



3435 Liberty Drive
Springfield, IL 62704
217-241-3511
217-241-3508 Fax

www.ilheadstart.org

Head Start Works....add a few of these points to your position

The most recent Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES) demonstrates that Head Start works!

The study found:

1. Head Start Children are "ready to learn." In kindergarten, Head Start graduates made substantial gains in word knowledge, letter recognition, math skills, and writing skills relative to national norms.
2. Head Start children showed significant gains in vocabulary skills against national norms in 2000-2001. Head Start Bulletin; Issue 74; Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families. June 2002: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov>

Recent UCLA Study Finds Positive Long Term Effects of Head Start

1. Researchers found that white participation in Head Start is associated with a significantly increased probability of completing high school and attending college as well as elevated earnings in one's 20s.
2. African-Americans who participated in Head Start are significantly less likely to have been charged or convicted of a crime.
3. The study also found suggestive evidence that African-American males who attended Head Start are more likely than their siblings to have completed high school. Garces, Eliana, Thomas, Duncan, & Currie, Janet (Dec. 2000). Longer Term Effects of Head Start

The Department of Health and Human Service's recently released 7-year national evaluation of the federal Early Head Start program found that

1. Three-year-old children completing the program performed better in cognitive and language development than children not participating in the program.
2. Children completing Early Head Start achieved gains on standardized tests of cognitive and language development, may need fewer special learning interventions later on, and performed better on critical social-emotional tasks, such as relating to their parents, paying attention, and behaving appropriately.
3. Early Head Start parents were more likely to read to their children, be emotionally supportive, help with language development, and show positive parenting behavior.
4. Early Head Start parents also participated more in education and employment-related activities.

RESULTS...Head Start has results, researched based and those based in our hearts!