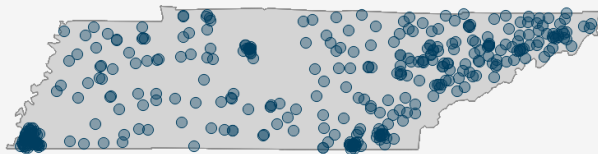


Tennessee

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“My Head Start story starts with a family advocate visiting the fast food restaurant where I worked. I enrolled my 3-year-old twin girls in the program, and with the help of Head Start health screenings, we found out that both my children were in need of speech services and eye surgery. Without the encouragement of the Head Start, I would have never taken such young children to the eye doctor. Head Start also kept encouraging me to work toward my degree and I am proud to say I will graduate this May with an associates degree in early childhood education.”

– Zina, Dayton



● **371**
Head Start Centers Statewide

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

184,484,622

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

16,714

Funded Slots Statewide

14,162

Funded **Head Start** Slots

2,327

Funded **Early Head Start** Slots

225

Funded **Migrant and Seasonal 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

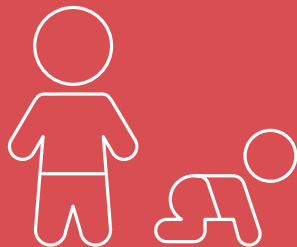
Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

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

46,602

Home Visits Conducted Throughout the Year

207

Pregnant Women Served

7,800

Newly Enrolled Children Completed Behavioral Screenings

841

Children Received Care for a Chronic Health Condition

7,007

Children Received Preventative Dental Care

12,353

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



Families

705

Homeless Families Served

10,601

Families Received Services that Promote Family Outcomes

3,384

Fathers Involved in their Child's Educational Experiences



Community

1,054

Head Start and Early Head Start Classrooms

5,050

Total Head Start and Early Head Start Staff

8,430

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, NHTSA 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://www.nhsa.org/state-profile)