

Oklahoma's Head Start Programs



FAQ



What is Head Start?

Head Start provides comprehensive child development services to economically disadvantaged children and families, with a special focus on helping preschoolers develop the early reading and math skills they need to be successful in school. Head Start programs promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through improved access to educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and their families. Head Start was created in 1965 by the federal government. In 1994, the federal government created Early Head Start to address the comprehensive needs of low-income children under age 3 and pregnant women.

Who oversees the Head Start program?

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), administers the program through the Office of Head Start. Oklahoma Head Start programs operate under the Region VI ACF office in Dallas, Texas, or under Region XI, the American Indian/Alaska Native program, ACF Office of Head Start in Washington, D.C. ACF issues regulations called Performance Standards. These are mandatory regulations that govern every aspect of the Head Start program. The local grantees are responsible for implementing the standards. Each Head Start and Early Head Start grantee is examined at least every three years by a team of federal monitors to ensure compliance with the regulations.

Who is eligible for Head Start services?

Children and pregnant women from low-income families may be eligible to participate and may be enrolled through a locally established selection process based upon a community needs assessment. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services annually establishes Poverty Guidelines. Children in foster care or experiencing homelessness, and children with developmental disabilities are also eligible to participate.

2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family or Household

1		\$10,890
2		\$14,710
3		\$18,530
4		\$22,350
5		\$26,170
6		\$29,990
7		\$33,810
8		\$37,630

For each additional person, add \$3,820

What services and experiences do Head Start programs ensure enrolled children and families receive?

Education Services

- Individualized learning programs
- Evidence and research based curriculum
- Inclusion of children with special needs
- Family literacy activities
- Alignment of curriculum and assessments with public schools

Health Services

- Medical, dental, vision, and hearing screenings & referrals
- Nutrition services
- Health education
- Mental health screening and referrals
- Assistance in establishing a medical and dental home

Family Services

- Links to community resources
- Family goal setting and parenting education
- Leadership opportunities through parent council involvement
- Parent education programs
- Support during transition from Head Start to public schools



How many were enrolled in Oklahoma's Head Start and Early Head Start programs?

Cumulative Enrollment	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Age 0-1	577	525	564	576	733
Age 1	535	564	527	555	751
Age 2	629	688	656	725	926
Age 3	8,148	7,917	8,370	8,204	8,657
Age 4	9,633	10,074	9,583	9,402	9,544
Age 5 & above	129	51	71	283	38
Total	19,651	19,819	19,771	19,745	20,649
Pregnant Women	149	169	175	181	203



How is Head Start funded in Oklahoma?

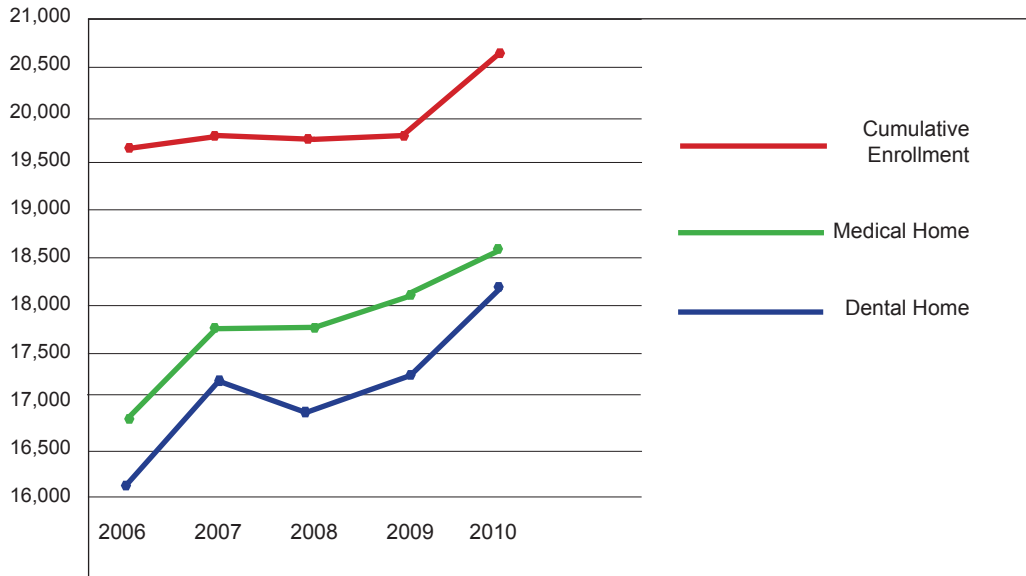
The federal government provides funds directly to the grantees. In Oklahoma, the Legislature also appropriates funds to improve the Head Start programs and expand Head Start enrollment. The figures below includes children in both Head Start and Early Head Start.

