

# 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.

### 2012 HHS Poverty Guidelines

#### Persons in Family or Household

1		\$11,170
2		\$15,130
3		\$19,090
4		\$23,050
5		\$27,010
6		\$30,970
7		\$34,930
8		\$38,890

For each additional person, add \$3,960

# 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
- Goals for school readiness

## 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	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Age 0-1	525	564	576	733	925
Age 1	564	527	555	751	967
Age 2	688	656	725	926	1,181
Age 3	7,917	8,370	8,204	8,657	8,644
Age 4	10,074	9,583	9,402	9,544	8,599
Age 5 & above	51	71	283	38	72
Total	19,819	19,771	19,745	20,649	20,388
Pregnant Women	169	175	181	203	293



# How is Head Start funded in Oklahoma?

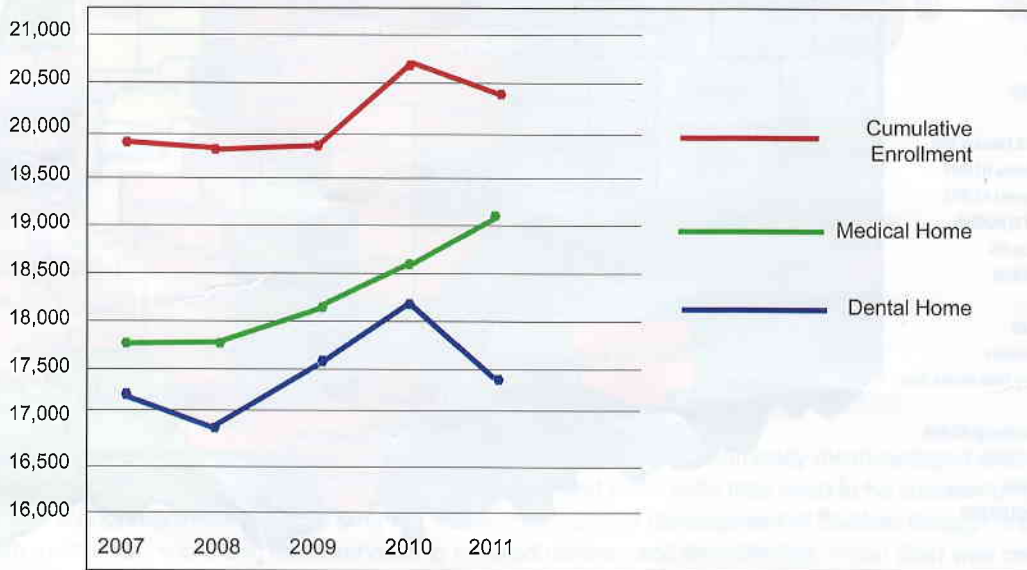
The federal government provides funds directly to the grantees. In Oklahoma, the Legislature also appropriates funds to improve the Head Start programs and expand Head Start enrollment. The figures below includes children in both Head Start and Early Head Start.

Region VI	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Cumulative Enrollment	16,447	16,474	16,438	17,381	16,978
Federal	\$80,271,959	\$81,252,571	\$83,703,540	\$83,800,755	\$91,957,247
State	\$2,905,620	\$2,905,620	\$2,685,070	\$2,452,533	\$2,191,700
Region XI (American Indian)	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Cumulative Enrollment	3,372	3,202	3,307	3,268	3,410
Federal	\$20,716,000	\$20,903,987	\$23,135,410	\$24,335,181	\$22,522,482

