

HEAD START ILLINOIS



HEAD START GIVES CHILDREN FROM AT RISK BACKGROUNDS THE SKILLS THEY NEED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL AND LIFE

HEAD START SERVES OVER 40 THOUSAND CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

176 programs serve children in every county across Illinois.

- Over 31,000 children served in Head Start.
- Over 11,000 children served in Early Head Start.
- 2,320 classrooms.
- 74% have income below 100% of the federal poverty level.
- 9% receive public assistance such as TANF and SSI.
- 3% are foster care children.
- 6% are homeless.
- 11 % are children with disabilities.



INTENSIVE STANDARDS = BETTER RESULTS FOR KIDS



HEAD START PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS REQUIRE MORE!

1. Establish school readiness goals that are appropriate for the ages and development of enrolled children and that are individualized for each child.
2. Facilitate critical health services like immunizations, and vision, dental and hearing screenings and referrals.
3. Provide mental health support for the child, family and staff.
4. Mandate intentional, ongoing work with families that help families identify and reach goals around employment, training and parenting.
5. Require degrees and credentials for teaching staff and mandate professional development and coaching for lead and assistant teachers.
6. Provide research based curricula and ongoing assessment.

PARENTS

At Head Start/Early Head Start we're committed not just to the children we teach but to their parents too. We engage parents as equal partners.

**71% ARE SINGLE- PARENT FAMILIES
33% OF FAMILIES RECEIVED EMERGENCY
CRISIS INTERVENTION, HOUSING
ASSISTANCE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES**



LOCALLY DESIGNED BASED ON COMMUNITY NEEDS



TAILORING OUR APPROACH

42,269 Community Volunteers served local programs.
Estimated \$246 million spent in local purchase of food, gasoline, rent, utilities, and other goods and services.

TOTAL HEAD START FEDERAL FUNDING IN ILLINOIS = \$381,793,466

Supports children, families and communities on their path to success

2020 ILLINOIS HEAD START PROFILE



HEAD START'S ACCESSIBILITY AND REACH IN ILLINOIS

249,992

Once a week, for ninety minutes, a home visitor visits the child's home and meets with their parent (s) in the home base option.

HOME VISITS WERE CONDUCTED



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START JOBS



10,731 HEAD/EARLY HEAD START JOBS IN ILLINOIS

20% of staff are former parents. Head Start's two-generational approach invests in parents by providing a career pathway within their child's program.

3,332

At Head Start/Early Head Start we provide developmental screenings, ongoing assessments, a research-based curricula and individualize for each child and their family.

CHILDREN RECEIVED A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT PLAN



LONG TERM IMPACT



HEAD START CHILDREN ARE

- 12% less likely to live in poverty as adults.
- 29% less likely to receive public assistance.
- 93% less likely to end up in foster care.
- More likely to be immunized.
- More likely to receive services if they have a disability.
- More likely to receive dental checkups and have healthy eating patterns.

HEAD START IS AN INVESTMENT

that helps all children be successful in school and life

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