



HEAD START APPROACH TO SCHOOL READINESS

The Head Start Approach to School Readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children. Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development are all essential ingredients of school readiness. Head Start views school readiness as children possessing the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life. The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program utilizes the five domains as the basis for school readiness goals.

CITY OF PHOENIX HEAD START BIRTH TO FIVE PROGRAM

The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program promotes school readiness through three comprehensive educational options for income-eligible children aged birth to kindergarten entry. Infants and toddlers can participate in home-based programming or center-based care through collaboration with local child care partners. Center-based programming is available for preschool-aged children in full or half-day sessions. Families are encouraged to be engaged in their child's educational development, which can lead to higher success for their child throughout their school career.

EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDERS AND CHILD CARE PARTNERS

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| Alhambra Elementary School District | Greater Phoenix Urban League |
| Booker T. Washington Child Development Center | Immanuel Care for Children |
| Cactus Kids Child Care Center | Out of this World Christian ChildCare Center |
| Deer Valley Unified School District | Washington Elementary School District |
| Fowler Elementary School District | |



TRANSITION FROM HEAD START TO KINDERGARTEN

- Head Start (HS) caseworkers become aware of their school district kindergarten school roundup and provide effective information to the families, information about the registration process, documents needed for a new school
- HS staff provide all families with all their kindergarten options
- HS caseworkers become aware of kindergarten boot camps (libraries, schools) and provide the families with resources
- Provide opportunities to families to learn about the new setting or program (Kindergarten orientations, open houses, roundups)
- Education Service Providers - provides online and print resources for families transitioning, including services for children with disabilities



M.A.N. C.A.V.E. FATHERHOOD PROGRAM

The M.A.N. C.A.V.E. Fatherhood Initiative seeks to take a leadership role and commit to fostering the positive relationship of fathers or male role models with their children. Along with our existing efforts, we promote the important roles of both parents- mothers and fathers- and, in doing so; improve the lives of children and families.

DEVELOPING STRATEGIC ALLIANCES WITH...

Human Services Department
Community Services Division

Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP)

United Way
Valley of the Sun United Way

ASU
School of Social Work
Arizona State University

ARIZONA
Department of Education

ARIZONA CHILD & ADOLESCENT SURVIVOR INITIATIVE

Fresh Start
Women's Foundation

Read On ARIZONA
When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

THE SALVATION ARMY

Read On PHOENIX
When Arizona Reads, Arizona Thrives

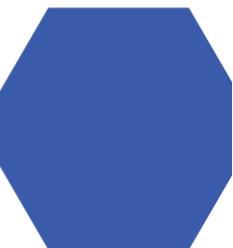
FIRST THINGS FIRST

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2025 City of Phoenix HEAD START BIRTH TO FIVE PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT



ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT



ELIGIBILITY

- Income Eligible = 34%
- Public Assistance = 55%
- Foster Children = 1%
- Over Income = 1%
- Income between 100% and 130% = 8%
- Experiencing Homelessness = 1%



ETHNICITY

- Hispanic or Latino = 78%
- Non-Hispanic or Non-Latino Origin = 22%



RACE

- White/Hispanic/Latino = 81%
- African American = 13%
- Multi-Racial = 2%
- American Indian = 2%
- Other = 2%



LANGUAGE

- English = 49%
- Spanish = 46%
- Middle Eastern & Asian = 3%
- African = 2%



OUR FAMILIES



Family Composition

- Two Parent Families = 52%
- Single Mother = 44%
- Single Father = 2%
- Other Single Relative = 2%



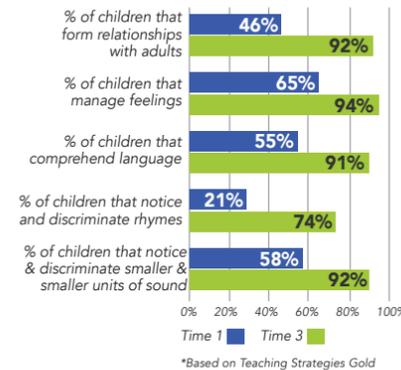
Education

- Advanced Degree = 9%
- Associates Degree = 26%
- High School Graduate = 35%
- Less than High School = 30%

