

2016

# THE HEAD START ADVANTAGE

For kids, for families—  
for communities

HEAD START is the national school readiness program of life-changing education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services for poverty-level children and their families. Local grantees and delegates from each state receive federal funding for Head Start and Early Head Start (EHS) programs, the latter serving infants and toddlers from birth through three years as well as expectant mothers. At the same time, the Head Start advantage uplifts entire communities both economically and socially. **Head Start benefits everyone.**

## Arizona Head Start Association

Led by a Director and volunteer Executive Committee, the Arizona Head Start Association (AHSa) serves and empowers the statewide coalition of organizations that provide Head Start and EHS programs. AHSa supports statewide efforts for positive change by driving cooperative and collaborative efficiencies on governmental and community levels. As the unifying force that amplifies the voice of Arizona's Head Start community, AHSa carries out its mission of advocacy, collaboration, and education through a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors and four active committees:

- Early Childhood Development
- Disabilities and Mental Health
- Integrated Health and Safety
- Parent, Family and Community Engagement

In addition to membership dues, funding for AHSa studies, projects and training is provided by the Arizona Head Start State Collaboration Office through a grant from the Administration for Children and Families under the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

## Head Start/EHS Snapshot

- 22,596 Head Start/EHS total enrollment
- 17,226 Head Start preschool children
- 4,284 EHS children (birth to 3 years)
- 156 EHS pregnant women
- 1,429 receive public assistance like TANF, SSI
- 569 children in foster care
- 1,002 homeless children
- 1,027 total classes operated
- 5,288 center-based programs
- 2,181 home-based/combination/family child care

## 2016 Positive Statewide Impact

- Arizona Head Start programs served 22,440 children, 156 pregnant women and 20,848 families
- Federal Head Start grants brought more than \$124 million into Arizona's economy
- Arizona Head Start agencies generated more than \$35 million in local community in-kind contributions
- For each invested dollar, Head Start yields an annual ROI ranging from 7 to 9%
- Arizona Head Start programs employ more than 4,500 individuals



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## Head Start Staff

- 4,563 Head Start staff/contracted staff
- 863 preschool classroom teachers
- 805 preschool assistant teachers
- 431 EHS center-based teachers
- 316 home-based/Family Child Care staff
- 380 Family and Community Partnerships staff
- 18,508 volunteers serve Head Start/EHS
- 15,973 volunteers are current/former Head Start parents

## Head Start Family Services

- 20,848 Head Start/EHS families
- 11,751 two-parent families
- 9,097 single-parent families
- 156 pregnant women served by Early Head Start
- 14,426 families received at least one family service
- 1,058 homeless families served by Head Start/EHS
- 230 homeless families acquired housing during program year

## Year-End Child Health Profile

- 94% children with health insurance
- 91% pregnant women with health insurance
- 98% children with continually accessible health care
- 98% children with all possible immunizations (or exempt)
- 87% children up-to date on preventative/primary healthcare
- 90% children diagnosed with chronic condition received medical treatment
- 91% children with continually accessible dental care
- 87% preschool children needing dental treatment received it
- 97% preschool children with IEP\* received special education/services
- 99% infants/toddlers with IFSP\* received early intervention services

\* Individualized Education Program (IEP), Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)

**“Every dollar invested in quality early childhood education produces a 7-10% per annum return in better education, health, social, and economic outcomes.”**

— James Heckman, Nobel Laureate in Economics

## ARIZONA HEAD START PROGRAMS

For programs in Apache, Coconino, Navajo, & Yavapai Counties contact:

**G Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)**  
121 E. Aspen • Flagstaff, AZ 86001  
(928) 774-9504 • nacog.org

For programs in Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, & Santa Cruz Counties contact:

**G Child Parent Centers, Inc. (CPC)**  
602 E. 22nd St. • Tucson, AZ 85713  
(520) 882-0100 • childparentcenters.org

For programs in Gila & Pinal Counties contact:

**G Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc. (PGCCS)**  
1750 S. Arizona Blvd. • Coolidge, AZ 85128  
(520) 723-5321 • pgccs.org

For programs in La Paz, Mohave, & Yuma Counties contact:

**G Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG)**  
224 S. 3rd Ave., Suite 206  
Yuma, AZ 85364 • (928) 782-1886 • wacog.com