# 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

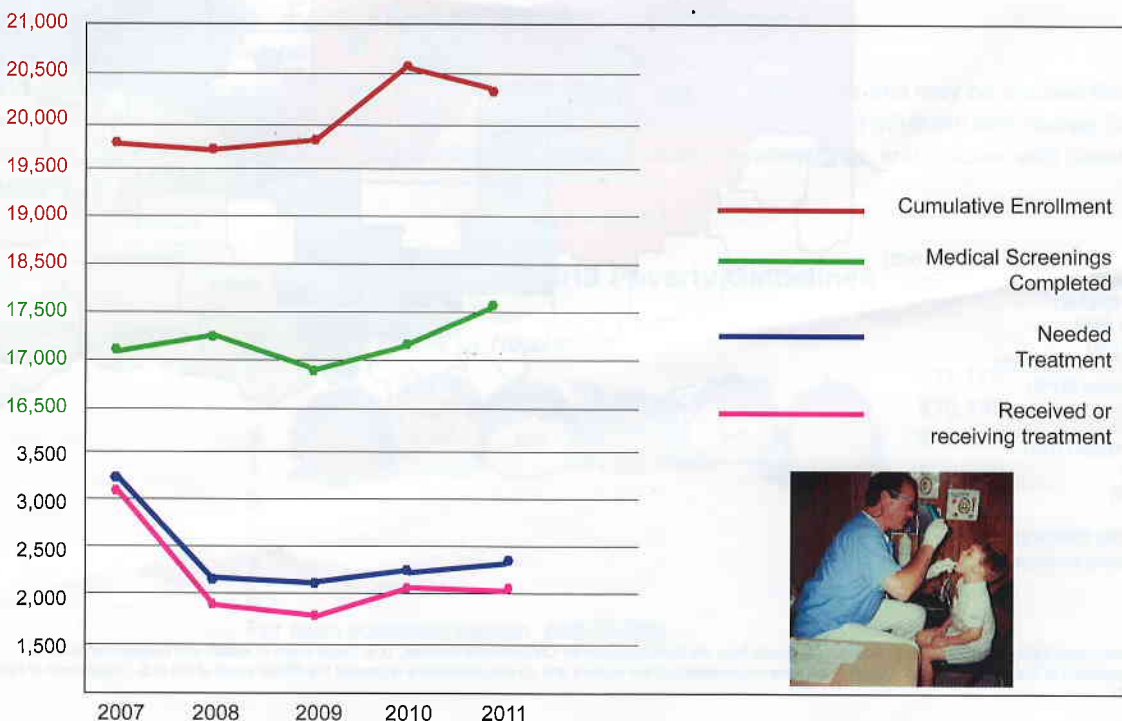


## Up-to-Date on Immunizations

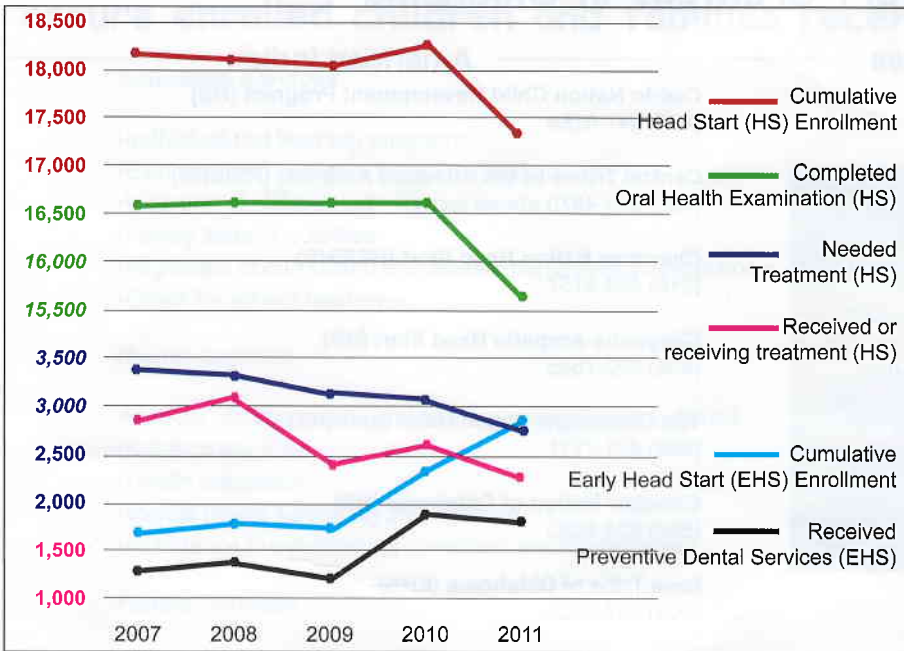


	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Cumulative Enrollment	19,819	19,771	19,745	20,649	20,388
Number Immunized	17,995	17,669	17,670	18,574	18,939
% of Enrollment	90.80%	89.37%	89.49%	89.95%	92.89%

