

The S.D. Head Start State Collaboration Office is located in the Department of Education. Its purpose is to facilitate collaboration among Head Start agencies and entities that carry out activities designed to benefit low-income children from birth to school entry, and their families - <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.aspx>

The S. D. Head Start Association is a leading voice supporting the work of Head Start programs and their partners through education, advocacy, training, networking, and strengthening of quality early childhood education and services to families - <http://sdheadstart.org>

“...the potential annual return from focused, high-quality ECD [early childhood development] programs might be as high as **16 percent** (inflation adjusted), of which the annual public return is **12 percent** (inflation adjusted).”



Rob Grünewald & Arthur Rolnick, “Early Childhood Development: Economic Development with a High Public Return,” *The Region* 17, no. 4 Supplement (December 2003), 9.



There are 8 Early Head Start programs in SD each with their own collaboration Agreements.

Early Head Start Collaboration Agreements, 2013-14	
Number of Local Education Agencies (LEA) in Service Area	90
Number of LEA Agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services	82
Number of LEA Agreements to Coordinate Transition Services	78
Program has Pre-Kindergarten Collaboration & Resource Sharing Agreements	4
Number of Pre-kindergarten Collaboration & Sharing Agreements	16
Number of Part C Agencies in Service Area	19
Number of Part C Agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services	19
Program has Child Welfare Agency Collaboration Agreements	6
Number of Child Welfare Agency Collaboration Agreements	7

As adults, those who attended a quality early childhood program are about three times as likely to be homeowners by age 27 compared to those who did not benefit from the program. Home ownership is an indicator of successful adaptation to society. National Head Start Association, Research Bites

Head Start & the Economy

Fiscal Year 2014

- American Indian & Alaska Native governments received **\$16,293,892**
~ Funded enrollment for **1,690** children
- SD Head Start local grantees received **\$21,988,051**
~ Funded enrollment for **2,890** children

National Head Start Association at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/data/factsheets/2014-hs-program-factsheet.html>

~ All federal funds received for the 15 Head Start programs in South Dakota funds the students, staff, teachers, buildings, and equipment used in the program. ~

For each dollar invested in Head Start, there is an economic gain of \$7 to \$10.

~ South Dakota Head Start Association



Head Start Collaboration Agreements, 2013-14

Number of Local Education Agencies (LEA) in Service Area	188
Number of LEA Agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services	163
Number of LEA Agreements to Coordinate Transition Services	166
Program has Pre-Kindergarten Collaboration & Resource Sharing Agreements	7
Number of Pre-kindergarten Collaboration & Sharing Agreements	67
Number of Part C Agencies in Service Area	80
Number of Part C Agreements to Coordinate Disabilities Services	75
Program has Child Welfare Agency Collaboration Agreements	9
Number of Child Welfare Agency Collaboration Agreements	12



“One other huge impact on our family that grew from participating in Head Start was that I personally gained the courage to return to college after over 25 years. My home visitor was one of my greatest cheerleaders and the Family Advocate arranged for the program to pay for the \$50 application fee for the college I chose. Finishing my education to break the chains of poverty and to have enough resources to support ourselves and to give back to society. To summarize, then, because someone within Head Start gave ‘\$50 bucks and a Damn,’ one more family can leave poverty behind, a grandmother achieved a life-long goal, and a little girl is a successful student.” ~ Head Start Parent

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Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2014.
There are 15 Head Start Programs including Tribal Programs in South Dakota