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HEAD START | 1965-2015

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YEARS of
OPPORTUNITY

IDAHO HEAD START ASSOCIATION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

HEAD START IN IDAHO

IN 2015, 13 HEAD START PROGRAMS IN IDAHO SERVED OVER 5,000 CHILDREN IN HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START SERVING 40 OF IDAHO'S 44 COUNTIES.

THESE PROVIDERS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF EDUCATION IN IDAHO. THEY BRING THEIR LONG RECORD OF SUCCESS IN WORKING WITH THE MOST AT RISK YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND ENGAGE IN PARTNERSHIPS WITH THOSE IN EDUCATION AND FAMILY SERVICES.



The premise of Head Start is simple: every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, has the ability to reach their full potential.

TOGETHER THEY DELIVER ON THE PROMISE THAT **ALL OUR YOUNG CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUCCEED.**

LEADING THE WAY



Head Start and Early Head Start programs support the mental, social and emotional development of children from birth to age 5. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social and other services. Head Start services are responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage.

Head Start encourages the role of parents as their child's first and most important teachers. Programs build relationships with families that support positive parent child relationships, family well-being and connections to peers and community. Head Start began as a program for preschoolers. Three and four year olds made up over 75 percent of the children served by Head Start last year.

Early Head Start serves pregnant women, infants and toddlers. Early Head Start programs are available to the family until the child turns 3 years old and is ready to transition into Head Start or another Pre-K program. Early Head Start helps families care for their infants and toddlers through early, continuous, intensive and comprehensive services.

Both Head Start and Early Head Start programs offer a variety of service models, depending on the needs of the local community. Idaho Head Start programs may be based in centers, or schools. Head Start preschool services may be half day or full day. Another option in Head Start is home-based, where a staff person visits children once a week in their own home, works with the parent as the child's primary teacher and is offered at least twice monthly group socialization. Early Head Start services in Idaho are also provided in a home visiting model, with the same once a week home visiting and at least twice monthly group socialization.

Research has shown that for every dollar invested in a Head Start child brings a savings of at least \$17 per child in later years. A Head Start child is much less likely to require remedial work in elementary and secondary school; a Head Start child has a significantly lower school dropout rate than their non-Head Start peers; a Head Start child is more likely to be qualified to enter college; and a Head Start child is much less likely to land in jail.

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SCHOOL READINESS

The Office of Head Start defines school readiness as children being ready for school, families ready to support their children's learning, and schools ready for the children who enter their doors. School readiness for children in Head Start is measured by the skills set out in the five domains of the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework. They include: Language and Literacy; Cognition and General Knowledge; Approaches to Learning; Physical Development and Health; Social and Emotional Development.

Head Start works to meet the overall goal of ensuring the school readiness and social competence of young children in low-income families. School readiness includes the challenges of getting preschoolers ready to take on the rigors of a K through 12th grade education system. Head Start programs in Idaho work to ensure that children leaving Head Start meet the state's kindergarten readiness goals.

The focus on social competence means fostering the child's every day effectiveness in dealing with his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life. Social competence takes into account the interrelatedness of social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of the child.

We work to see that families are engaged in their children's learning and development and ready to support the lifelong success of their child. Head Start recognizes that parents are their children's primary teachers and advocates and we offer family members opportunities and support for growth and change, believing that people can identify their own strengths, needs and interests and are capable of finding solutions.



Each Child is Unique and Important

For 50 years, Head Start has a long tradition of delivering comprehensive and high-quality services designed to foster healthy development in children from low-income and at-risk families. Head Start grantee agencies provide a range of individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development, medical, dental and mental health, and nutrition and parent involvement. It is critical that the entire range of Head Start services is responsive to each child and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage and experience. Head Start values the family and its origins. Head Start serves children with disabilities, a service critical to young children who have special needs. Requirements of this element of Head Start services is that each Head Start program must work with the local school districts (LEAs) to ensure appropriate Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and to further ensure that services required are provided to those children and the necessary interventions are taken to ensure that child's optimal development

2015 DATA ON HEAD START IN IDAHO

There are 13 Head Start programs in Idaho. In 2015, these programs provided services to more than 5,000 children in Head Start and Early Head Start, and 119 pregnant moms involved in Early Head Start. Of these, the Community Council of Idaho's Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program provided services to over 800 children of mobile migrant and seasonal farmworkers during the agricultural season. Tribal Head Start programs provided services to 395 native children.

Head Start operated 73 program sites and 293 classrooms serving 108 communities reaching into 40 of Idaho's 44 counties. Within those classrooms, Head Start and Early Head Start employed 1,337 staff members; 475 (36%) were current or former parents. \$7,667,565 of in-kind services was delivered from 6,970 volunteers; 4,387 (63%) were parent volunteers. The total funding for Head Start grantees in Idaho in fiscal year 2015 was \$38,214,791.