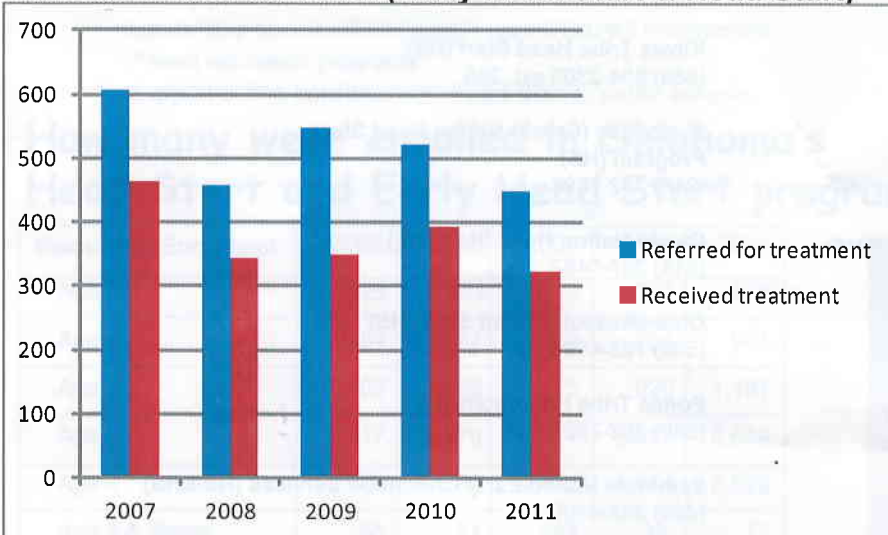
## Medical Screenings



## Dental Services



## Mental Health Services (Early Head Start & Head Start)



## Family Services in 2010-11

19,206 Families in Head Start and Early Head Start

Services to families included:

- 2,900 Emergency/crisis intervention (food, clothing, shelter)
- 1,642 Housing assistance (subsidized, utilities, repair)
- 2,697 Mental health services
- 874 English as a Second Language training
- 2,542 Adult education (GED program, college selection, etc.)
- 1,436 Job training
- 1,383 Substance abuse prevention or treatment
- 2,409 Child abuse and neglect services
- 729 Domestic abuse services
- 490 Child support assistance
- 8,990 Health education (including pre-natal education)
- 166 Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals
- 10,478 Parenting education
- 1,149 Marriage education
- 13,930 Number of families receiving at least one of the services listed above
- 811 Homeless families served
- 292 Homeless families acquired housing
- 2,189 Number of children with Individual Education Programs
- 2,061 Disabilities related services provided to children

## What are the qualifications of pre-school Head Start teachers?

Of the 926 classroom teachers, 897, or 96.87%, had a degree or training that was in early childhood or a related field during the 2010-11 Program Year.

Classroom Teachers	Grantees Under Region VI	Grantees Under Region XI American Indian	Total	National
Associate Degree	155 (19.92%)	33 (22.30%)	188	14,850 (32.28%)
Baccalaureate Degree	448 (57.58%)	64 (43.24%)	512	20,131 (43.76%)
Advanced Degree	39 (5.01%)	3 (2.03%)	42	4,142 (9.0%)
Child Development Associate (CDA)	117 (15.04%)	38 (25.68%)	155	5,671 (12.33%)
No ECE Credential	19 (2.44%)	10 (6.76%)	29	1,209 (2.63%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>46,003</b>

# 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 (HS)**  
(580) 335-5588
- Community Action Project of Tulsa County (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 382-3200
- 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
- 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) 453-5757
- Cheyenne-Arapaho Head Start (HS)**  
(405) 422-7635
- The Chickasaw Nation Head Start (HS)**  
(580) 421-7711
- 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 ext. 365
- 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