For programs in Maricopa County contact:

**G Catholic Charities Westside Head Start**  
7400 W. Olive, Suite 10  
Peoria, AZ 85345 • (623) 486-9868  
CatholicCharitiesAz.org

**G Child Crisis Arizona**  
402 N. 24th St. • Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 889-6165 • crisisnurseryphx.org

**G City of Phoenix Education Division**  
200 W. Washington, 19th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003 • (602) 262-4040  
phoenix.gov/humanservices/index.html

**G Maricopa County Head Start Zero – Five Program**  
234 N. Central Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85004 • (480) 464-9669  
http://myhds.maricopa.gov/

**G Southwest Human Development (SWHD) Head Start**  
2850 N. 24th St. • Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 266-5976 • swhd.org

**D Alhambra School District Head Start**  
4510 N. 37th Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85019  
(602) 246-5155 • alhambraesd.org

**D Booker T. Washington Child Development Center, Inc. (BTWCDC)**  
1519 E. Adams • Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602) 252-4743 • btwchild.org

**D Deer Valley Head Start**  
20402 North 15th Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85027 • (623) 445-4991  
dvusd.org

**D Fowler Head Start**  
6250 W. Durango • Phoenix, AZ 85043  
(623) 474-7260 • fesd.org

**D Greater Phoenix Urban League (GPU) Head Start**  
1402 S. 7th Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 276-9305 • gphul.org

**D Murphy Head Start**  
2615 W. Buckeye Rd. • Phoenix, AZ 85009  
(602) 353-5414, ext. 0156 • msdaz.org

**D Roosevelt School District Head Start**  
4615 South 22nd St. • Phoenix, AZ 85040  
(602) 232-4919 • rsd.k12.az.us

azheadstart.org

**D Washington Elementary School District**  
8430 N. 39th Ave. • Phoenix, AZ 85051  
(602) 347-2206 • wesdschools.org

**D Wilson Head Start**  
500 N. 30th Pl. • Phoenix, AZ 85008  
(602) 231-0373 • wsdk12.az.us

For Migrant & Seasonal Program Services contact:

**G Chicanos Por La Causa Early Childhood Development (CPLC)**  
1242 E. Washington St., Suite 200  
Phoenix, AZ 85034  
(602) 307-5818 • cplc.org

For Tribal Program Services contact:

**G Cocopah Head Start**  
14515 S. Veterans Drive  
Somerton, AZ 85350 • (928) 627-2811  
cocopah.com

**G Colorado River Indian Tribes (CRIT) Head Start**  
18026 Mohave Rd.  
Parker, AZ 85344 • (928) 662-4311  
crit-nsn.gov/critheadstart

**G Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Head Start**  
P.O. Box 97 • Sacaton, AZ 85147  
(520) 562-3423 • gilariver.org

**G Havasupai Head Start**  
P.O. Box 130 • Supai, AZ 86435  
(928) 448-2821 • havasupai-nsn.gov

**G Hopi Head Start**  
P.O. Box 123 • Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039  
(928)-734-7125 • hopi-nsn.gov

**G Hualapai Head Start**  
P.O. Box 119 • Peach Springs, AZ 86434  
(928) 769-2522 • hualapai-nsn.gov

**G Navajo Nation Head Start**  
P.O. Box 5479 • Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-6902 • navajohdstart.org

**G Pascua Yaqui Head Start**  
7474 S. Camino de Oeste  
Tucson, AZ 85757 • (520) 838-7150  
pascuayaqui-nsn.gov

**G Quechan Head Start**  
P.O. Box 1899 • Yuma, AZ 85366  
(760) 572-0263

**G Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC)**  
10005 E. Osborn Rd.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85256 • (480) 362-2200  
srpmic-ed.org/ecec.asp

**G San Carlos Apache Tribe (SCAT) Head Start Program**  
P.O. Box 278 • San Carlos, AZ 85550  
(928) 475-2740 • scateducationdepartment.com/headstart.html

**G Tohono O'odham Head Start**  
P.O. Box 837 • Sells, AZ 85634  
(520) 383-7800 • tonation-nsn.gov

**G White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Head Start Program**  
P.O. Box 699 • Whiteriver, AZ 85941  
(928) 338-4938 • wmat.nsn.us

**G** indicates Grantee **D** indicates Delegate



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