



Head Start Advantage

Head Start, Early Head Start Home Visiting, Child Care Partnership

FUN FACT: Started in 1965 and is estimated that \$6 dollars are saved for every \$1 invested

Who We Are: Program Coordinators

- Head Start County Coordinators: Marin Rodewald, Sharon Wolf
- Early Head Start Home Visiting Coordinator: Tammy Vraspir
- Child Care Partnership Coordinator: Tammy Vraspir
- Enrollment, Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Attendance:
Chelsey McNamara
- Data Management: Chelsey McNamara
- Parent, Family, Community Engagement: Dawn Tommerdahl
- Health Coordinator: Diane Hinrichs
- Mental Health Coordinator: Dawn Tommerdahl



FUN FACT: 18 of our 18 teachers have either a BS or AA degree in child development or related field

Overview of Head Start Programs

- **Head Start:** Is a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, mental health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families.
 - Ages 3-5
 - 5 sites serving Goodhue, Wabasha and Rice counties
 - Faribault serves 85 children both Full Day and Part Day programming
 - Northfield serves 34 children Full Day programming
 - Zumbrota serves 17 children Half Day programming
 - Red Wing serves 34 children Half Day programming-Inclusive partnership with District to serve children with disabilities
 - Wabasha serves 17 children Half Day programming

FUN FACT: All Head Start programming must be Full Day by 2021.

Early Head Start Home Visiting

- **Early Head Start Home Visiting:**
 - Early Head Start (EHS) is an evidence-based, intensive, community designed program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women. Its mission is:
 - to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women
 - to enhance the development of very young children, and
 - to promote healthy family functioning
 - Ages- Pregnant woman and families with children birth to age 3 years
 - 2 Home Visitors serve 10 families in Rice County and 10 families in Goodhue and Wabasha
 - 1 Home Visit per week per family (48 visits per year)
 - Each visit lasts 90 minutes
 - 2 group socialization activities per month (22 per year)

FUN FACT: At 3 years of age, EHS children performed better in cognitive, language, and social-emotional development than Head Start Children who did not attend EHS.

Child Care Partnership

- **Child Care Partnership:** The EHS-CCP initiative brings together the best of Early Head Start and child care through layering of funding to provide comprehensive and continuous services to low-income infants, toddlers, and their families. The EHS-CCP brings together the strengths of child care and Early Head Start program producing more highly educated and fully qualified workforce to provide high-quality infant/toddler care and education.
 - Ages infant through age 3- \$98,400
 - Child Care centers follow Head Start performance standards
 - Transition plans to Head Start program
 - Qualifications- Infant-Toddler CDA

FUN FACT: In August 2018 we opened our own Infant-Toddler classroom in a partnership with Families First

Funding to Support our Programs

- **Head Start:**
 - * Federal Grant- \$1,678,224.00 Funds 169 Head Start children
 - * State Grant- \$443,450.00 Funds 18 Head Start and 20 EHS Home Visiting children
 - * Pathway II State Scholarships- \$456,795.00 (over two years) Funds transportation for all Half Day programming
- **Early Head Start Home Visiting:**
 - * State Grant- \$443,450.00 Funds 20 EHS Home Visiting children
- **Child Care Partnership:**
 - * Families First- 8,200 per month to Three Rivers and 4,112.00 per child per year to child care

FUN FACT: FY 2018 has an increase of 610 Million to HS and EHS

Who We Serve-Primary Race

- Faribault: African American-55 White- 41 Hispanic-29 Native American- 1
- Northfield: African American-2 White-33 Hispanic-14 Asian-1 Pacific Islander-1
- Zumbrota: African American-1 White-12 Hispanic-4
- Wabasha: African American-2 White-14 Hispanic-6
- Red Wing: African American-6 White-22 Hispanic-7
- EHS: African American-4 White-5 Hispanic-6
- CCP

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FUN FACT: 36 Families- Spanish is the Primary Language, 53- Middle Eastern and 2-African

Minnesota Head Start Association: Advocating on issues affecting low-income children

Children and Families Served: By the Numbers

- 11,388 Head Start Funded Enrollment
- 2,965 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment
- 50% Racially Diverse
- 14% with a Disability
- 420 EHS/Child Care Partnership Enrollment
- 27% Non-English Speaking
- 11% Homeless or in Foster Care



Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start

In 2015–2016, there were 57,480 children in poverty under age five in Minnesota. Of those, only 49% of three and four year olds had access to Head Start. And only 10% of children under 3 had access to Early Head Start.



Head Start in Local Communities

- Minnesota's 32 Head Start and Early Head Start programs fuel the local economies of the communities in their service areas. In 2015–2016 these Minnesota investments included:
- 3,579 Jobs with Benefits
- 6,183 Children Transported
- 6,286 Children of Working Families Receive Child Care Supports
- Est. \$21 Million in Local Purchases of Food, Gas, Diapers and Other Purchases
- 19,131 Volunteers

