

# Oklahoma's Head Start Programs



## FAQ



### What is Head Start/Early Head Start?

Head Start provides comprehensive child development services to children ages prenatal to five and their families who are economically disadvantaged. The program helps preschoolers develop social, emotional, early reading and math, and physical skills they need to be successful in school. Head Start programs promote school readiness through improved access to educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and their families. The program includes a strong parent, family, and community engagement component. Head Start was created in 1965 by the federal government. In 1994, the federal government created Early Head Start to address the comprehensive needs of children under age 3 and pregnant women in families with low incomes.

### Who oversees the Head Start/Early Head Start program?



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), oversees the program through the Office of Head Start. Local community-based organizations or agencies receive 5-year grants to operate the programs. Oklahoma Head Start programs operate under the Region VI ACF office in Dallas, Texas, or under Region XI, the American Indian/Alaska Native program, ACF Office of Head Start in Washington, D.C. ACF issues regulations called Performance Standards. These are mandatory regulations that govern every aspect of the Head Start program. The local grantees are responsible for implementing the standards. In addition to meeting applicable state standards and regulations, each Head Start and Early Head Start grantee receives comprehensive monitoring over each 5-year grant period by a team of federal monitors to ensure compliance with the regulations.

### Who is eligible for Head Start & Early Head Start services?

Children and pregnant women from families with low-incomes may be eligible to participate and may enroll through a locally established selection process based upon income at or below the poverty line and other needs. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services annually establishes Poverty Guidelines. Children in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and children with developmental disabilities are also eligible to be considered for participation. At least 10% of a program's enrollment must be children with disabilities.

#### 2016 HHS Poverty Guidelines

##### Persons in Family or Household

1		\$11,880
2		\$16,020
3		\$20,160
4		\$24,300
5		\$28,440
6		\$32,580
7		\$36,730
8		\$40,890

For each additional person, add \$4,160.

# What services and experiences do Head Start programs ensure enrolled children and families receive?

## Education Services

- Individualized learning programs
- Evidence and research based curriculum
- Inclusion of children with special needs
- Family literacy activities
- Alignment of curriculum and assessments with public schools
- Goals for school readiness

## Health Services

- Medical, dental, vision, and hearing screenings & referrals
- Nutrition services
- Health education
- Mental health screening and referrals
- Assistance in establishing a medical and dental home



## Family Services

- Parent, family, and community engagement
- Links to community resources
- Family goal setting and parenting education
- Leadership opportunities through parent council involvement
- Parent education programs
- Support during transition from Head Start to public schools

# How many were enrolled in Oklahoma's Head Start & Early Head Start programs?

Cumulative Enrollment	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Age 0-1	925	911	898	826	806
Age 1	967	1,059	1,064	950	1,006
Age 2	1,181	1,189	1,376	1,229	1,437
Age 3	8,644	8,629	8,929	8,367	8,524
Age 4	8,599	8,427	8,426	7,946	7,570
Age 5 & above	72	28	86	79	89
Total	20,388	20,243	20,779	19,397	19,432
Pregnant Women	293	302	266	212	161

Ethnicity		
	Region VI	Region XI
Hispanic or Latino Origin	3,590	220
Non-Hispanic or Latino Origin	12,764	3,019
Race		
	Region VI	Region XI
American Indian/ Alaskan Native	2,638	2,130
Asian	149	23
Black or African American	3,110	118
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	73	4
White	7,481	732
Biracial or Multi-Racial	1,642	168
Other Race	1,064	38
Unspecified Race	197	26

