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Head Start

# Working Together to make FOSTER CHILDREN A PRIORITY IN HEAD START

## WHAT IS HEAD START?

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Head Start and Early Head Start programs are comprehensive, two-generational programs that serve children from birth to age five, as well as pregnant women and their families.

Head Start has served more than 30 million children since 1965, growing from an eight-week demonstration project to include fullday/ full-year services and many program options.

**You can read more about Head Start here:**  
[www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/head-start](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ohs/about/head-start).

## DID YOU KNOW?

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Head Start and Early Head Start programs provide **comprehensive services** to children and families.

ALL children and families experiencing homelessness or in foster care age birth to five, and pregnant women, are categorically eligible and prioritized for enrollment.

Lacking documentation, like birth certificates and health records, should not be a barrier to enrollment.

Head Start programs can **reserve slots** specifically for children in foster care.

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

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Collaborative partnerships can ensure that the children and families you serve can benefit from everything Head Start has to offer!

**Find your local Head Start or Early Head Start program here:** <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator>.

Contact the Head Start or Early Head Start program leader to explore ways to partner.

Work together to develop a formal collaborative recruitment and enrollment plan.

DO YOU HAVE A COLLABORATION WITH A HEAD START PROGRAM?

**Let us know!**

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### Resources:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/im/acf-im-hs-10-04>

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/community-partnerships.pdf>