



School Readiness for the Whole Family



Click above to hear about the experience of Dawn and her family!

Children and Families Served: By the Numbers

16,293 Total HS & EHS Funded Enrollment	12,607 Head Start (Ages 3–5) Funded Enrollment	3,686 Early Head Start (Ages 0–3) Funded Enrollment	
	1,098 Children Served through Tribal Enrollment	1,522 Children Served Through Migrant & Seasonal*	2,169 Families Participated in Goal Setting Activites
617 Children Served Through State-funded Head Start		1,645 Families Received Mental Health Services*	148 Pregnant Wome Enrolled *

Enrollment Snapshot

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

45% Children of Color

20% White-Hispanic/Latino Origin

19% Non-English First Language

8% Homeless4% in Foster Care

30% of Children are Transported

15% with IEP/IFSP **6%** Identified for Future Assessment

45% are Two-parent Families & **55%** are Single-parent Families

Economic Impact

Total Federal Funding

\$155,133,402

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 Indiana's children makes possible future

savings of over \$1 Billion!

Source: NHSA 2021 Wisconsin Head Start Profile & Region V OHS

Serving Wisconsin Families

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



Locations offering migrant/ seasonal grantee services



Source: 2021 Office of Head Start Program Information Report–WI *These numbers represent cumulative data throughout the program year





The Head Start Advantage

Head Start has become my new family support system and helped us establish our roots within the community, and I don't know where I would be without them. They are not just preparing our son with the tools he will need for kindergarten and beyond; they are preparing his father and I too. We are so thankful and overjoyed to be a part of the Head Start family.

Kaitlyn Minea, Head Start Parent - Western Dairyland Eoc Inc. (2021)

Curriculum, Assessment and Screening Utilization

Curriculum **Assessment & Screening 68%** 82% of programs use Teaching of programs use Strategies Gold as their primary **Creative Curriculum** assessment tool. 79% 16% of programs use the ASQ of programs use High Scope, Frog Street and Handwriting developmental screening tool. Without Tears 6 12% different growth assessment tools of programs use Galileo, local were utilized by Wisconsin grantees.

Disability Services

Early intervention is key to providing differentiated learning opportunities.

1,847 Preschool Children with an IEP or IFSP

733 Identified as Needing Follow-Up Disability Assessment

1,338

Preschool Diagnosed Primary Disability: Speech/Language **883**, Dev. Delay **364**, Autism **77**, Emotional Distrubance **14** Source: 2021 Office of Head Start Program Information Report-WI



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options & others

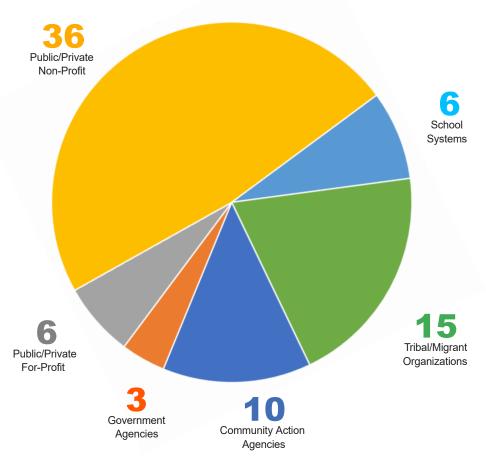






Federal Grant Information

Wisconsin is home to 75 HS & EHS federal grants at 39 programs.



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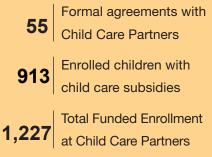
- 17% of Wisconsin 3 and 4 year olds enrolled in public ECE were Head Start students.
- 617 Children served through statefunded enrollment

(145 EHS, 7 Migrant)

• **\$6,191,077.00** State-funded Head Start enrollment

Source: 2021 Office of Head Start Program Information Report-WI, 2020 State of Preschool Yearbook-NIEER Image Copyright © 2017 by National Head Start Association

Child Care



YoungStar Participation

Head Start programs participating in State QRIS system

237 centers rated:

- 175 ***** (5 star)
 - 7 | ★★★★ (4 star)
 - 22 | ★★★ (3 star)
- 30 | ****** (2 star)

30 centers not participating at this time

Source: DCF YoungStar Case Management System March, 2020

Source: 2021 Office of Head Start Program Information Report-WI





4,092

Families that received emergency/crisis intervention such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter.