# How is Head Start funded in Oklahoma?

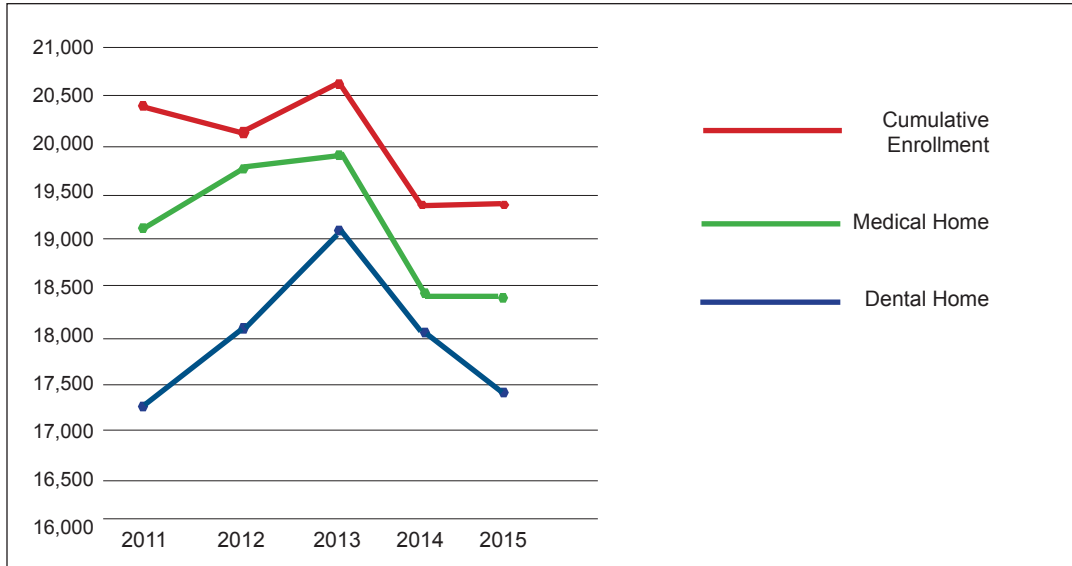
The federal government provides funds directly to the grantees. In Oklahoma, the Legislature also appropriates funds to improve the Head Start programs and expand Head Start enrollment. The figures below include children in both Head Start and Early Head Start. (Does not include pregnant women)

Region VI	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Cumulative Enrollment	16,978	16,857	17,514	16,159	16,206
Federal	\$91,957,247	\$88,609,815	\$103,923,977	\$110,930,374	\$109,106,396
State	\$2,191,700	\$2,191,700	\$2,191,700	\$2,191,700	\$2,068,671
Region XI (American Indian)	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Cumulative Enrollment	3,410	3,386	3,265	3,238	3,226
Federal	\$22,522,482	\$22,929,225	\$23,345,013	\$24,030,953	Not Available

# What health services do Head Start and Early Head Start programs help families access for the enrolled children?

Children receive a medical screening, are checked for immunizations, and receive an oral health screening. Children are referred for treatment when indicated by results of the screenings. Efforts are made to assist families in obtaining ongoing sources of continuous, accessible medical and dental care.

**Medical and Dental Home**



**Up-to-Date on Immunizations**

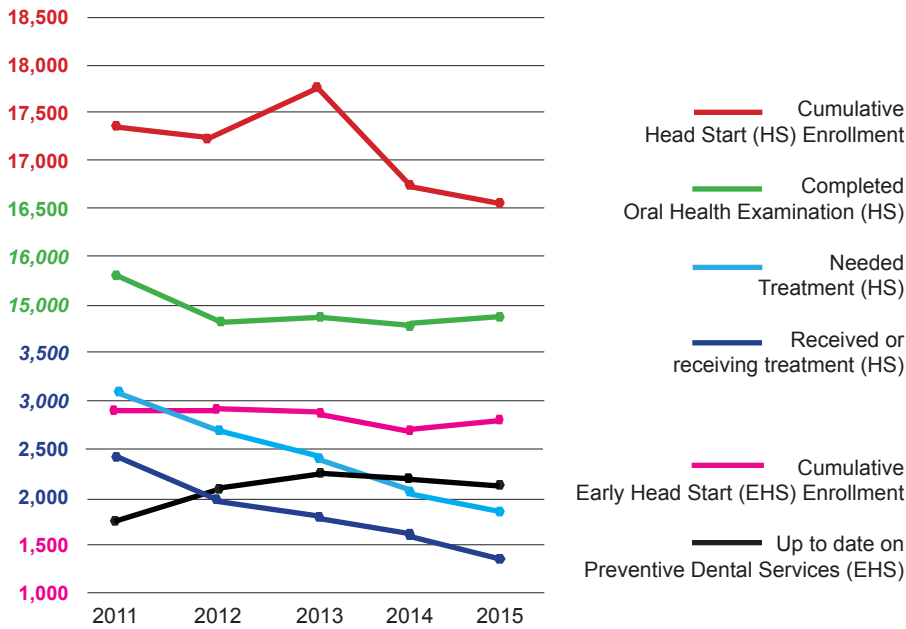
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cumulative Enrollment	20,388	20,243	20,779	19,397	19,432
Number Immunized	18,939	18,880	19,106	17,616	16,920
% of Enrollment	92.89%	92.87%	91.95%	90.82%	87.07%

## Early and Periodic Screenings, Diagnostic, and Treatment

2015	2014	
19,432	19,397	Cumulative enrollment
16,241	16,581	Children up-to-date according to relevant State's EPSDT schedule (at end of enrollment year).
1,506	1,722	Of these, children diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment since last year's report.
1,236	1,432	Of these, children who have received or are receiving medical treatment (at end of enrollment year).
202	137	Anemia
654	619	Asthma
390	486	Hearing Difficulties
911	747	Vision Problems
107	91	High Lead Levels
10	16	Diabetes



