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**

**Key**
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- American Indian and Alaska Native

**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

For more information, including citations, please visit: go.nhsa.org/Facts.
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