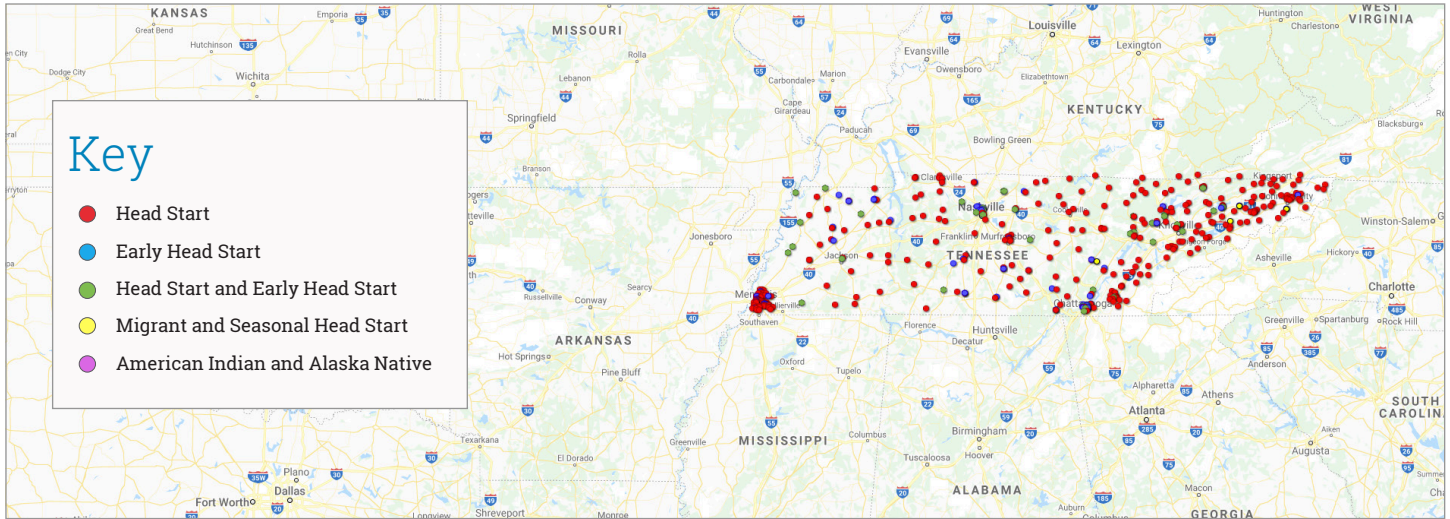


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 Tennessee Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in Tennessee

In their own words...

"My Head Start story starts with a family advocate visiting the restaurant where I worked. I enrolled my twins in the program, and Head Start health screenings showed that both my children were in need of speech services and eye surgery. Without the encouragement of Head Start, I would've never taken such young children to the eye doctor. Head Start also kept encouraging me to work toward my degree and I am proud to say I will graduate this May with an associates degree in early childhood education."

Zina
Dayton, Tennessee

Funding

\$161,868,221

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

4,906

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Tennessee

14,580

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

46% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

2,269

Funded **Early Head Start** (EHS) Slots

8% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

225

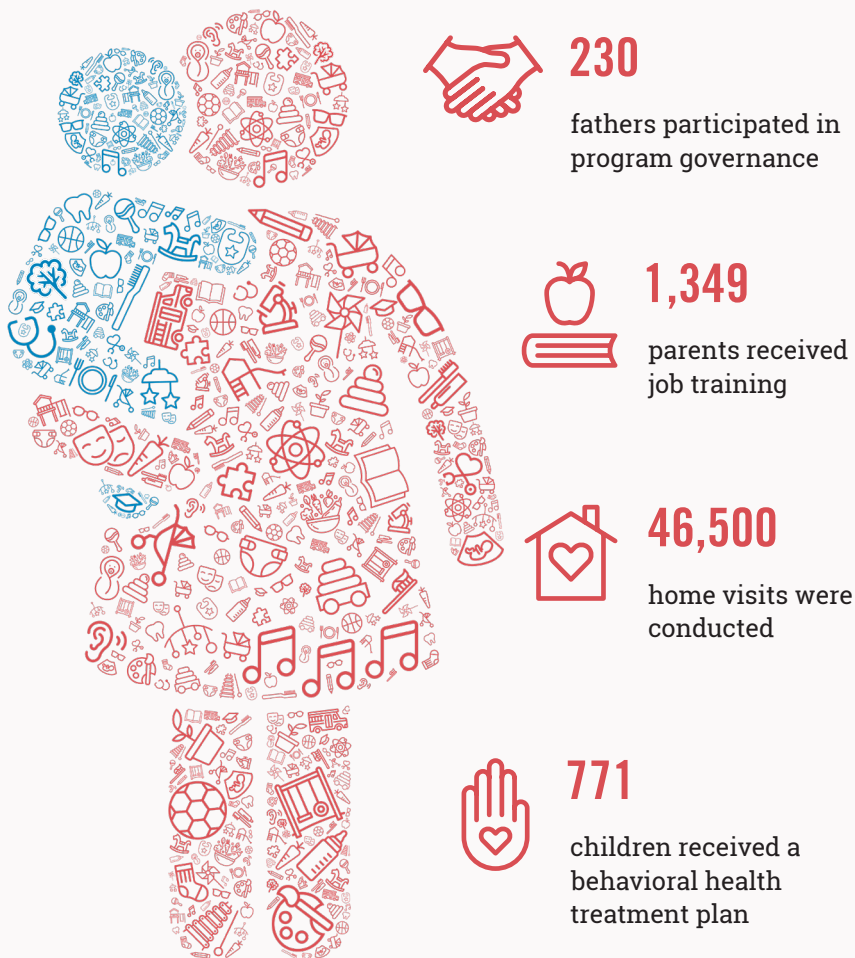
Funded **Migrant / Seasonal** (M/S) Slots

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 Tennessee



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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