

# MT Head Start Programs and Collaboration Grant

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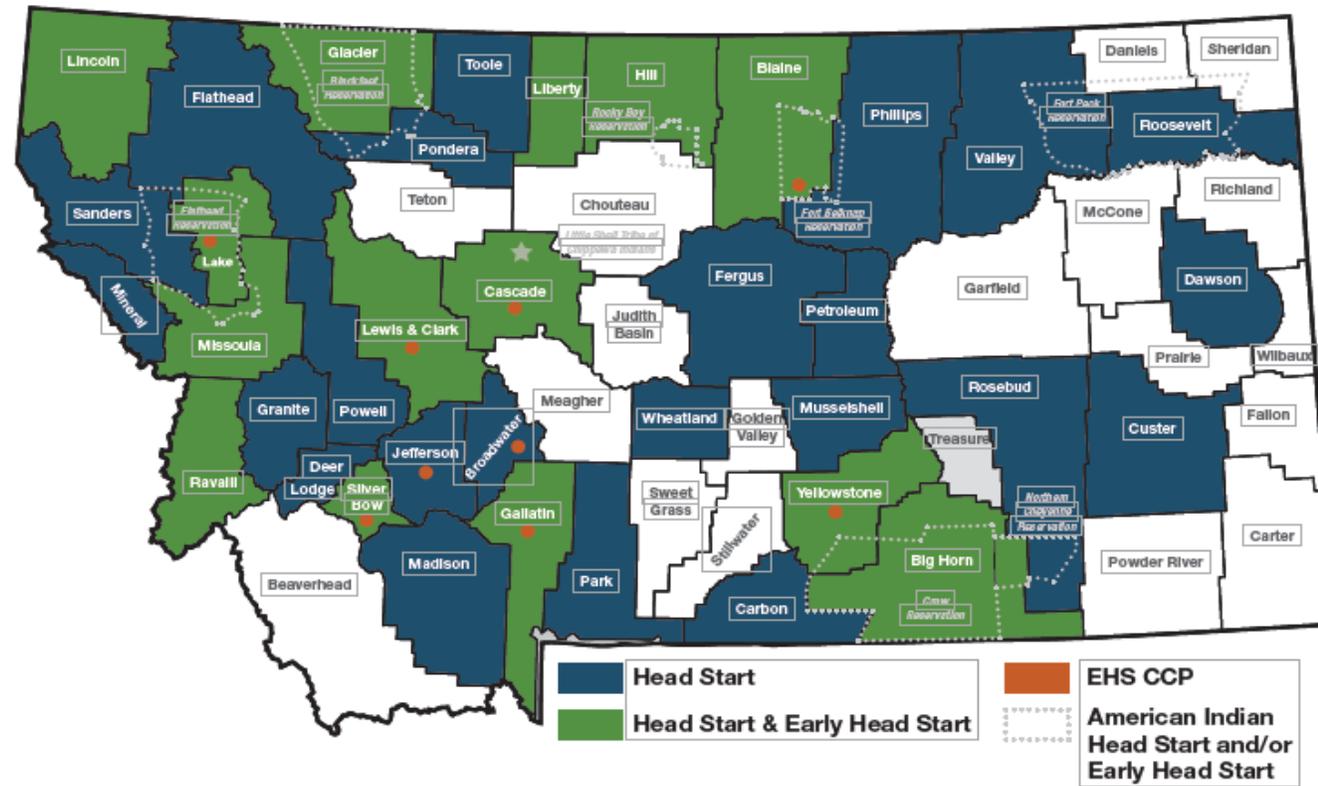


Let's take a quiz!!!!