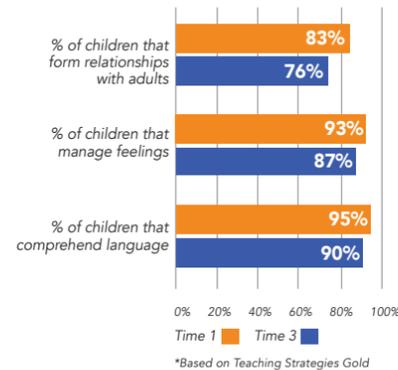
OUR STORY IN NUMBERS



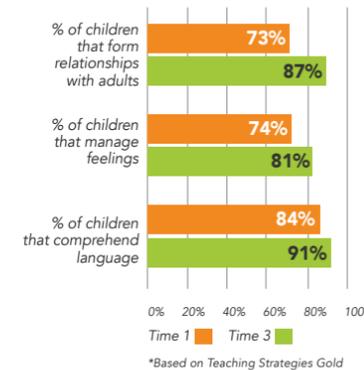
HEAD START OUTCOMES 2024-2025*



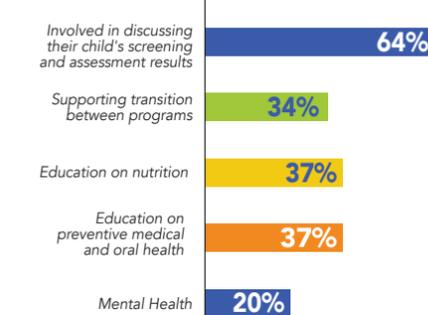
EARLY HEAD START HOME-BASED OUTCOMES 2024-2025*



EARLY HEAD START CENTER-BASED OUTCOMES 2024-2025*



TOP FIVE SERVICES FAMILIES RECEIVED EMERGENCY/CRISIS INTERVENTION



ACCOUNTABILITY & AUDIT RESULTS

A variety of ongoing monitoring activities are performed by program staff year-round to measure both quality and compliance.

In addition to ongoing monitoring activities internally, the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children Youth and Families performs a rigorous, in-depth review of performance standards to ensure compliance with program regulations every three years. The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program was last reviewed in June 2024. The program was found in compliance in the areas of nutritional services, safe environments, fiscal management, human resources management, staff qualifications and requirements.

BUDGET

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Head Start/Early Head Start Budget

| Program | Federal Share | Non-Federal Share | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Head Start | \$35,584,149.67 | \$8,896,037.42 | \$35,584,149.67 |
| Early Head Start | \$7,371,043.56 | \$1,842,760.89 | \$7,317,043.56 |
| Total FY24-25 Budget | \$42,955,193.23 | \$10,738,798.31 | \$42,955,193.23 |

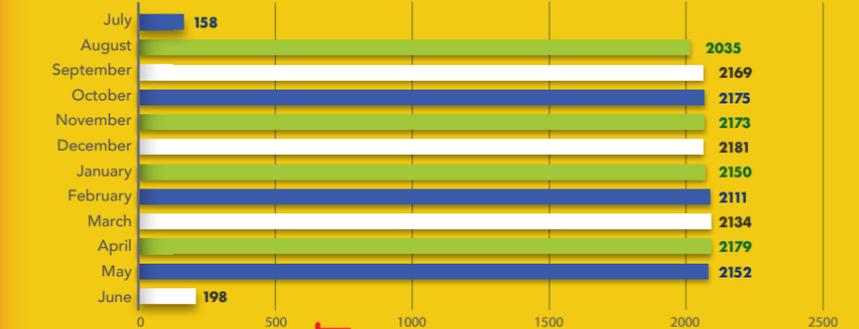
HEALTH SERVICES

Healthy children are children who are ready to learn. The City of Phoenix Head Start Birth to Five Program supports families to ensure that children are up-to-date on immunizations, have a current physical, and dental exam. Additionally, Head Start students automatically qualify for free meals necessary for healthy development.

- 97% = of children had an established medical home
- 8.1 of every 10 were up-to-date on their health schedule
- 528 were diagnosed with a chronic health condition
- 414 of these children received medical treatment
- 97% were identified as up-to-date on all immunizations
- 94% of children had an established dental home
- 6.6 of every 10 received a professional dental examination
- 385 children were diagnosed as needing additional dental treatment
- 317 of these children received the needed treatment
- Children's BMI: Underweight = 10%, Healthy Weight = 62%, Overweight = 11%, Obese = 17%



AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT



Head Start Average Monthly Enrollment* **82%**

*based on percentage of funded enrollment

Head Start 2024 Average Monthly Enrollment **2146**