Region VI	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Cumulative Enrollment	16,449	16,447	16,474	16,438	17,381
Federal	\$80,064,528	\$80,271,959	\$81,252,571	\$83,703,540	\$83,800,755
State	\$2,905,620	\$2,905,620	\$2,905,620	\$2,685,070	\$2,452,533
Region XI (American Indian)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Cumulative Enrollment	3,372	3,202	3,297	3,307	3,268
Federal	\$20,410,000	\$20,716,000	\$20,903,987	\$23,135,410	\$24,335,181

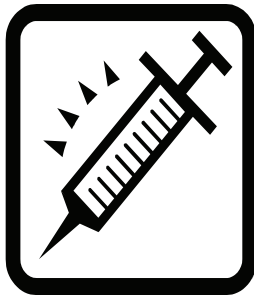
What health services are provided to children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start?

Children receive a medical screening, are checked for immunizations, and receive an oral health screening. Children are referred for treatment when indicated by results of the screenings. Efforts are made to assist families in obtaining ongoing sources of continuous, accessible medical and dental care.

Medical and Dental Home

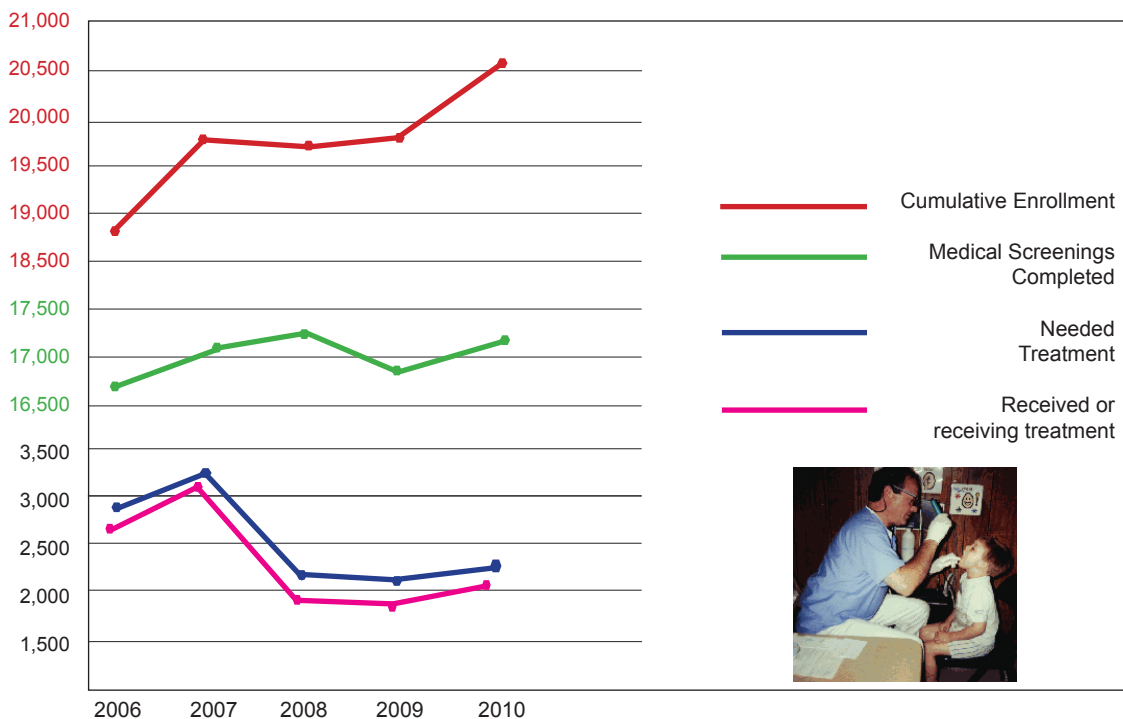


Up-to-Date on Immunizations

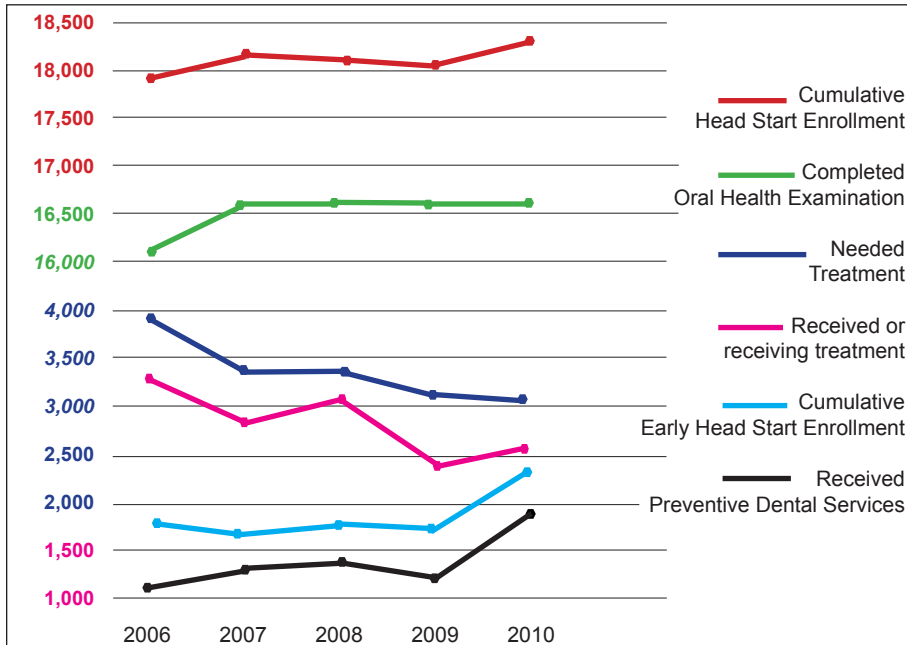


	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Cumulative Enrollment	19,651	19,819	19,771	19,745	20,649
Number Immunized	17,806	17,995	17,669	17,670	18,574
