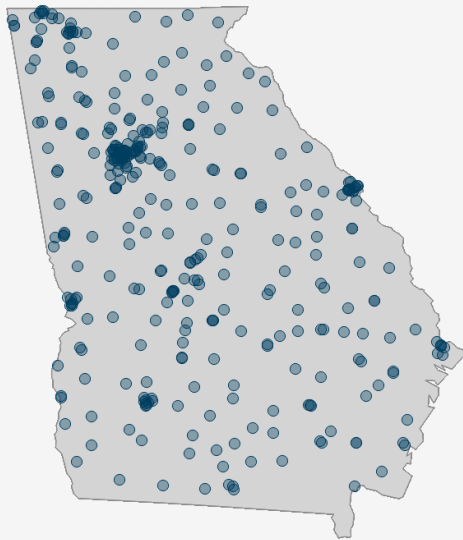


Georgia

2022 Head Start & Early Head Start Profile

“If I didn’t have Head Start, I don’t believe I would’ve been able to finish school and start college this semester. Head Start has made a huge impact in my son’s life as well, and I wouldn’t change my decision to put my kids in this program for anything. I would tell anyone that this program is not only good for kids, but it can open doors for you to improve your life, too.”

– **Tory Crews**, Folkston



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Head Start Centers Statewide

Visit nhsa.org/locator to view the map in more detail.

261,592,452

FY21 Funding

(Excluding Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Funding)

24,381

Funded Slots Statewide

19,186

Funded Head Start Slots

4,820

Funded Early Head Start Slots

375

Funded Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Slots

Head Start's Model

Nationwide, Comprehensive, Multi-Generational

In the six decades since our founding, we have reached a new milestone: 37 million children have been served by Head Start. Innovators and small business owners, police officers and members of the service, nurses and teachers—our alumni represent the vast and diverse fabric of our country. 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.

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children and their families. **There are four pillars in every program:**

Education: Learning experiences support intellectual, social, and emotional growth

Health Services: Immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health support, nutritional services, and early screenings ensure healthy development

Family Involvement: Opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in decision making, participate in classes, and volunteer in the program strengthen families

Wraparound Support: Tailored services meet local and individual needs and link children and families to community supports.

“**Head Start and Early Head Start programs successfully implemented CDC recommended guidance and other ancillary measures for child care programs that remained open, allowing them to continue offering in-person learning.**”

— CDC, *Implementing Mitigation Strategies in Early Care and Education Settings for Prevention of SARS-CoV-2 Transmission*

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