



# Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS)

are comprehensive child development programs that give 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.

Data from SY 2018-2019

## 2020 Hawaii Head Start/Early Head Start Profile

### Access to Head Start and Early Head Start in Hawaii

**2,326** Funded Head Start (HS) Slots

**633** Funded Early Head Start (EHS) Slots



These slots filled 149 HS and EHS classrooms in Hawaii. The majority of EHS keiki are served through a home-visiting model.

### Hawaii HS/EHS Workforce

**583** HS and EHS jobs in Hawaii

**83%** of HS preschool assistant teachers have a CDA or higher

**27%** of staff were/are HS or EHS parents

**100%** of EHS infant/toddler classroom teachers have a CDA or higher

**57%** of HS preschool teachers have a BA or higher (ECE-related)

**179,543** volunteer hours donated by HS/EHS parents

#### HAWAII ISLAND

- **Parents and Children Together HS/EHS**  
<https://pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/>  
Phone: 961-0570
- **Family Support Hawaii EHS**  
[www.familysupporthawaii.org](http://www.familysupporthawaii.org) • Phone: 334-4123; 334-4138

#### MAUI & MOLOKAI

- **Maui Economic Opportunity HS** - [www.meoinc.org](http://www.meoinc.org) • Ph: 249-2988
- **Maui Family Support Services EHS** - [www.mfss.org](http://www.mfss.org) • Ph: 242-0900

#### OAHU

- **Honolulu Community Action Program HS/EHS**  
[www.hcapweb.org/headstart/](http://www.hcapweb.org/headstart/) • Phone: 847-2400
- **Parents and Children Together HS/EHS**  
<https://pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/>  
Phone: 842-5996
- **Parents and Children Together EHS/Child Care Partnerships**  
<https://pacthawaii.org/our-work/early-headstart-programs/>  
Phone: 842-5996

#### KAUAI

- **Child & Family Service HS/EHS**  
[www.childandfamilyservice.org/kaui/](http://www.childandfamilyservice.org/kaui/) • Phone: 245-5914

### By the Numbers

Funding to Support Hawaii for HS, EHS, and EHS-Child Care Partnerships

**\$28,801,388**

Federal Funding for Base Grant (program operations)

**\$419,741**

Federal Funding for Training/ Technical Assistance (professional development supports)

#### Value of In-Kind Contributions:

**\$3,119,226** Parent volunteers

**\$4,402,618** Space in-kind

**\$917,106** Professional/Community partners



**4** Head Start Programs

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

### Head 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.

## The Head Start/Early Head Start Advantage in Hawaii

**70** 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

We are a unified voice for Head Start across Hawaii, advancing high quality comprehensive services that ensure children (prenatal to age five) and their families 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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