% of Enrollment	90.61%	90.80%	89.37%	89.49%	89.95%

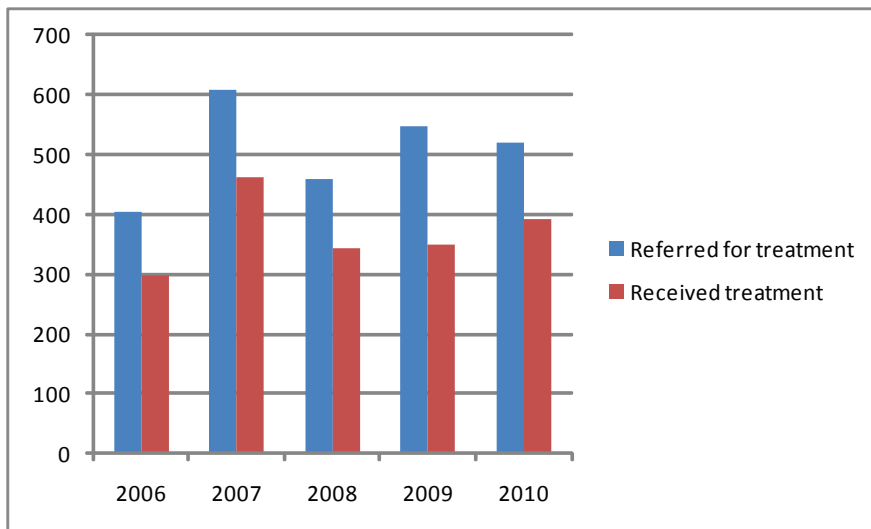
Medical Screenings



Dental Services



Mental Health Services (Early Head Start & Head Start)



Family Services in 2009-10

19,220 Families in Head Start and Early Head Start

Services to families included:

- 3,357 Emergency/crisis intervention (food, clothing, shelter)
- 2,084 Housing assistance (subsidized, utilities, repair)
- 2,374 Mental health services
- 1,138 English as a Second Language training
- 2,447 Adult education (GED program, college selection, etc.)
- 1,414 Job training
- 1,731 Substance abuse prevention or treatment
- 1,866 Child abuse and neglect services
- 771 Domestic abuse services
- 547 Child support assistance
- 10,061 Health education (including pre-natal education)
- 262 Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals
- 10,927 Parenting education
- 950 Marriage education services
- 14,347 Number of families receiving at least one of the services listed above
- 679 Homeless families served
- 277 Homeless families acquired housing
- 2,197 Number of children with Individual Education Programs
- 2,139 Disabilities related services provided to children

What are the qualifications of Oklahoma's pre-school Head Start teachers?