The Cumulative enrollment is  
5664

# Head Start in Montana:



There are 24 agencies administering the following grants in Montana:

**13 Head Start Grants**

9 Early Head Start Grants

**7 American Indian Head Start Grants**

**5 American Indian Early Head Start Grants**

# Comprehensive and Two Generation Services

- **Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of the whole child and family.**
- **This two-generational approach supports stability and long term success for families who are most at risk.**
- **Depending on each family's needs they receive a wide range of services to meet their individually developed family goals.**

❖ Emergency/crisis intervention	1421	❖ Domestic Violence services	141
❖ Housing Assistance	594	❖ Child Support Assistance	218
❖ Mental Health services	1122	❖ Health Education	2668
❖ Adult Education	570	❖ Relationship/marriage education	134
❖ Job Training	381	❖ Asset building services (financial education, opening a checking account etc.)	851
❖ Substance Abuse Prevention	168	❖ Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	101
❖ Substance Abuse treatment	85		
❖ Child abuse and neglect services	807		
❖ Parenting Education	2692		

# Head Start Eligibility

## Age Requirements:

- (b) **Age requirements.** (1) For Early Head Start, except when the child is transitioning to Head Start, a child must be an infant or a toddler younger than three years old.
- (2) For Head Start, a child must:
  - (i) Be at least three years old or, turn three years old by the date used to determine eligibility for public school in the community in which the Head Start program is located; and,
  - (ii) Be no older than the age required to attend school.
- *Eligibility requirements.* (1) A pregnant woman or a child is eligible if:
  - (i) The family's [income](#) is equal to or below the poverty line; or,
  - (ii) The family is eligible for or, in the absence of child care, would be potentially eligible for public assistance; including TANF child-only payments, or,
  - (iii) The child is homeless, as defined in part 1305; or,
  - (iv) The child is in [foster care](#).
- (2) If the family does not meet a criterion under paragraph (c)(1) of this section, a program may enroll a child who would benefit from services, provided that these participants only make up to 10 percent of a program's enrollment in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

The Federal Office of HS funds programs at 80% they are expected to come up with the other 20% through fundraising and other in kind services.

The average cost of care to meet all of the Head Start Program Performance Standards is between \$8500-\$9000 per child.

# HS Economic Impact in Montana

- Head Start and Early Head Start programs employ 1523 regular staff and 298 contracted staff
- The Federal investment for HS in Montana in fiscal year 2017 was \$48,247.802.

Head Start programs provide extensive data to the Federal Office of Head Start. They are updated annually with current information. The report entitled toe Program Information Report or PIR can be downloaded or I can support you in providing the report. There are many different versions that can be run.

Head Start is part of the state system of Early Childhood that we have been talking about over the last two days. As part of that system it also provides data to OPI, ECSB and local community data initiatives which includes community needs assessment completed as a part of each five year grant application.

# Head Start Collaboration Office

- The Montana Head Start Collaboration Office (HSCO) is housed in the Early Childhood Services Bureau (ECSB) of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS). The HSCO grant is managed by the Head Start Collaboration Office Director.
- The state nor the HSCO have monitoring responsibilities for the EHS/HS programs in Montana that is the responsibility of the Regional office through OHS.
- Partner with state child care systems emphasizing the Early Head Start–Child Care(EHS-CC) Partnership Initiatives
- Work with state efforts to collect data regarding early childhood programs and child outcomes
- Support the expansion and access of high quality, workforce, and career development opportunities for staff
- Collaboration with State Quality Rating Improvement Systems(QRIS)
- Work with state school systems to ensure continuity between Head Start and Kindergarten Entrance Assessment(KEA)

# National Priorities for HSCO

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# Regional Priorities

- Enrollment
- Health
- Workforce

# Region 8 Head Start Collaboration Office Road Map

Head Start Act Requirements

## CC Systems Emphasizing EHS-CC Partnerships

- Children with Disabilities
- Children Experiencing Homelessness
- Early Care and Education
- Enrollment
- Family Literacy
- Family Services
- Health
- Work Force

## Data Collection

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## Office of Head Start Priorities Elevating the Workforce

- Children with Disabilities
- Early Care and Education
- Health
- Work Force

## QRIS

- Children with Disabilities
- Early Care and Education
- Family Literacy
- Health

## State School Systems including \*KEA

- Systems Collaboration
- Children with Disabilities
- Children Experiencing Homelessness
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- Health

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\* Kindergarten Entrance Assessment

Yearly Needs Assessment can be viewed at :

<https://dphhs.mt.gov/Portals/85/hcsd/documents/ChildCare/HSCO/2018HSCONeedsAssessmentSummaryFinal.pdf>

Collaboration is the process of two or more people or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal. Teams that work collaboratively often access greater resources, recognition and rewards when facing competition for finite resources.



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