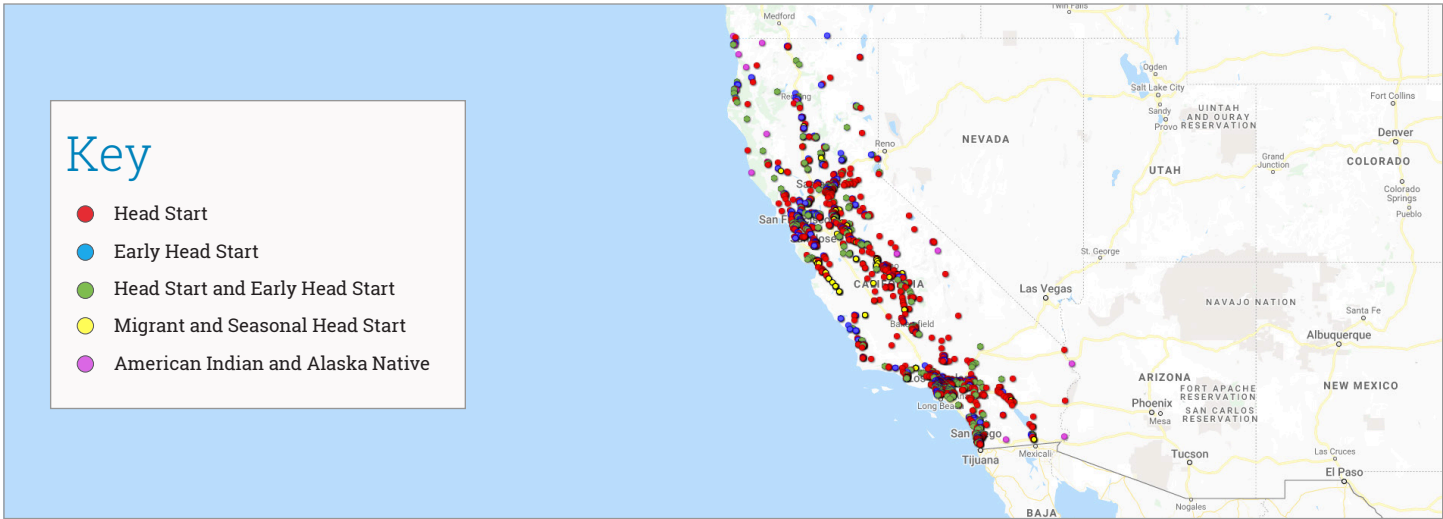


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 California Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in California

In their own words...

“Having grown up in a predominantly agricultural town, in a low-income household with a single parent, the odds were stacked against me. Head Start helped me beat those odds by helping me gain confidence as a learner and giving me a teacher that became a lifelong mentor.”

Karen Reynolds
Sacramento, California

Funding
\$1,185,111,108
FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs
30,361
Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in California

68,997
Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots
34% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

22,112
Funded **Early Head Start** (EHS) Slots
14% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

6,921 Funded **Migrant/Seasonal** (M/S) Slots

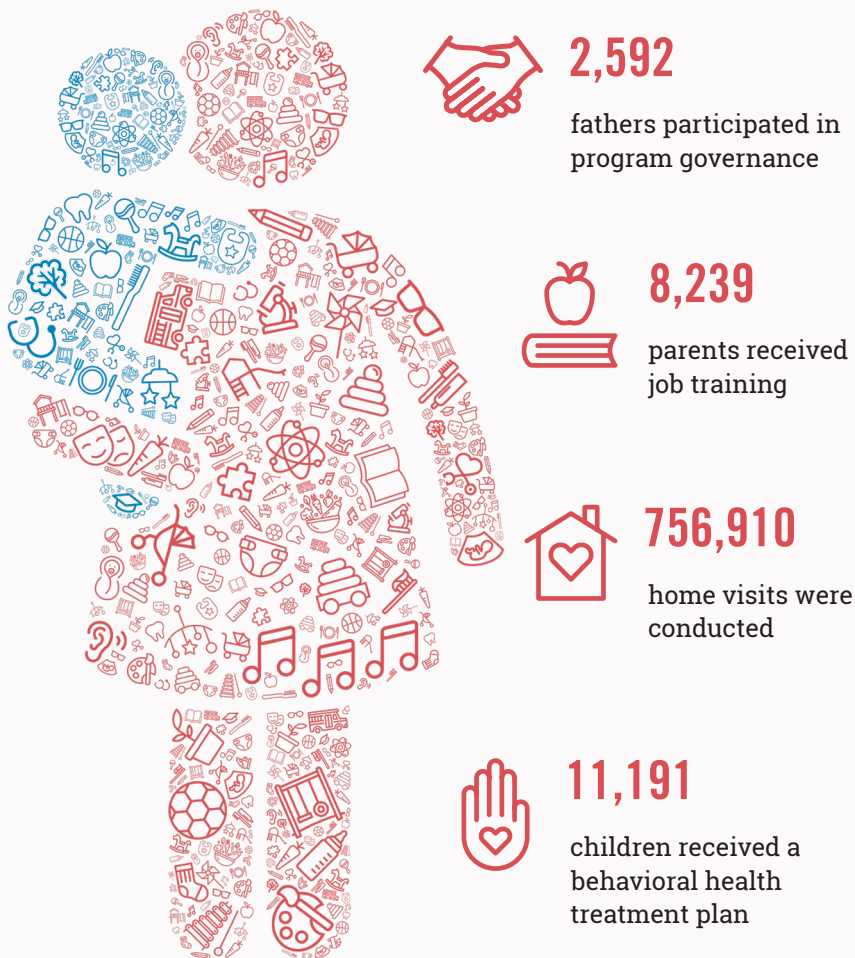
714 Funded **American Indian/Alaska Native** Slots

Head Start's Model: Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the 55 years since Head Start began, families and society have changed dramatically, but our commitment to partnering with vulnerable children and families remains unwavering. From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, Head Start helps children build the skills they need to be successful in school and life. Our comprehensive approach meets the needs of the whole child, addressing health and well-being as well as ABC's and 123's. The proof of our success is in the outcomes—our 37 million alumni have gone on to succeed in all walks of life, breaking the cycle of poverty in communities across the country.



Comprehensive Services in California



Long-Term Impact

Head Start participants are **12% less likely to live in poverty** as adults and **29% less likely to receive public assistance**.

“Evidence suggests Head Start not only helps kids develop and allows parents to go to work, but **it may also help at-risk kids from ending up in the foster care system.**”

Head Start parents have **steeper increases in their educational attainment** by the time their children are six years old.

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