The mission of the Georgia Head Start Association is to provide education, leadership and advocacy that supports Head Start programs' efforts in delivering high quality comprehensive services to Georgia's children, families and communities.

Georgia Head Start Association Annual Report

Georgia Head Start Services Statistics

Georgia Head Start Served 24,038 children during the 2016-2017 Early Head Start funded to see 4,868 children 27,409 children had health insurance at the end of the year 24,557 children's health services were up-to-date at the end of the year 25,496 children received continuous, accessible dental care 26,652 children received continuous accessible medical care 2,136 children received mental health assessments 2,288 children with disabilities were served 749 homeless children were served 236 acquired housing 13,201 three year olds 10,587 four year olds were served 73% Head Start teachers met the Head Start credential requirements 94% assistant teachers met the Head Start credential requirements 90% infant/toddler teachers met the Head Start Credential requirements 6,233 children are currently enrolled in blended Head Start Georgia Pre-K classes 472 foster children were served

Georgia Head Start Association Accomplishments

- The Georgia Head Start Association has a New Updated Website
- Georgia Head Start Association is making great strides in the area of Foster Care with our partnership and Ameri- Group. We are working to ensure we are capturing and serving those children and families that need our services.
- The Georgia Head Start Association hosted the Annual Capital Day on Jan 16, 2018. The event was headed up by the issues and advocacy committee and supported by the Georgia Head Start Association Board of Directors. The event was attended by local elected officials from across the state of Georgia. Lunch was provided and information about Head Start distributed.
- Georgia won two awards during the Region IV Conference. The Georgia Head Start Association achieved 104% of our Child Advocacy Fund Campaign Goal. Georgia also received an award for having 84% of Georgia Grantees with active RIVHSA Membership.
- Georgia hosted our Annual Fall Leadership Conference! The Fall Leadership Conference was held at the Atlanta Evergreen Marriott Conference Resort. We had 120 participants registered, 28 wonderful workshops. The Fall Conference net Income was $32,618.30
• The Georgia Head Start Association Completed our Yearly Audit conducted by Alexander, Almand & Bangs LLP. We are pleased to announce we had no findings.
• Georgia is working on a partnership with the Technical College System of GA (TCSG), to support local partnerships with the TCSG Certified Literate Community Program (CLCP) to promote adult literacy, adult education, and secondary education access for our Head Start/EHS families.
• The Georgia Head Start Association is participating in the CACDS (Cross Agency Child Data System) with GA Department of Early Care and Learning. DECAL is responsible for coordinating the state’s early care and education data and supervising the data sharing process with GA Awards, the state’s P20W longitudinal data system. DECAL has launched the system to the public, so as we discussed the data governance and research policy questions with multiple other state agencies. We are very fortunate to have 100% participation in the state data system from Head Start and EHS grantees in GA.
• The Georgia Head Start Association awarded two deserving students the Margo Summers Scholarship in the amount of $1,500.00 each.

*Georgia Head Start Association’s vision is to be a positive voice, a powerful advocate and promoter of quality programs for Georgia's children, families and communities as they prepare for life-long success.*