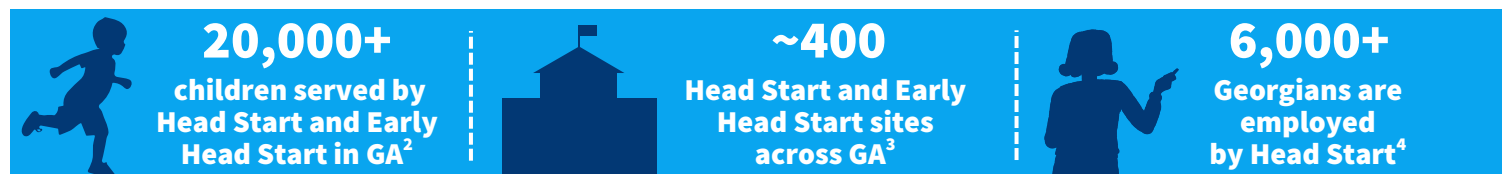


EARLY HEAD START & HEAD START IN GA



Head Start and Early Head Start, which are federally funded and locally implemented, provide comprehensive services for children from families who meet certain eligibility requirements, including household income at or below the federal poverty level. These services include: early care and education; physical, mental, and oral health screenings and referrals; nutrition; early intervention; and wraparound support for families, such as job training and help finding employment. Since its inception in 1965, the program has served more than 40 million children and families nationally¹ and received broad bipartisan support.

Early Head Start serves pregnant women, infants, and toddlers up to age three, while Head Start serves children ages three to five and their families.

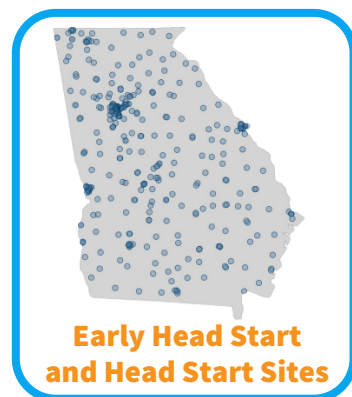


Head Start Serves Children and Families in Communities Across the State

From Brunswick to Dalton, Head Start and Early Head Start provide children and families with high-quality early education and wraparound services, allowing parents to go to work or attend school or training programs.

Head Start and Early Head Start Slots by Congressional District⁵

GA-1	GA-2	GA-3	GA-4	GA-5	GA-6	GA-7	GA-8	GA-9	GA-10	GA-11	GA-12	GA-13	GA-14
1,668	3,582	1,158	852	2,730	1,063	437	2,103	982	1,800	622	2,336	473	1,019



Head Start is an Economic Engine

In some rural counties, Head Start is the *only* child care provider and one of the major employers.



1 in 4 child care slots in rural Georgia are in Head Start⁶

Head Start More than Pays for Itself

The government earns 5-9 percent more per year than it spends on Head Start. This savings comes from Head Start graduates' reduced need for future public assistance.

Head Start graduates are:



less likely to live in poverty as adults⁷



less likely to receive public assistance as adults⁸



more likely to complete college⁹

“Our families need the assurance of high-quality child care, nutrition, special education services, health, mental health, and social emotional education that is provided through Head Start.”