SINCE 1965, the National Head Start program has been preparing children from at-risk backgrounds for success in school—and life. Together, Head Start and Early Head Start (EHS) programs provide a comprehensive early education program that includes health, nutrition, and family services to children from birth to age five and pregnant women. Children are able to build core abilities, from early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience. Head Start programs engage parents as equal partners with the child’s teacher and work closely with their local community to meet specific needs. Local grantees and delegates from each state receive federal funding through the Office of Head Start under the Administration for Children and Families within the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

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- 393 homeless families acquired housing during program year

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- 100% children with all possible immunizations (or exempt)
- 84% children up-to date on preventative/primary healthcare
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**Disabilities/Special Education Services**
- 402 infants/toddlers with IFSP*
- 1,831 preschool children with IEP*

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

**Head Start Staff**
- 4,243 Head Start/EHS staff
- 270 contracted staff
- 844 preschool classroom teachers
- 793 preschool assistant teachers
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- 302 child development staff
- 1,032 total classrooms (84 double-session)
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Arizona Head Start Programs

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

- Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG)
  121 E. Aspen • Flagstaff, AZ 86001
  (928) 575-9570 • navacog.org

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

- Child Parent Centers, Inc. (CPC)
  602 E. 22nd St. • Tucson, AZ 85719
  (520) 892-0100 • childparentcenters.org

For programs in Gila & Pinal Counties contact:

- Pinal Gila Community Child Services, Inc. (PGCCS)
  1183 E. Cottonwood Lane, Suite 2
  Casa Grande, AZ 85112
  (520) 316-4501 • pgccs.org

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

- Western Arizona Council of Governments (WACOG)
  1235 S. Redondo Center Drive
  Yuma, AZ 85365 • (928) 782-1886
  wacog.com

For programs in Maricopa County contact:

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

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

- City of Phoenix Education Division
  234 N. Central Ave.
  Phoenix, AZ 85004 • (602) 372-3700
  phoenix.gov/humanservices/index.html

- Maricopa County Human Services Early Education Division
  234 N. Central Ave.
  Phoenix, AZ 85004 • (602) 372-3700
  http://myhsd.maricopa.gov/

- Southwest Human Development (SWHD) Head Start
  2850 N. 24th St. • Phoenix, AZ 85008
  (602) 266-9570 • swhd.org

For Tribal Program Services contact:

- Child Parent Centers, Inc. (CPC)
  602 E. 22nd St. • Tucson, AZ 85719
  (520) 892-0100 • childparentcenters.org

- Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Head Start
  P.O. Box A • Sacaton, AZ 85350 • (480) 362-4090 • gilriverschools.org

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

- Tohono O’odham Nation Head Start
  1519 E. Adams • Phoenix, AZ 85034
  (928) 774-9504 • nacog.org

- White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT) Head Start Program
  P.O. Box 699 • Whiteriver, AZ 85942
  (928) 338-7150 • wmat.az.gov

- Yavapai County Participating Agency
  402 N. 24th St. • Phoenix, AZ 85004 • (602) 372-3700
  yavapai.gov

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