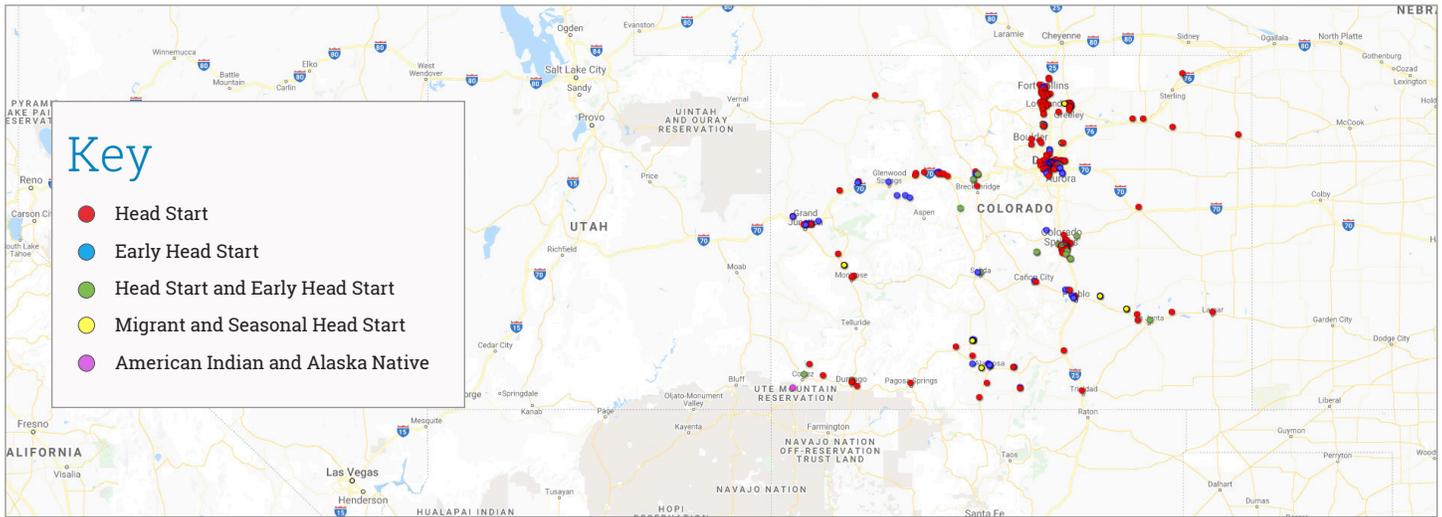


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 Colorado Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in Colorado

In their own words...

"Because of Head Start, I could finally get a job and not have to worry about who I could trust to watch my son. Our family advocate has been an amazing asset to my family. When my son joined Early Head Start, he had just learned to walk and could only speak a few basic words. Now he knows some sign language, he can speak over 150 words clearly, and he has friends!"

Katherine Tighe
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Funding

\$106,380,049

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

4,125

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Colorado

7,665

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

62% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

1,740

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

10% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

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

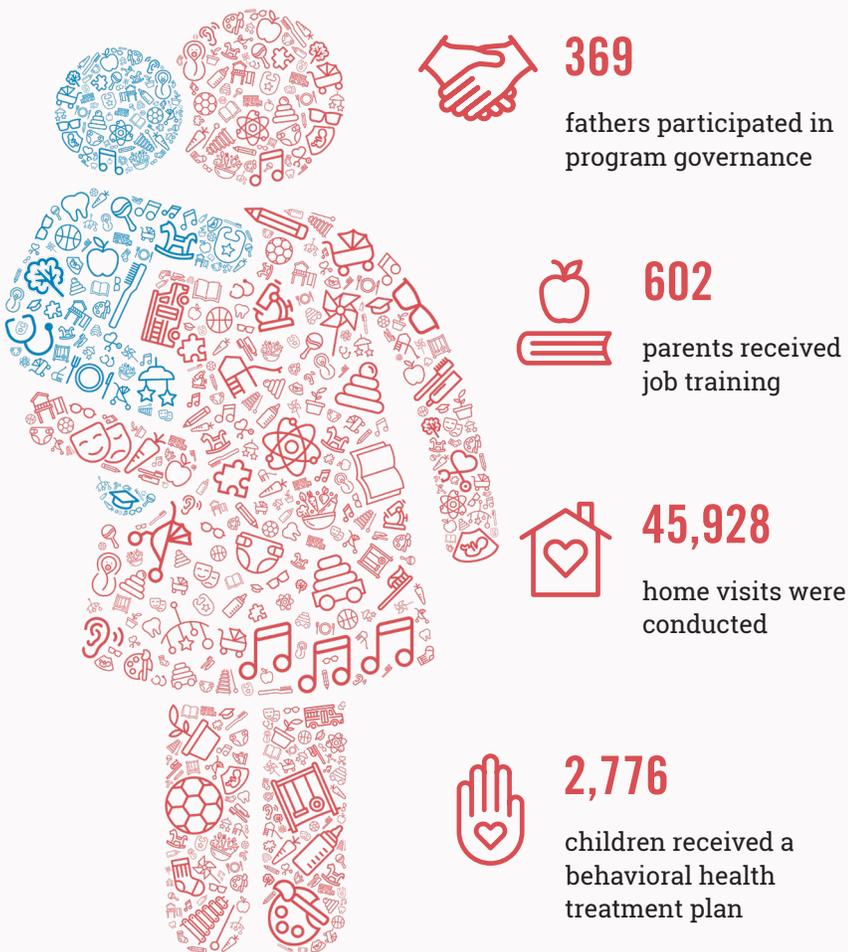
56 Funded **American Indian/Alaska Native** Slots

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.



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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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