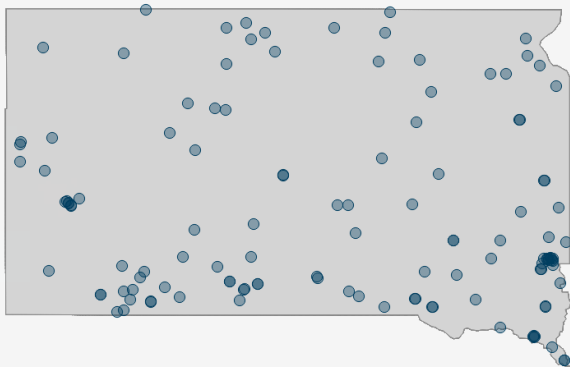


# South Dakota

## 2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“The encouragement, validation, and training I received during my five years of being a Head Start parent was invaluable. As my children have continued on to school, they have continually shown themselves to be more than ready to take on any challenge—academically, socially, and emotionally. Their lives are better because of Head Start’s part in our lives.”

– Rachel Vander Ley, New Holland



● **123**  
Head Start Centers Statewide

Visit [nhsa.org/locator](https://nhsa.org/locator) to view the map in more detail.

**\$28,773,576**

**FY21 Funding**

*(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)*

**4,385**

**Funded Slots Statewide**

**2,175**

Funded Head Start Slots

**576**

Funded Early Head Start Slots

**1,405**

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Head Start Slots

**229**

Funded American Indian / Alaska Native Early 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

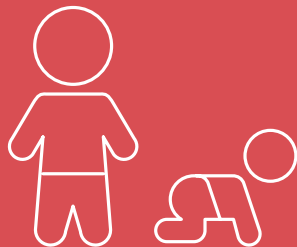
**Family Involvement:** Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

**Wraparound Support:** Tailored services meet local and individual needs and link children and families to community supports.

“**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



### Children

**35,346**

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

**119**

Pregnant Women Served

**1,725**

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

**269**

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

**1,898**

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

**2,583**

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



### Families

**446**

Homeless Families Served

**3,070**

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

**1,104**

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



### Community

**283**

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

**1,274**

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

**2,785**

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, NHSA 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)