

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.



2019 Maryland Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in Maryland

7,761

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots



20% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

1,826

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



9% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled **570 classrooms** in Maryland.

By the Numbers

\$96,292,139
FY18 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Maryland

19 Head Start Programs

17 Early Head Start Programs

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



2.3x

Children in poverty are **2.3 times** more likely to suffer from 3 or more ACEs.

ACEs include abuse, neglect, homelessness, parental substance abuse, or foster care.

Research shows that as the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk of lifelong negative outcomes.

Maryland's Head Start Workforce



2,161

HS and EHS jobs in Maryland

In Maryland, the average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes **\$36,078** per year, compared to an average kindergarten teacher salary of **\$64,830**.

Head Start Story

"Without Head Start, our children would have struggled to learn English. Mrs. Rosa (our family advocate) helped me get employment. She also spent so much time supporting my family as we studied for the citizenship test, helped us learn English, and assisted us overall for more than five years."

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Parent
Maryland

The Head Start Advantage in Maryland

Demographics



209

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start



1,192

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



162

children in foster care were served by Head Start



91

children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



624

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



395

children in the care of grandparents or other relatives were served by Head Start



10,671

children had continuously accessible health care



10,066

children had continuous access to dental care



4,405

families participated in health education



1,948

parents advanced their education level



886

families received job training



2,733

families received crisis intervention

Services

Head Start in the Community



89

agreements between Head Start and **local school districts**



69

agreements with agencies to provide **disability services** to infants and toddlers



36

collaboration agreements with **child welfare agencies**

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



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

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