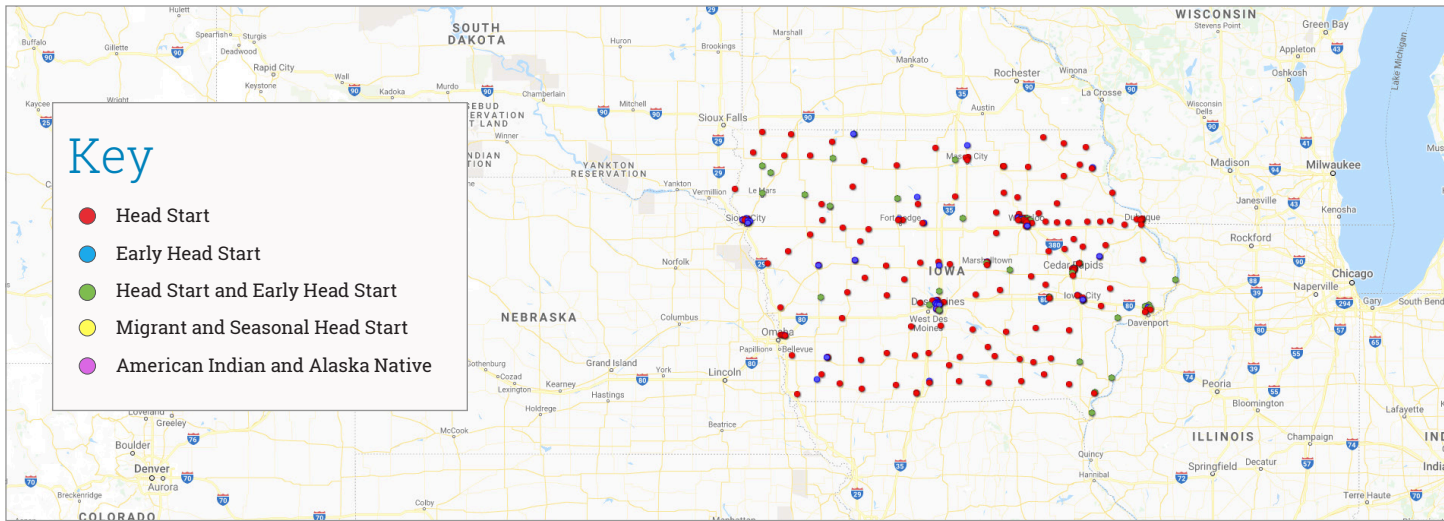


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 Iowa Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in Iowa

In their own words...

"I give a tremendous amount of credit to Head Start for helping me to achieve my career goals. I've met people in the community who saw my potential and recognized that I was striving for more, for both for myself and my daughter. Without Head Start, I don't believe I'd be nearly as successful as I have been in achieving my career dreams."

Lisa Reid
Creston, Iowa

Funding

\$67,693,469

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

2,569

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Iowa

Access to Head Start

5,656

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

36% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

1,518

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

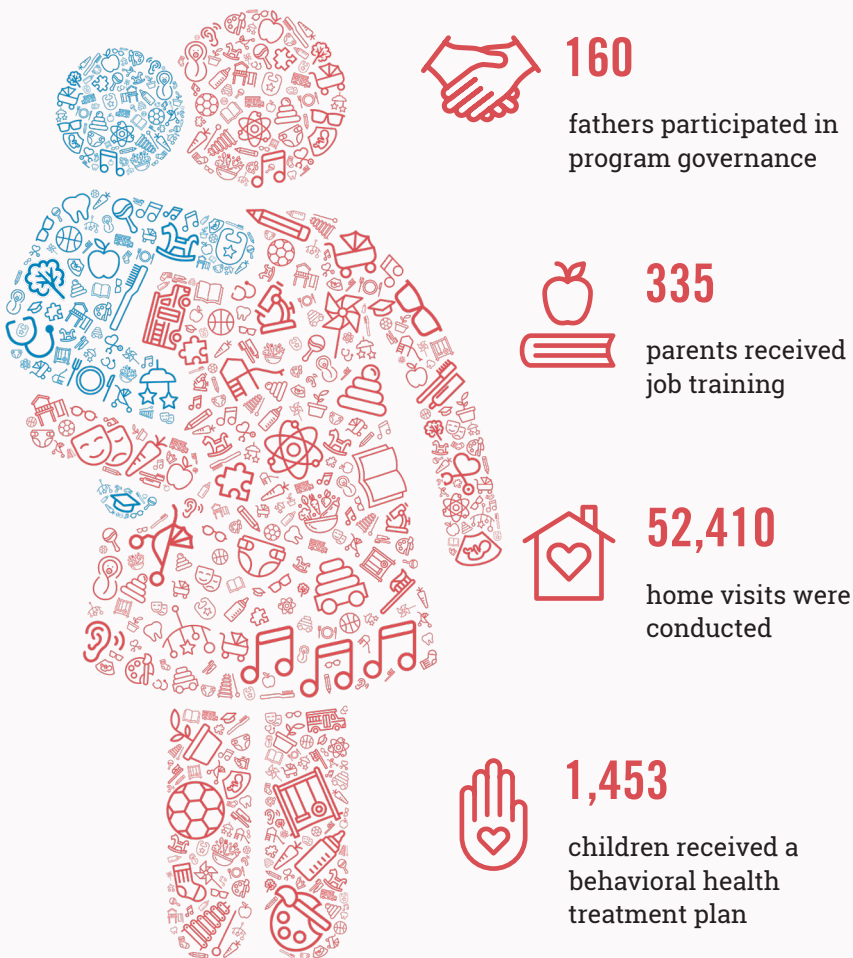
8% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

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 Iowa



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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