## Dental Services



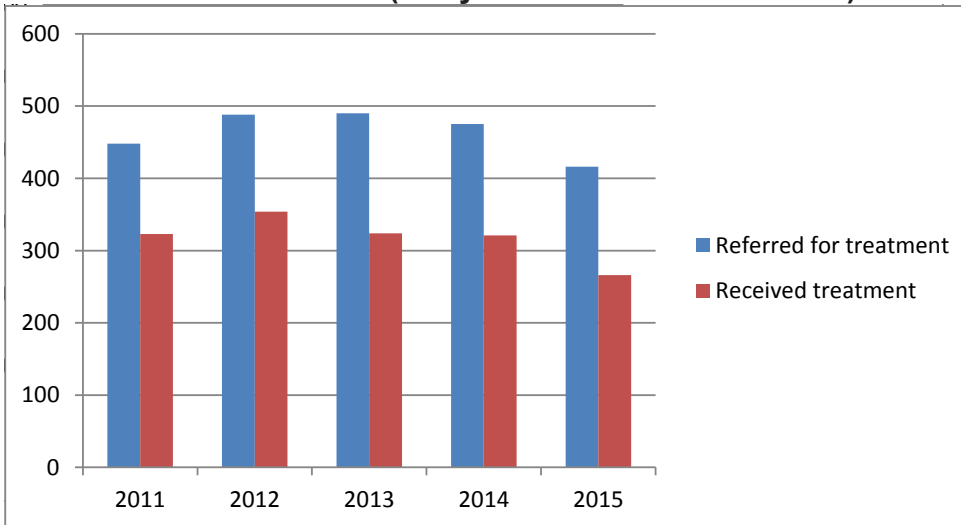
## Family Services in 2014-15

18,233 Families in Head Start and Early Head Start

Services to families included:

- 1,888 Emergency/crisis intervention (food, clothing, shelter)
- 1,180 Housing assistance (subsidized, utilities, repair)
- 1,852 Mental health services
- 813 English as a Second Language training
- 2,220 Adult education (GED program, college selection, etc.)
- 1,113 Job training
- 1,087 Substance abuse prevention or treatment
- 524 Child abuse and neglect services
- 160 Domestic violence services
- 230 Child support assistance
- 6,959 Health education
- 136 Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals
- 8,048 Parenting education
- 668 Relationship/marriage education
- 11,762 Number of families receiving at least one of the services listed above
- 758 Foster care children served
- 859 Homeless families served
- 259 Homeless families acquired housing
- 1,813 Number of children with Individual Education Programs
- 1,796 Children provided special education and related services

## Mental Health Services (Early Head Start & Head Start)



## What are the qualifications of pre-school Head Start teachers?

Of the 803 classroom teachers, 795, or 99%, had a degree or training that was in early childhood or a related field during the 2014-15 Program Year.

Classroom Teachers	Grantees Under Region VI	Grantees Under Region XI American Indian	Total	National
Associate Degree	165 (25.38%)	36 (23.53%)	195	9,948 (22.89%)
Baccalaureate Degree	409 (62.92%)	86 (56.20%)	495	25,923 (59.64%)
Advanced Degree	38 (5.85%)	6 (3.92%)	14	5,852 (13.46%)
Child Development Associate (CDA)	34 (5.23%)	21 (13.73%)	92	1,191 (2.74%)
No ECE Credential	4 (0.62%)	4 (2.61%)	7	555 (1.28%)
Total	650	153	803	43,469

# Head Start Grantees in Oklahoma

## Community Action Agencies

**Big Five Community Services (HS/EHS)**  
(580) 924-5331

**Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma/  
Canadian Counties (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 232-0199

**Community Action Development Corporation (HS)**  
(580) 335-5588

**Community Action Project of Tulsa County (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 382-3200

**Community Action Resource & Development, Inc. (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 341-5000

**Delta Community Action Foundation (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 756-1100

**INCA Community Services (HS)**  
(580) 371-2352

**KI BOIS Community Action Foundation (HS)**  
(918) 967-3325

**Little Dixie Community Action Agency (HS/EHS/CCP)**  
(580) 326-3351

**Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency (EHS/CCP)**  
(918) 253-4683

**Southwest Oklahoma Community Action Group (HS/EHS)**  
(580) 482-5040

**United Community Action Program (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 762-3041

**Washita Valley Community Action Council (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 224-5831

## American Indian

**CDI Serving Tecumseh (EHS)**  
405-598-0477

**Caddo Nation Child Development Program (HS)**  
(405) 247-6266

**Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area Inc. (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 275-4870

