HEAD START IN CALIFORNIA



Head Start & Early Head Start

give children from at-risk backgrounds from birth to 5 years old the skills they need to be successful in school and life — supporting more kids, families, and communities on their path to success.

Key Characteristics

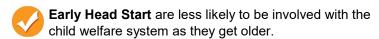
Comprehensive support. Designed as a 2-generational effort focused on health, parent engagement, and early learning.

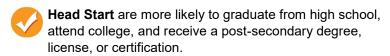
Locally designed. Each program is based on a local community needs assessment.

Federal to local. Grants go directly to agencies from the Office of Head Start.

Strong Outcomes

Children who participated in:





Blue Ribbon Commission Draft Recommendations Include:

- Using **state funds** to expand Head Start programs to full day, full year.
- Permitting Head Start agencies to receive **MIECHV funding** to support home visiting.
- Maximizing state receipt of Head Start funding.

Head Start in CABy the Numbers

100,000+ Children & their families served
2,000 sites
157 grantees
60% of grantees also have state preschool contracts

| # | Grantees by Agency Type | % |
|----|----------------------------|-----|
| 66 | Private Non-Profit | 42% |
| 55 | Local Education Agencies | 35% |
| 16 | Community Action Programs | 10% |
| 13 | Tribal Gov't | 8% |
| 7 | Other Gov't Agencies | 4% |

© Current Challenges

Higher standards for staff preparation have outpaced funding for salaries making it hard to attract and retain staff.

The federal poverty threshold is too low for CA. Small families earning minimum wage are no longer income-eligible, but still need help.

