

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 Alabama Head Start Profile

Access to Head Start in Alabama

12,567

Funded *Head Start* (HS) Slots



29% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

2,512

Funded *Early Head Start* (EHS) Slots



6% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled **924 classrooms** in Alabama.

By the Numbers

\$137,424,053
FY18 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Alabama

27 Head Start Programs

20 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.

Alabama's Head Start Workforce



4,211
HS and EHS jobs in Alabama

In Alabama, the average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes **\$28,980** per year, compared to an average kindergarten teacher salary of **\$41,800**.

Head Start Story

"I love Head Start and have for a long time. My two grandchildren were so prepared when they started school. The teachers were fantastic, the staff were very helpful and friendly. This year my youngest grandson is in Head Start. I can really see a big change in him. I know he is in good hands."

Vickie May
Parent

The Head Start Advantage in Alabama

Demographics



165

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start



1,460

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



175

children in foster care were served by Head Start



271

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



351

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



943

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



15,768

children had continuously accessible health care



15,273

children had continuous access to dental care



4,573

families participated in health education



2,845

parents advanced their education level



729

families received job training



1,229

families received crisis intervention

Services

Head Start in the Community



540

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



116

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



77

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.