**Cherokee Nation Head Start (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 458-4393

**Cheyenne-Arapaho Head Start (HS)**  
(405) 422-7636

**The Chickasaw Nation Head Start (HS)**  
(580) 421-7711

**Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (HS/EHS/CCP)**  
(580) 924-8280

**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma (EHS)**  
(405) 547-5826

**Kickapoo Head Start, Inc. (HS)**  
(405) 964-3676

**Kiowa Tribe Head Start (HS)**  
(580) 654-2300 ext. 365

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start  
Program (HS)**  
(918) 732-7898

**Osage Nation Head Start (HS)**  
(918) 287-5462

**Otoe-Missouria Head Start (HS)**  
(580) 723-4466

**Ponca Tribe Head Start (HS)**  
(580) 762-7927

**Seminole Nation Early Childhood Services (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 234-5230

## Other Grantees

**Crossroads Youth & Family Services (HS/EHS)**  
(405) 292-6440

**Crossroads Youth & Family Services (Lawton) (HS/EHS)**  
(580) 248-0474

**Green Country Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Muskogee  
County Head Start (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 687-6611

**Grand Head Start - Jay Public Schools (HS)**  
(918) 253-8650

**Native American Coalition of Tulsa (HS)**  
(918) 446-7939

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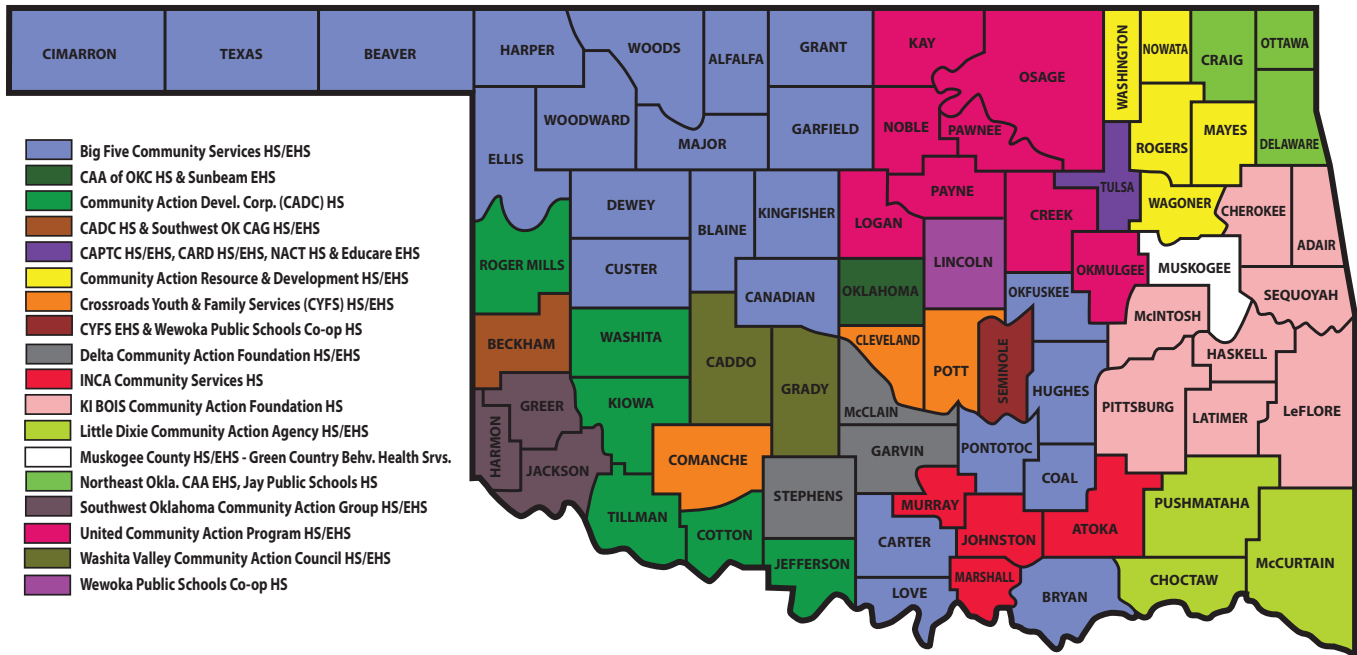
**Sunbeam Family Services Early Head Start (EHS/CCP)**  
(405) 609-1077

**Tulsa Educare (EHS/CCP)**  
(539) 832-8280

**Wewoka Public Schools Co-op Head Start (HS)**  
(405) 257-2321

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# Region VI Head Start Grantees in Oklahoma



# Region XI American Indian Head Start Grantees in Oklahoma