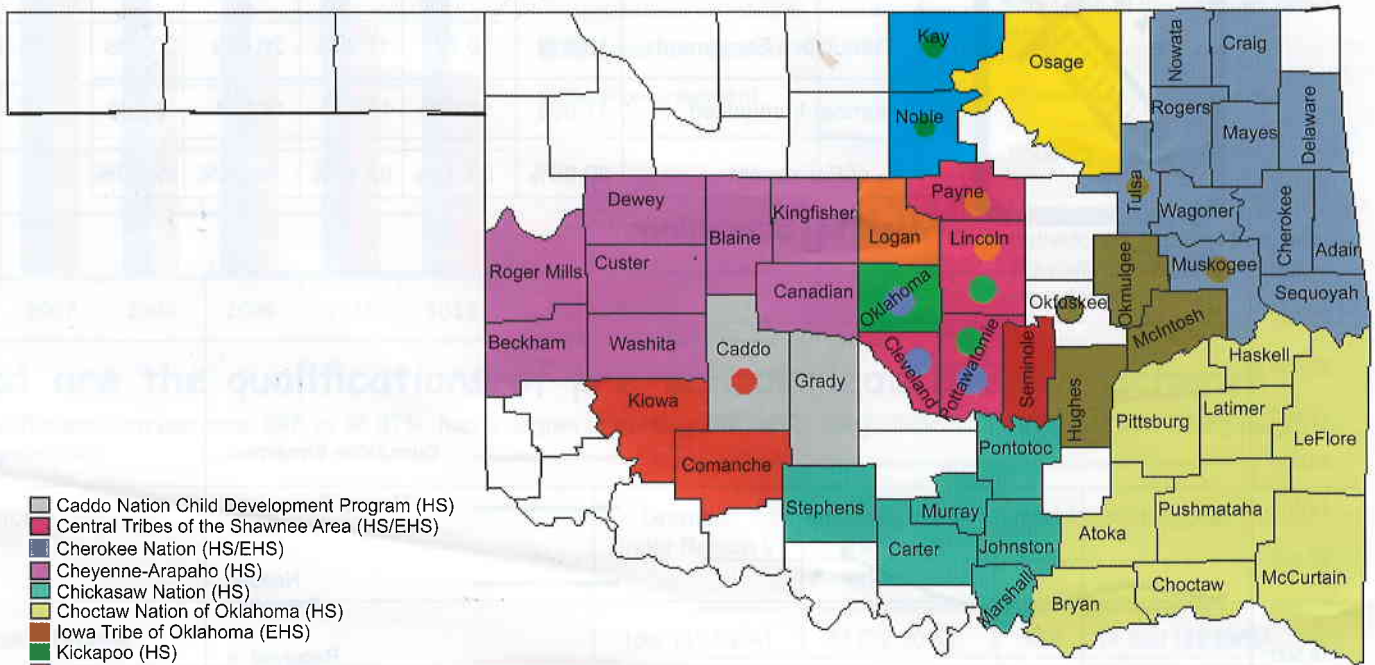
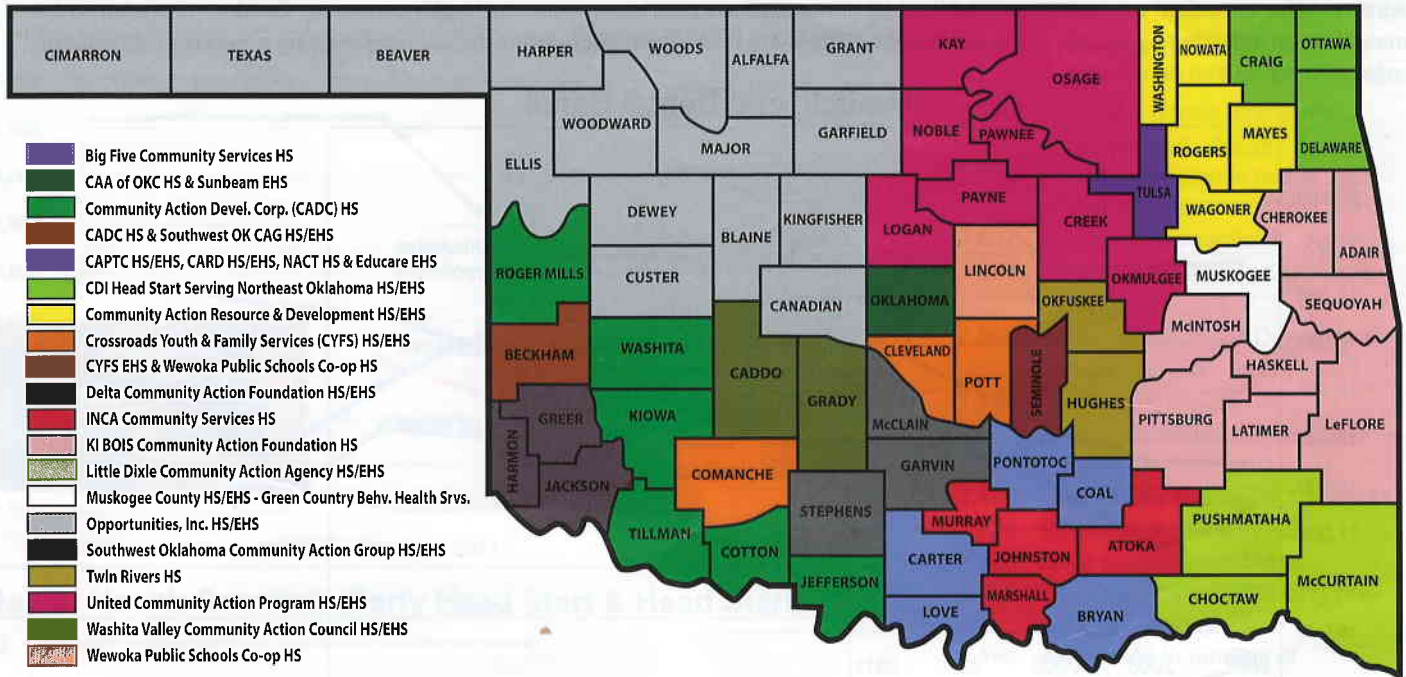
## Other Grantees

- CDI Head Start Serving Northeast Oklahoma (HS/EHS)**  
(918) 786-1973
- 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
- Sunbeam Family Services Early Head Start (EHS)**  
(405) 528-7724 ext. 225
- Tulsa Educare (EHS)**  
(918) 852-8082
- Twin Rivers Head Start (HS)**  
(918) 623-2707
- Wewoka Public Schools Co-op Head Start (HS)**  
(405) 257-2321

HS - Head Start EHS - Early Head Start

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