Families that received housing assistance such as subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.



Children who 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!

Health

Children who are physically healthy come to school ready to learn and grow.

1,97 Number of children with health insurance (1,061 in

state-only funded insurance)



4,364 Children who received



nutrition education

10,207 Up-to-date on immunizations

4,863 Children recieved dental care

1,645 Families that received



mental health services		
Source: 2021 Office of Head Start		
Program Information Report–WI		



HS/EHS Students Receiving Public Support

756	TANF
1,132	SSI
6,449	WIC
6,337	SNAP
704	Received foster services

Family and Community Partnerships

Supporting families through community engagement, resources & referrals

11,940	4,933 Two-parent, 6,136 Single-parent, 285 Grandparents,283 Foster parents (not including relatives), 303 Single fathers
497	Families that received English as a second language training
433	Families that received education on fetal development or the benefits of breastfeeding.
1,083	Families that enrolled in education or job training program
142	Assistance to families with incarcerated individuals
187	Families that received education on postpartum healthcare
4,111	Families that received research-based parenting education
636	Families that received asset building services
972	Families experiencing homelessness
213	Families received education on safe-sleep practices.
3,632	Children recieved transportation services

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Head Start Workforce

Knowledgeable, reflective and passionate about helping children grow and develop.

- 4,435 Head Start employees in Wisconsin
- 487 Contracted staff
- 6,794 Volunteers
- 5,193 Volunteers who are parents
- *Head Start* is a key partner with school districts, also known as local education authorities (LEAs). **76%** of Head Start grantees have public 4K Collaboration of some kind.



Click above to hear from HS staff member: Tracy York



Child Development Staff Qualifications & Workforce Cont.

- 680Classroom teachers & 720 assistant teachers
- Education level: BA degrees or higher **566**, associate degrees **353**, CDA credential **380**
- 1,068 Current or former HS parents
- 648 Infant and toddler teachers
- 193 Certified home visitors
- 406 Child development staff
- 586 Teachers who are bi or multi-lingual
- 327 Family services staff
- **166** Managers/coordinators with **87%** with baccalaureate or advanced degrees
- **542** LEA agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services
- **513** LEA agreements to Coordinate Transition Services





The Wisconsin Head Start Association

Wisconsin Head Start Association is an association of leaders dedicated to assuring the availability of comprehensive, top quality services for children and families in our state. WHSA is a private, not-for-profit membership organization of parents, staff, and directors who make up Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant and Seasonal Head Start/Early Head Start, and Tribal Head Start/Head Start. Together we represent 16,000+ Head Start & Early Head Start students, 4000+ employees, and 6,500+ community volunteers across Wisconsin.

The WHSA Mission is to support and strengthen Head Start and Early Head Start programs for the benefit of children, families, and communities through advocacy, professional development, and strategic alliances.

WHSA is governed by an elected member Board of Directors and supported by a small staff. The Board of Directors is composed of directors, staff, and parent affiliate representatives and the immediate past President of the Board. The 2021-22 WHSA Board of Directors is as follows:

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Jennie Mauer Executive Director JennieM@WHSAonline.org

Jennie Mauer joined Wisconsin Head Start Association as their executive director in 2020, supporting the organization and the Head Start community through the pandemic and the organization following several leadership changes. Jennie holds a masters degree in Public Affairs from the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a bachelor of art's degree in Legal Studies and French. Prior to joining WHSA Jennie was the Head Start Collaboration Director at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, where she served as a key connection between grantees and state initiatives and services that also support Head Start families.



Brian Stults Operations & Events Manager BrianS@WHSAonline.org

Brian Stults began his Head Start journey in 2012 as a parentvolunteer for RWCFS, Inc. HS & EHS. After taking on a variety of leadership roles including Policy Council Chair & Vice-Chair, Brian was elected to sit upon the RWCFS Board of Directors. Later, he would hold a seat on not only his local organization, but the Boards of Directors of the WHSA, Region V Head Start Association, and the National Head Start Association in Washington D.C. Joining the WHSA staff in 2016, Brian originally served the association as an administrative assistant in roles of leadership, event coordination, advocacy, and data analysis. Currently, Brian is WHSA's Operations & Events Manager.



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