

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.



# 2019 Vermont Head Start Profile

## Access to Head Start in Vermont

**965**

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots



**41%** of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

**482**

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



**18%** of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled **115 classrooms** in Vermont.

### By the Numbers

**\$20,027,001**

FY19 Enacted Funding for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships in Vermont

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**7** Head Start Programs

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**7** Early Head Start Programs

## Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)



**2.3x**

Children in poverty are **2.3 times** more likely to suffer from 3 or more ACEs.

ACEs include abuse, neglect, homelessness, parental substance abuse, or foster care.

Research shows that as the number of ACEs increases, so does the risk of lifelong negative outcomes.

## Vermont's Head Start Workforce



**569**

HS and EHS jobs in Vermont

In Vermont, the average Head Start teacher with a bachelor's degree makes **\$37,595** per year, compared to an average kindergarten teacher salary of **\$58,290**.

### Head Start Story

"Without Head Start, my daughter would not have been able to have a pre-K education because the public schools do not offer parents full-day assistance. If it weren't for Head Start, I wouldn't have been able to take advantage of the English classes that are offered at the school while my daughter is in class."

**Elba Vigil**  
Parent

# The Head Start Advantage in Vermont

Demographics



58

pregnant women were served by Early Head Start



384

children with disabilities were served by Head Start



103

children in foster care were served by Head Start



26

children with veteran / active military parents were served by Head Start



304

children experiencing homelessness were served by Head Start



102

children in the care of grandparents or other relatives were served by Head Start



1,787

children had continuously accessible health care



1,421

children had continuous access to dental care



849

families participated in health education



201

parents advanced their education level



123

families received job training



465

families received crisis intervention

Services

## Head Start in the Community



299

agreements between Head Start and **local school districts**



30

agreements with agencies to provide **disability services** to infants and toddlers



12

collaboration agreements with **child welfare agencies**

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