**HEAD START (HS) AND EARLY HEAD START (EHS)**

Early education programs that give young children from at-risk backgrounds the skills and experiences they need to be successful in school and in life. HS serves children 3-5 years of age and their families; EHS serves pregnant women and infants and toddlers and their families.

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**2019 Hawaii Head Start/Early Head Start Profile**

**ACCESS TO HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START IN HAWAII**

- **2,341** Funded Head Start (HS) Slots
- **48%** of eligible children ages 3-5 had access to HS
- **633** Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots
- **7%** of eligible children under age 3 had access to EHS

These slots filled 150 HS and EHS classrooms in Hawaii. The majority of EHS keiki are served through a home-visiting model.

**BY THE NUMBERS**

- **Federal Dollars to Hawaii for HS, EHS and EHS-Child Care Partnerships**
  - **$28,145,424** Base Grant Funding for program operations (FY18)
  - **$446,167** Training/Technical Assistance for professional development supports (FY18)

- **4** Head Start Programs
- **6** Early Head Start Programs (including EHS-CCP)

**HAWAII HS/EHS WORKFORCE**

- **625** HS and EHS jobs in Hawaii
  - **22%** of staff were/are HS or EHS parents
  - **48%** of HS preschool teachers have a BA or higher (ECE/related);
  - **86%** of HS preschool assistant teachers have a CDA or higher;
  - **98%** of EHS infant/toddler classroom teachers have a CDA or higher
- **129,252** Volunteer hours donated by HS/EHS parents

**HENED START’S VISION FOR CHILDREN, BIRTH TO SCHOOL ENTRY**

A coordinated, comprehensive and sustainable system of early care and education would give all children access to:

- High quality early learning experiences within safe, healthy, enriching and inclusive environments.
- Opportunities to learn and play together, regardless of differences in socio-economic or cultural backgrounds, or differences in skills and abilities.
- A range of health and family support services to those who need them.
- Well-coordinated, smooth transitions as they move from one setting or program to another.
- Resources that enable them to be served in settings that best meet their needs or the needs of their families.
pregnant women were served by EHS
364 children with disabilities were served by HS/EHS
114 children in foster care were served by HS/EHS
215 children experiencing homelessness were served by HS/EHS
3,680 children were enrolled at some point during the year (cumulative enrollment)
2,962 families received at least one family service during the year

3,580 children had continuous access to health care (medical home)
3,242 children had continuous access to dental care (dental home)
1,586 families participated in health education
268 parents advanced their education level
219 families received job training
525 families received crisis intervention

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START IN THE COMMUNITY

• State-level interagency agreements between HS/EHS and Hawaii DOE (Special Education Section and Homeless Concerns Office)
• State-level interagency agreements between HS/EHS and Hawaii DOH (WIC, Early Intervention, Newborn Hearing Screening Program, and Public Health Nursing)
• State-level interagency agreements between HS/EHS and Hawaii DHS (Child Welfare Services)

HEAD START ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII (HSAH): OUR MISSION
is to be a unified voice providing opportunities for children and families of low-income in Hawaii to grow and thrive in an ever-changing world. We do this by:

• Facilitating the sharing of information, skills and strategies among Association members.
• Identifying and acting upon issues of common concern.
• Advocating on behalf of member programs, and for children and families in Hawaii.
• Promoting linkages with other organizations and individuals concerned with the welfare of young children and families.
• Promoting comprehensive child development and family services for families in Hawaii.

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