Head Start Program Year Numbers

Total Enrollment	5,020
Head Start Children (3-5 yrs.).....	4,104
Early Head Start (0-3 yrs.).....	916
Pregnant Women in EHS.....	119
Children with Disabilities.....	566

Head Start programs reserve at least 10% of enrollment for disabled children

Family Income

Children at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.....	4,468 (89%)
Children from 100% of poverty to 130% of poverty.....	301 (6%)
Children above 130% of poverty.....	251 (5%)

Federal Poverty Level for a family of 4 = \$23,850

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Head Start Program Make-Up

Number of Grantee Agencies.....	13
Grantees providing both Head Start and Early Head Start.....	7
Grantees with Head Start only.....	4
Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Grantee.....	1

Grantee Type

Community Action Agencies.....	2 (15%)
Single Purpose Not-for-Profit.....	3 (23%)
Multi-Purpose Not-for-Profit.....	2 (15%)
School Districts/LEA.....	1 (8%)
Tribal Governments.....	3 (23%)
Higher Education (College).....	2 (15%)



Services by Age

Less than 1 year of age.....	382
1 year old.....	381
2 years old.....	457
3 years old.....	1,143
4 years old.....	2,592
Pregnant Women.....	119

Head Start Families

Two-Parent Families.....	2,651
One-Parent Families.....	1,790
Families Receiving Family Support Services.....	3,512

Homelessness Services

Homeless Children Served.....	531
Homeless Families Acquired Housing.....	209

OUR ASSOCIATION

We are...

The Idaho Head Start Association – IHSA – is the statewide Head Start membership organization composed of representatives from Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant Head Start, and Native American Head Start. The association was incorporated as non-profit organization in 1995. We work in collaboration with other advocates for early childhood education and programs for children and families and have a long history of outstanding partnerships across the state and nation.

Our Mission...

Idaho Head Start Association supports Head Start programs through Advocacy, Partnerships, Collaboration, Recognition, and Professional Development to achieve high quality outcomes for Idaho's children, families and communities.

Services we provide...

Advocacy: IHSA provides a strong voice in Boise and in Washington, DC as our legislators make decisions that affect low-income children and families. Our voice is made stronger by the involvement of Head Start and Early Head Start parents and graduates.

Training: IHSA provides ongoing training for staff, parents and directors of Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The focused training helps programs maintain a high level of quality in teaching, program governance, management, and family support services. Parents are also provided training in leadership development and advocacy.

Collaboration: IHSA meetings and trainings provide an invaluable opportunity for Head Start and Early Head Start staff and directors to work together, share ideas, and make plans for future program improvements. In addition, IHSA works extensively with other organizations and leaders in Early Childhood Education in Idaho to expand the opportunities of Head Start and Early Head Start programs and families, and to ensure that our voices are powerful and united in support of the needs of low-income children and families.



13 Head Start and Early Head Start Programs Serving 108 Communities in 40 Idaho Counties

BEAR RIVER HEAD START

Serving Bear Lake, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida and South Bannock Counties in Idaho and Rich, Cache and Box Elder Counties in Utah

COEUR D' ALENE TRIBE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

Serving the Coeur d' Alene Tribe in Kootenai and Benewah Counties

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO HEAD START

Serving Blaine, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Power and Twin Falls Counties

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF IDAHO – MIGRANT AND SEASONAL HEAD START

Serving Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Families in Ada, Adams, Bingham, Bonneville, Canyon, Cassia, Clark, Elmore, Fremont, Gem, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln, Madison, Minidoka, Owyhee, Payette, Power, Twin Falls and Washington Counties

EASTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START

Serving Bingham, Bonneville, Lemhi, Madison and Teton Counties

FRIENDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Serving Ada and Elmore Counties

LEWIS – CLARK EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Serving Clearwater, Idaho, Latah, Lewis, and Nez Perce Counties in Idaho and Asotin County in Washington State

MOUNTAIN STATES EARLY HEAD START

Serving children birth to 3 and pregnant women in Bonner, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

NEZ PERCE TRIBE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Serving the Nez Perce Tribe in Idaho, Lewis and Nez Perce Counties

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE HEAD START

Serving Benewah, Bonner, Boundary, Kootenai and Shoshone Counties

POCATELLO/CHUBBUCK SCHOOL DISTRICT #25 HEAD START

Serving Bannock County

SHOSHONE-BANNOCK TRIBES HEAD START

Serving the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes in Bannock, Bingham and Power Counties

WESTERN IDAHO COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP HEAD START

Serving Adams, Canyon, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley, and Washington Counties



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