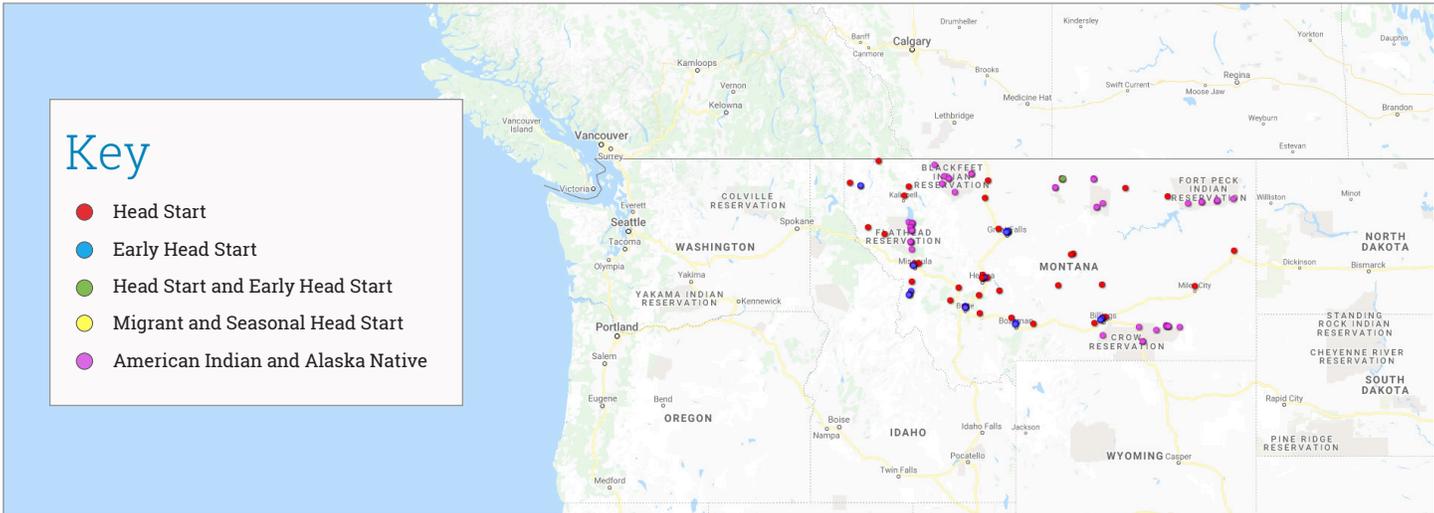


Head Start is a community-based, comprehensive early education program that gives young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills they need to be successful in school and life.

2020 Montana Head Start Profile



Head Start's Accessibility and Reach in Montana

In their own words...

"I was a single mother with a full time job, pursuing my education to provide a better life for myself and my son. I don't know what I would have done without the support of Head Start. My son had a speech delay and the staff were absolutely amazing – helping his academic progress and interacting with him. The amount of support and positive reinforcement that was given to myself and my son was tremendous!"

Megan Houssell
Great Falls, Montana

Funding

\$49,611,822

FY18 Funding (excluding Migrant & Seasonal)

Head Start Jobs

1,690

Head Start and Early Head Start Jobs in Montana

2,445

Funded **Head Start** (HS) Slots

100% of eligible children ages 3 - 5 had access to HS

616

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

28% of eligible children under 3 had access to EHS

1,888

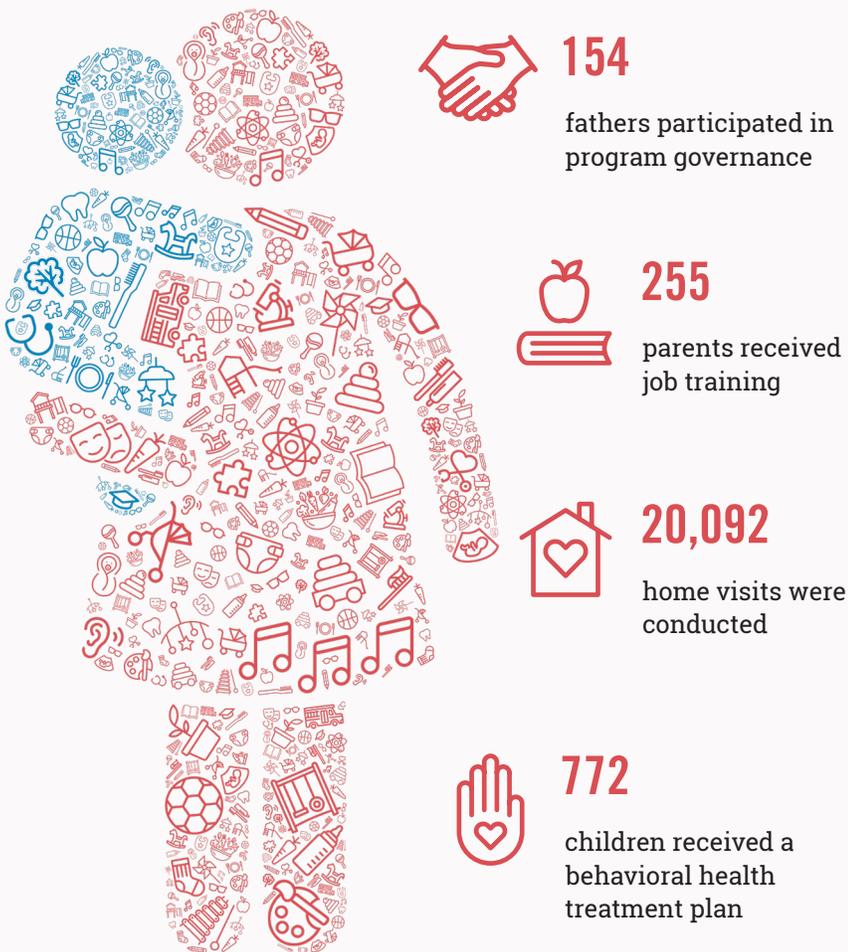
Funded **American Indian / Alaska Native** (AIAN) Slots

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.



Comprehensive Services in Montana



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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