

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HEAD START HISTORY

A Head Start For Our Nation's Children

Building On Success

Growth

Changes

New Focus

Into the Future

- 1965:** As an outcome of the “War on Poverty”, President Johnson announced the Head Start program ▪ The program launched, serving over 560,000 children and families as an 8-week summer program ▪ Funding was at \$96,400,000 ▪ Head Start was expanded to be a part-time, 9-month program.
- 1967:** Parent:Child Centers were established, providing services for birth-three. (These were later replaced by Early Head Start.)
- 1969:** Head Start was moved from the Office of Economic Opportunity to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare’s newly established Office of Child Development.
- 1970:** The role of Head Start Policy Groups was defined and added to regulations.
- 1972:** It was required that a minimum of 10% of the national Head Start enrollment had to be children with disabilities.
- 1973:** The Home-Based option was added ▪ The first Child Development Associate (CDA) was established, and it was proposed that there be at least one Teacher with CDA in every classroom by 1976 ▪ The National Head Start Association was established.
- 1975:** The Head Start Performance Standards were issued.
- 1977 - 1984:** Head Start expansions supported the enrollment of an additional 43,000 children.
- 1990:** The largest single funding increase is passed ▪ Funding was at \$1,052,000,000 ▪ Head Start Expansion & Quality Improvement Act passed ▪ Head Start State Collaboration Projects began.
- 1993:** Head Start received an additional \$600 million ▪ President’s Commission on Head Start established.
- 1994:** Early Head Start was created to provide services for children birth-three and pregnant women ▪ Head Start was reauthorized, and included major changes.
- 1995:** The requirement for tri-annual on-site peer reviews were enforced.
- 1996:** Head Start Performance Standards were revised.
- 1998:** Head Start reauthorization included major changes addressing school readiness, staff qualifications and salaries, outcomes assessments, partnerships.
- 2000:** A \$933 million Head Start increase was approved.
- 2003:** National Reporting System was initiated.
- 2005:** The Head Start Impact Study was completed ▪ National Reporting System was suspended.
- 2006:** The Head Start budget was cut for first time (by 1%) ▪ The Head Start Bureau became the Office of Head Start.
- 2007:** “Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007” was signed into law.
- 2009:** The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act awarded \$2.1 billion was awarded to grantees.
- 2010:** National Centers for Training and Technical Assistance were created.
- 2011:** Designation Renewal System rules were announced.
- 2013:** Head Start funding was cut due to sequestration ▪ Services to 57,000 children were suspended.
- 2014:** Head Start funding restored ▪ \$500 million was set aside for Early Head Start-Child Care

