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 Virginia Head Start Profile

Key
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Head Start and Early Head Start
- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start
- American Indian and Alaska Native

Head Start’s Accessibility and Reach in Virginia

In their own words...

“Head Start has impacted my child by seeing her as a child and not her disability. They taught her the skills and confidence to be successful in elementary school. Head Start also gave me the opportunity to gain leadership skills and eventually employment. Working full time and having a special needs child is stressful, but Head Start supported me and my family so we could succeed in our journey.”

Nichole Cooper
Orange, Virginia

Funding
$137,254,439
FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

11,466
Funded Head Start (HS) Slots
31% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

2,752
Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots
10% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

Head Start Jobs
4,295
Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Virginia

73
Funded Migrant / Seasonal (M/S) Slots

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