Of the 926 teachers, 897, or 96.87%, had a degree or training that was in early childhood or a related field during the 2009-10 Program Year.

Teachers	Grantees Under Region VI	Grantees Under Region XI American Indian	Total	National
Associate Degree	155 (19.92%)	33 (22.30%)	188	14,848 (32.27%)
Baccalaureate Degree	448 (57.58%)	64 (43.24%)	512	20,127 (43.74%)
Advanced Degree	39 (5.01%)	3 (2.03%)	42	4,143 (9.00%)
Child Development Associate (CDA)	117 (15.04%)	38 (25.68%)	155	5,678 (12.34%)
No Credential	19 (2.44%)	10 (6.76%)	29	1,218 (2.65%)
Total	778	148	926	46,014

Head Start Grantees in Oklahoma

Community Action Agencies

Big Five Community Services (HS)
(580) 924-5331

**Community Action Agency of Oklahoma City and Oklahoma/
Canadian Counties (HS)**
(405) 232-0199

Community Action Development Corporation
(580) 335-5588 (HS)

Community Action Project of Tulsa County (HS/EHS)
(918) 382-3256

Community Action Resource & Development, Inc. (HS/EHS)
(918) 341-5000

Delta Community Action Foundation (HS/EHS)
(405) 756-1100

INCA Community Services (HS)
(580) 371-2352

KI BOIS Community Action Foundation (HS)
(918) 967-3325

Little Dixie Community Action Agency (HS/EHS)
(580) 326-3351

Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency (HS/EHS)
(918) 253-4683

Opportunities, Inc. (HS/EHS)
(580) 623-7283

Southwest Oklahoma Community Action Group (HS/EHS)
(580) 482-5040

United Community Action Program (HS/EHS)
(918) 762-3041

Washita Valley Community Action Council (HS/EHS)
(405) 224-5831

American Indian

Caddo Nation Child Development Program (HS)
(405) 247-6266

Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area Inc. (HS/EHS)
(405) 275-4870

Cherokee Nation Head Start (HS/EHS)
(918) 458-4393

Cheyenne-Arapaho Head Start (HS)
(405) 422-7635

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start (HS)
(580) 436-7276

Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma (HS)
(580) 924-8280

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma (EHS)
(405) 547-5826

Kickapoo Head Start, Inc. (HS)
(405) 964-3676

Kiowa Tribe Head Start (HS)
(580) 654-2300

**Muscogee (Creek) Nation Head Start
Program (HS)**
(918) 732-7898

Osage Nation Head Start (HS)
(918) 287-5462

Otoe-Missouria Head Start (HS)
(580) 723-4466

Ponca Tribe Head Start (HS)
(580) 762-7927

Seminole Nation Early Childhood Services (HS/EHS)
(405) 382-4106

**University of Oklahoma American Indian Institute Early Head
Start (EHS)**
(405) 598-6094

Other Grantees

CDI Head Start (HS)
(918) 575-3383

Crossroads Youth & Family Services (HS/EHS)
(405) 292-6440

Crossroads Youth & Family Services (Lawton) (HS/EHS)
(580) 248-0474

**Green Country Behavioral Health Services, Inc. - Muskogee
County Head Start (HS/EHS)**
(918) 687-6611

Native American Coalition of Tulsa (HS)
(918) 446-7939

HS - Head Start EHS - Early Head Start

Sunbeam Family Services Early Head Start (EHS)
(405) 528-7724 ext. 225

Tulsa Educare (EHS)
(918) 508-2255

Twin Rivers Head Start (HS)
(918) 623-2707

Wewoka Public Schools Co-op Head Start (HS)
(405) 257-2321

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