



**IDAHO
HEAD START
ASSOCIATION**
2016 ANNUAL REPORT



Head Start in Idaho

In 2016, 13 Idaho Head Start and Early Head Start Programs served over 5,300 children

80 program sites operating 300 classrooms serving 156 Idaho communities in 41 of 44 Idaho counties.

Together they deliver on the Head Start promise that every child, regardless of circumstance at birth, has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Leading the Way

Total Enrollment

5,392

22% of children were enrolled in 2nd Head Start year; 9% of children were enrolled for 3 or more years.

Head Start (Aged 3-5)

3,816 (71%)

Head Start is a comprehensive child and family-focused preschool program designed to help low-income and at-risk 3 and 4 year old children and their families succeed in school and life.

Early Head Start (Aged 0-3)

1,463 (29%)

Pregnant moms: 113

Early Head Start was established to expand the reach of Head Start's continuous, intensive and comprehensive child development and early learning program to low income families with children under age three, and pregnant women.

Home Visits

Weekly
Early Head Start

2x Per Year
Head Start

Home visiting is an integral part of both Early Head Start and Head Start. Most of Idaho's Early Head Start programs are home-based and include weekly home visits and twice monthly group socializations. Head Start includes home visits at least twice yearly.

Comprehensive and Two-Generation Services

Head Start and Early Head Start support parents in their role as primary caregivers and first, most important teachers of their children. Programs build relationships with families that support positive parent child relationships, family well-being and connections to peers and community. We offer family members opportunities for growth, and offer guidance as they seek to meet personal goals and achieve self-sufficiency.

This two-generation approach supports stability and long-term success for the families who are most at risk. Depending on each family's needs, they receive a wide range of individualized services.

Over 77% of families received one or more family support services.



571

Adult Education



311

Workforce Training



2,348

Parenting Classes



499

Housing Assistance



482

Asset Building Services



799

Mental Health Services



1,109

Emergency Crisis Intervention

Thanks to Head Start's comprehensive services, by the end of the school year children have received education, health and nutrition services.



97%

were up-to-date on all immunizations



78%

had continuous access to dental care



93%

had access to a stable medical home

School Readiness

Head Start is the nation's most successful school readiness program. School readiness means children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for the children who enter their doors.

School readiness for children in Head Start is measured by the skills set out in the five domains of the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. They include Language and Literacy, Cognition and General Knowledge, Approaches to Learning, Physical Development and Health, Social and Emotional Development.

Workforce

1,337

Total Head Start and Early Head Start staff

57%

% of teachers with Bachelor's degree

37%

Current and former parents as staff

Volunteers

6,970

Total number of volunteers

63%

of volunteers are parents

\$7,924,800

In-kind from Volunteers

Each Child is Unique and Important

Reaching far beyond the scope of school readiness, Head Start and Early Head Start provide comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and social/emotional support. Parent involvement is encouraged both in the classroom and in decision making through local parent-run policy councils.

The entire range of Head Start services is responsive to each child and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage and experience.

Head Start serves children with disabilities – a minimum of 10% of their openings are reserved for these young children with special needs. Special services are available to ensure that children can fully participate in all aspects of the program. Each Head Start program must work with their local school districts to develop an individualized transition plan and necessary interventions so there is a seamless move into the school system to ensure the child's optimal development.

14% of Head Start children had a disability and an IEP/IFSP.

Head Start Return on Investment

Head Start has significant beneficial short-term effects, strong long-term effects and deserves government investment. **Every dollar invested in a Head Start child brings a savings of at least \$17 per child.**

- Dr. James J. Heckman, Nobel Laureate.

A Head Start Child is much less likely to require remedial work in elementary and secondary school, has a significantly lower school dropout rate, is more likely to enter college, and is much less likely to land in jail than their non-Head Start peers.

By the Numbers

\$39,624,000

Total Funding

13

to 13 Head Start and Early Head Start Grantees...

3

including 3 Tribal Governments...

1

and 1 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start

Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start and Early Head Start



In 2015-2016, there were **23,350** children in poverty under age five in Idaho. Of these, only **4,343** or **18.6%** had access to Head Start and Early Head Start. **11%** of Head Start and Early Head Start children were homeless.

We Are

The Idaho Head Start Association - IHSA - is the state wide Head Start membership organization composed of representatives from Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and Native American Head Start. The association was incorporated as non-profit organization in 1995. We work in collaboration with other advocates for early childhood education and programs for children and families and have a long history of outstanding partnerships across the state and nation.

Our Mission

Idaho Head Start Association Supports Head Start programs through Advocacy, Partnerships, Collaboration, Recognition, and Professional Development to achieve high quality outcomes for Idaho's children, families and communities.

Services We Provide

Advocacy: IHSA provides a strong voice in Boise and Washington, DC as our legislators make decisions that affect low income children and families. Our voice is made stronger by the involvement of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and graduates.

Training: IHSA Provides ongoing training for staff, parents and directors of Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. The focused training helps programs maintain a high level of quality and teaching, program governance, management, and family support services. Parents are also provided training and

leadership development and advocacy.

Collaboration: IHSA meetings and trainings provide an invaluable opportunity for Head Start and Early Head Start staff and directors to work together, share ideas, and make plans for future program improvements. In addition, IHSA works extensively with other organizations and leaders in Early Childhood Education in Idaho to expand the opportunities of Head Start and Early Head Start programs and families, and to ensure that our voices are powerful and united in support of the needs of low income children and families.

13 Head Start and Early Head Start Programs Serving 156 Communities in 41 Counties

BEAR RIVER HEAD START · (435) 755-0081

Serving Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Southern Bannock Counties

COEUR D' ALENE TRIBE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER · (208) 686-8506

Serving the Coeur d' Alene Tribe in Kootenai and Benewah Counties

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO HEAD START · (208) 736-0741

Serving Blaine, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Power and Twin Falls Counties

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF IDAHO - MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START · (208) 454-1652

Serving Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Families in Ada, Bingham, Bonneville, Canyon, Cassia, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Twin Falls and Washington Counties

EASTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START · (208) 522-5391

Serving Bingham, Bonneville, Lemhi, Madison and Teton Counties

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES · (208) 344-9187

Serving Ada and Elmore Counties

LEWIS - CLARK EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM · (208) 743-6573

Serving Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties in Idaho and Asotin County in Washington State

MOUNTAIN STATES EARLY HEAD START · (208) 765-6955

Serving children birth to 3 and pregnant women in Bonner, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

NEZ PERCE TRIBE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM · (208) 843-7330

Serving the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho, Lewis, Nez Perce and Clearwater Counties

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE HEAD START · (208) 666-6755

Serving Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 HEAD START · (208) 233-6606

Serving Bannock County

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES HEAD START · (208) 239-4500

Serving the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Bannock, Bingham and Power Counties

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START · (208) 642-9086

Serving Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington Counties



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