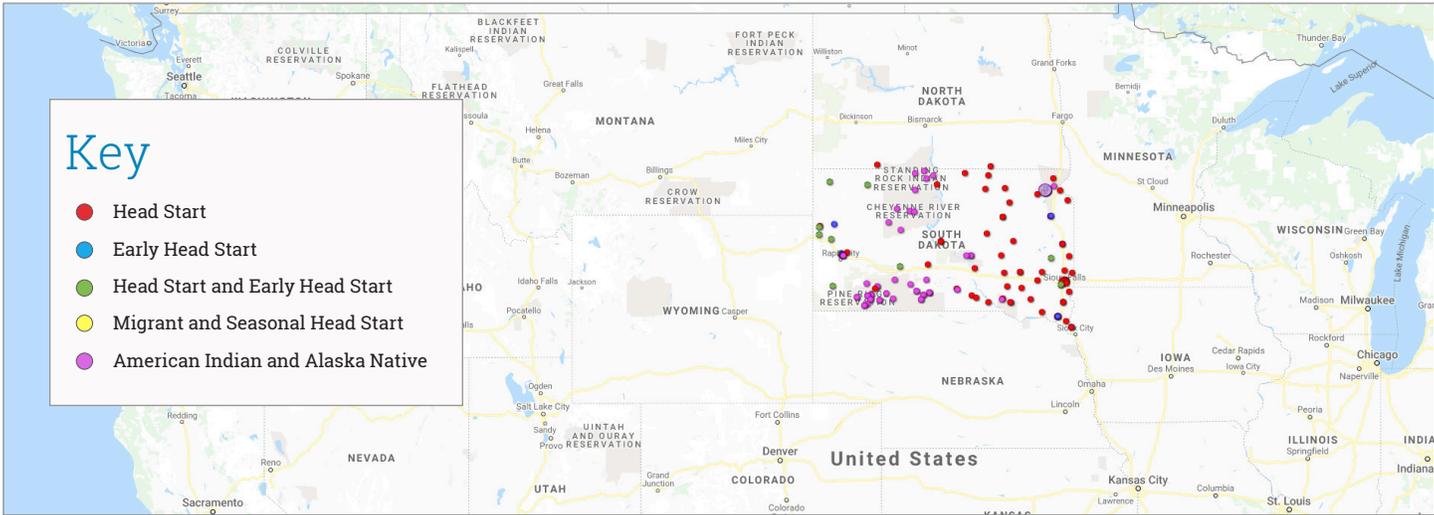


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 South Dakota Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in South Dakota

In their own words...

“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, South Dakota

Funding

\$47,081,204

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

1,381

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in South Dakota

2,187

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

70% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

572

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

15% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

1,806

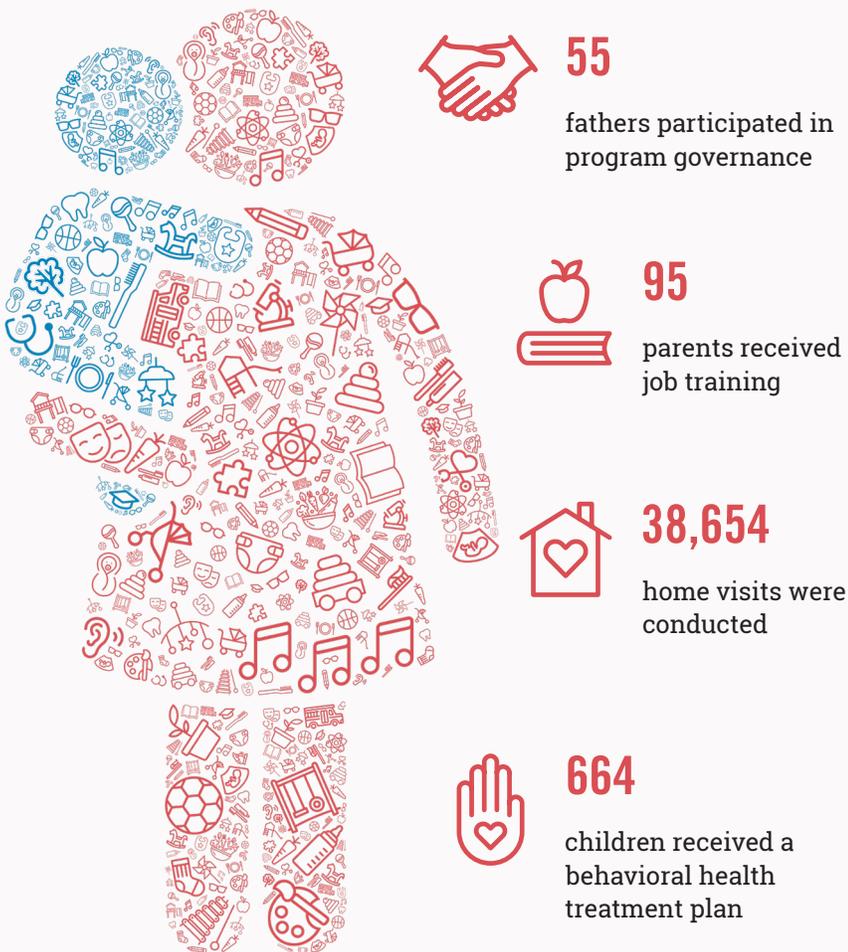
Funded **American Indian / Alaska Native** (AIAN) Slots

Head Start's Model: Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the 55 years since Head Start began, families and society have changed dramatically, but our commitment to partnering with vulnerable children and families remains unwavering. 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. Our comprehensive approach meets the needs of the whole child, addressing health and well-being as well as ABC's and 123's. The proof of our success is in the outcomes—our 37 million alumni have gone on to succeed in all walks of life, breaking the cycle of poverty in communities across the country.



Comprehensive Services in South Dakota



Long-Term Impact

Head Start participants are **12% less likely to live in poverty** as adults and **29% less likely to receive public assistance**.

“Evidence suggests Head Start not only helps kids develop and allows parents to go to work, but **it may also help at-risk kids from ending up in the foster care system.**”

Head Start parents have **steeper increases in their educational attainment** by the time their children are six years old.

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