Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start

In 2018, of the 40,300 children ages of three and five in poverty, 29% had access to Head Start. Of the 29,910 children under three in poverty, only 6% had access to Early Head Start.

Enrollment Snapshot

Local programs work hard to ensure that children facing particularly difficult circumstances, such as experiencing homeless or a parent deployed, have access to the Head Start Advantage.

- 62% Racially Diverse
- 17% with a Disability
- 19% Non-English Speaking
- 13% Homeless or in Foster Care
- 40% of Children are Transported
- 2.2% had Veteran/Active Military Parents
- 44% are Two-parent Families & 56% are Single-parent Families

Children and Families Served: By the Numbers

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<th>Total HS &amp; EHS Funded Enrollment</th>
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Economic Impact

Total Federal Funding

$157,559,139

The national research is clear that investing in a high-quality intervention program like Head Start results in a return of $7–11 for each dollar invested. This investment into Wisconsin’s children makes possible future savings of $945,354,834!

Source: Region V office OHS

Serving Wisconsin Families

Rural, suburban, inner-city, tribal, classroom and home-based services aim to reach Wisconsin families around the state.

- 39 Grantees offering HS and/or EHS services
- 9 Tribal grantees offering HS and/or EHS services
- 1 Migrant grantee offering HS and/or EHS services
- 276 Number of program locations

The Head Start Advantage

- “When families participate in Head Start (as opposed to no ECE), children are 93% less likely to end up in foster care, a correlation not found by participating in any other types of ECE.”
  Klein et. al., 2017

- “Children show additional gains in social-emotional development as a result of participating in Head Start at both 3 and 4 years old.”
  Aikens et al., 2013

Curriculum, Assessment and Screening Utilization

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<td>78% Creative Curriculum</td>
<td>79% of programs use Teaching Strategies Gold as their primary assessment tool.</td>
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<td>4% High Scope</td>
<td>82% of programs use the ASQ developmental screening tool.</td>
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<td>18% Other: Frog Street, Handwriting Without Tears, Ready to Shine, Etc.</td>
<td>16 different growth assessment tools were utilized by Wisconsin grantees.</td>
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Disabilities Services

Early intervention is key to providing differentiated learning opportunities.

2,068 Preschool Children with IEP’s

189 Infant and Toddler Part C Services

1,977 Diagnosed Primary Disability: Speech/Language 1,221, Dev. Delay 600, Autism 89, Emotional Disturbance 21, Health Impairment 46

Wisconsin Head Start
State-funded Head Start & Early Head Start

Enrollment Snapshot
- 784 Children served through state-funded enrollment (169 EHS, 7 Migrant)
- 8% of Wisconsin 4-year-olds enrolled in Head Start in 2016
- $6,264,098 State-funded Head Start enrollment

Grant Information
39 HS & EHS Grantees in Wisconsin

Grant Information
- 9 Tribal Consortiums
- 5 Community Action Agencies
- 2 Government Agencies
- 5 School Systems
- 17 Public/Private Non-profits

Child Care
- 48 Formal agreements with Child Care Partners
- 1,809 Enrolled children with child care subsidies
- 4 Grantees with EHS Child Care Partnership grants

YoungStar Participation
Head Start programs participating in State QRIS system
- 221 centers rated:
  - 169 ★★★★★ (5 star)
  - 8 ★★★ (4 star)
  - 20 ★★ (3 star)
  - 24 ★ (2 star)
- 41 centers not participating at this time

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## Wisconsin Head Start

### Comprehensive Health & Family Services

#### Children that participate in Head Start programs receive innumerable benefits that are immediate and last a lifetime. The effects are particularly strong amongst certain populations… dual language learners, homeless, foster care, and children with disabilities. We call this the Head Start Advantage!

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<th><strong>Families that received emergency/crisis intervention such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter</strong></th>
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#### Health

- Children who are physically healthy come to school ready to learn and grow
- Number of children with health insurance (732 in state-only funded insurance)
- Families who participated in health education
- Immunizations
- Preventative dental care
- Families that received mental health services

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#### Poverty Support Services

- TANF
- SSI
- WIC
- SNAP
- Housing Assistance

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#### Family and Community Partnerships

- Supporting families through community engagement
- Families that received English as a second language training
- Families that received adult education such as GED programs and/or college selection
- Families that received job training
- Assistance to families with incarcerated individuals
- Families that received child support assistance
- Families that received parenting education
- Families that received asset building services
- Families experiencing homelessness
- Children involved in foster care during the year
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Wisconsin Head Start
Workforce Development

961 Total Classrooms
with 246 Double Sessions Classes

98.62% of Wisconsin Head Start teachers have either a BA, AA or Advanced Degree.

Head Start Workforce
Knowledgeable, reflective and passionate about helping children grow and develop.

- In Wisconsin, the average Head Start teacher with a bachelor’s degree makes $36,429 per year, compared to an average kindergarten teacher salary of $56,420.
- 4,188 Head Start employees in Wisconsin
- 429 Contracted staff
- 17,051 Volunteers
- 12,128 Volunteers who are parents
- 239 Teacher turnover

Child Development Staff Qualifications

- 650 Classroom teachers & 730 Assistant teachers
- Education level: BA degrees or higher 565, Associate degrees 369, CDA credential 366
- 1,042 Current or former HS parents
- 556 Infant and toddler teachers
- 251 Home-based visitors/supervisors
- 9 Family child care providers/specialists
- 352 Teachers who are bi or multi-lingual
- 531 Family and Community Partnership staff
- 179 Managers/coordinators with 85% with Baccalaureate or advanced degrees

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**4K and Head Start**

Head Start Programs are flexible in meeting the local community needs for both 4K and the comprehensive supports needed for families living in poverty. Working with public school districts to provide high quality 4K services under contract with the districts, Head Start programs are challenged to work through multiple regulations in order to enable each child to be on a path to school success.

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**Number of LEA’s**

- **883** with formal agreements with Head Start programs
- **293** Programs with formal agreements for 4K services
- **677** LEA Agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services
- **676** LEA Agreements to Coordinate Transition Services
- **65%** of programs have 4K Collaboration


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**Program Options**

Meeting community needs often means a variety of options for programming.

**CHILDREN EXPERIENCE 4K & HEAD START IN A VARIETY OF WAYS.**

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED BY PROGRAM OPTION:**

- Center-based Option Full Day (5 days per week)
- Center-based Option Full Day (5 days per week, full-working-day)
- Center-based Option Full Day (5 days per week, full-working-day, full-year)
- Center-based Option Part Day (5 days per week)
- Center-based Option Part Day (5 days per week, double session)
- Center-based Option Full Day (4 days per week)
- Center-based Option Part Day (4 days per week)
- Center-based Option Part Day (4 days per week, double session)
- Home-based Option
- Combination Option

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