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

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

$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

123
Head Start Centers Statewide

Visit nhsa.org/locator to view the map in more detail.
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.

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**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*

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<td>35,346 Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year</td>
<td>446 Homeless Families Served</td>
<td>283 Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms</td>
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<td>119 Pregnant Women Served</td>
<td>3,070 Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes</td>
<td>1,274 Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff</td>
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<td>1,725 Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings</td>
<td>1,104 Fathers Involved in their Child’s Educational Experiences</td>
<td>2,785 Parents Employed, in School, or in Job Training</td>
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<td>269 Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition</td>
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