

# 2016 Vermont Head Start Fact Sheet

**1,014**

Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

**433**

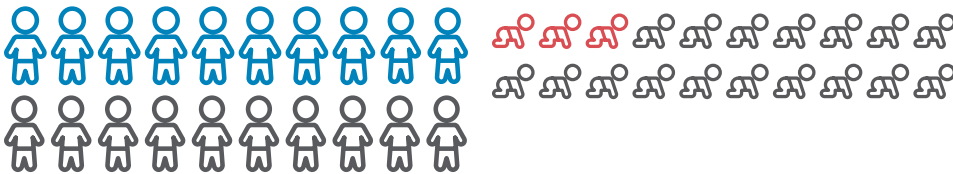
Funded Early Head Start (EHS) slots

**\$17,455,920**

FY16 Estimated Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-CC Partnerships

## Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start

In Vermont, of the **1,961** children between the ages of three and five in poverty, **51.7%** had access to HS. Of the **2,858** children under three in poverty, only **15.2%** had access to EHS.



## Head Start's Workforce Emergency



**550**

Head Start employees in Vermont

The average Head Start teacher with a Bachelor's degree makes \$28,730, compared to the \$54,920 a kindergarten teacher with a Bachelor's degree makes. In 2016, 14 Head Start teachers left their classrooms in search of a higher salary.

## By the Numbers

- 7** | Head Start grantees and subgrantees
- 6** | Early Head Start grantees and subgrantees
- 0** | American Indian/Alaska Native grantees and subgrantees
- 0** | Migrant/Seasonal grantees and subgrantees

## Enrollment Snapshot: Vermont

Local programs work hard to ensure that children facing particularly difficult circumstances, such as experiencing homeless or having a parent who may deploy, have access to the Head Start advantage.



- 3.5%** of Head Start children were in foster care
- 22.1%** of Head Start children had a disability
- 1.5%** of Head Start children had veteran/active military parents
- 7.7%** of Head Start children were experiencing homelessness

"I turned to Head Start after leaving an abusive relationship, a single mother of two... it has allowed my daughters to develop in a safe, positive environment, and I take comfort knowing that they will be well prepared for kindergarten."

**Kellie Savage**, Head Start Parent

## Across Head Start programs nationally...

■ families ■ children



**151,061**

parents advanced their education level



**44,839**

families had English as Second Language training



**71,554**

families participated in job training



**95%**

of children had continuously accessible health care



**55,971**

children received mental health screenings



**633,550**

children completed behavioral screenings



**108,438**

children had an individualized education plan (IEP/IFSP)



**89%**

of children had continuous access to dental care



**916,816**

children were up-to-date with health screening and treatment

## Head Start's Impact: the Head Start Advantage

Children that participate in Head Start programs receive innumerable benefits. These advantages appear immediately, last a lifetime, and even have an effect on other generations.

**38%**

Head Start children reduce their vocabulary deficit by 38% during the program year.

**6 percentage points**

Head Start children are 6 percentage points more likely to graduate high school than their non-Head Start siblings.

**19%**

Head Start children are 19% less likely to smoke as adults.

**31%**

Head Start alumni are 31% less likely to have been held back a grade.

## About NHSA

The National Head Start Association is a nonprofit organization committed to the belief that every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to succeed in life. NHSA is the voice for more than 1 million children, 200,000 staff and 1,600 Head Start grantees in the United States.

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