

New Mexico Head Start and Early Head Start At-a-Glance

The Mission of NM Head Start State Collaboration Office: Prepare New Mexico children for school while providing their families with access to community resources and comprehensive support services to ensure their children's success in school. **It's Vision:** Improve the quality of life for New Mexico children through school readiness.



Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) are a critical part of PN-5 early childhood system; working to give vulnerable child an opportunity to succeed in school and life. These federally funded programs throughout the country and in New Mexico make an impact on communities by providing comprehensive educational, emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological services that support thriving children and their families.

New Mexico Head Start Programs

12 Regional, 16 Tribal, and 1 Migrant Seasonal Head Start Programs serving children in 261 centers



Comprehensive Services

Head Start programs provide comprehensive services prenatal to age five:

- Education Curriculum and Developmental Screenings
- Home Visiting in EHS
- Health (Physical, Oral, Vision, Hearing, Lead, and Social Emotional Screenings)
- Nutrition
- Family Engagement
- Fatherhood Initiatives
- Community Resources
- Referrals

Funded Enrollment

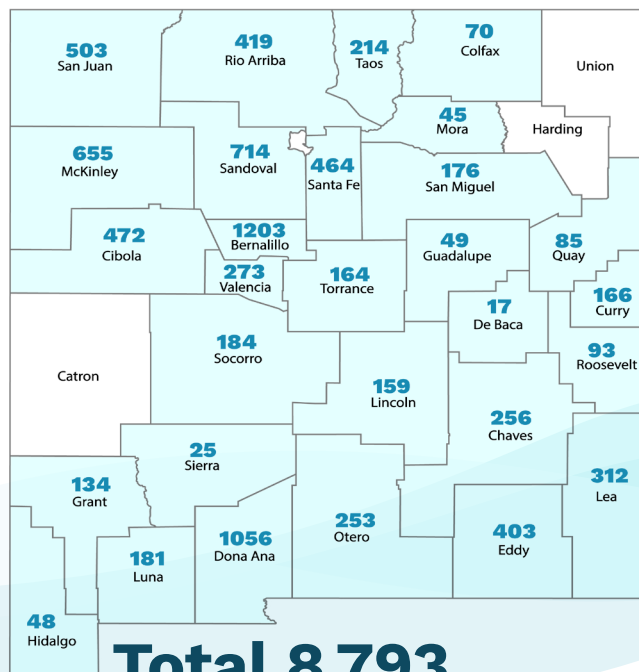
In 2021-22 New Mexico Head Start was funded for 2,362 EHS slots and 6,431 of Head Start slots with a total of 8,793 for a total of Head Start Tribal and Regional programs.

Funded amount for Tribal and Non-Tribal Head Start and Early Head Start Programs

Total Funding amount \$98,100,902

(*This amount does not include the Navajo Nation)

Funded Enrollment by County



Total 8,793



Children served by Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships

Through Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships, Early Head Start programs have partnered with **four** child care centers serving **152 children**, to raise the bar on quality and services.



By working together, the partners can extend Early Head Start resources to more early learning settings.

Early Head Start/Head Start Improves Well-Being

- Children in Early Head Start/Head Start are more likely to be immunized, have a health home, and to receive services if they have a diagnosed disability
- Early Head Start/Head Start children show significantly better social-emotional, language, and cognitive development
- For families in the child welfare system, experiencing homelessness, kinship care, and other disadvantages have more opportunities to participate in the Head Start Program

New Mexico Head Starts Received Federal Relief Funding

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) **\$8,306,000**
- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) **\$2,064,000**
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) **\$6,192,000**

Total \$ 16,562,000

Children Receiving Services From



Medical Primary Care Provider
5,794 children



Primary Dental Provider
5,203 children



Up-to-date on immunizations
5,519 children

In 2020-2021 the number of slots granted to New Mexico Head Start were 7,803 of those, only 6,520 were served due to COVID-19.

Of the Children



At or below 100% poverty guidelines
4,050 children



Experiencing Homelessness
271 children



Receive Public Assistance
375 children

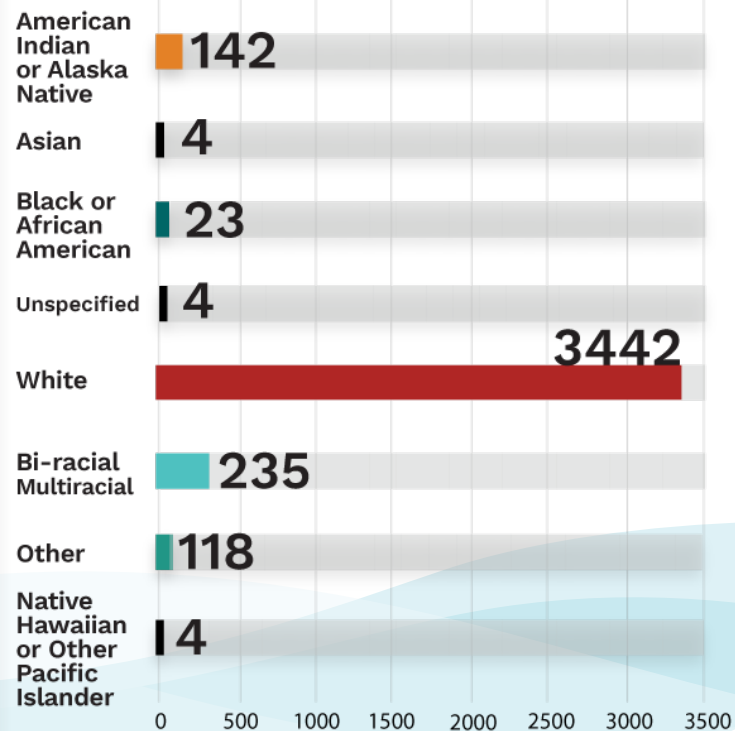


In Foster/Kinship Care
139 children



Other **1,685**

Race and Ethnicity of New Mexico's Early Head Start (EHS) and Head Start (HS) preschool-age children



Number of Professionals Providing Services in Early Head Start/Head Start settings: **2,240**

Education levels of Early Head Start and Head Start Staff

Early Head Start Teachers

- Bachelor's degree or higher **15.5%**
- Associate degree **27.5%**
- Child Development Associate **37.9%**
- No educational qualifications **19.2%**

Head Start Teachers

- Bachelor's degree or higher **37.5%**
- Associate degree **48.2%**
- Child Development Associate **5.4%**

Head Start Teacher Assistants

- Bachelor's degree or higher **2.3%**
- Associate degree **14.8%**
- Child Development Associate **35.2%**
- No educational qualifications **47.7%**

Quorum and Scholarships offered by ECECD, utilized by Head Start and Early Head Start Staff:

Scholarships

- Spring 2021: **29**
- Summer 2021: **71**
- Fall 2021: **110**

Quorum

- Enrollment: **756**
- Courses Completed (FY21): **4,756**

Supports for Families & Pregnant Women



Parenting Education
353



Mental Health Services
477



Health Education
2,489



Substance Abuse Prevention
328



Adult Education
324



Supporting Transitions between programs
2,312



Housing Assistance
456



Emergency or Crisis Intervention
2,317

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