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HEAD START

AN ARKANSAS REVIEW

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Head Start & Early Head Start

Federally funded early childhood programs, awarded directly to local grantees by the federal government —bypassing OEC.

Total funding amount

\$128,351,357

Number of children served

6,449

Number of grantees

18

Ages/population served

Children birth to five in families:

- At or below the federal poverty guidelines.
- Receiving TANF or SSI
- Homelessness (McKinney Vento Act)
- Foster care

How funding flows

- Local grantees apply and re-apply directly to the federal Office of Head Start, and funds flow from the federal Administration for Children and Families straight to the grantee.
- There is no state role in the funding decision but OEC houses the Head Start Collaboration Office, which coordinates:
 - Head Start
 - Early Head Start
 - Migrant/Seasonal Head Start





MEETING THE COMMUNITY NEEDS

- **Federal-to-Local Funding Model**
- **Community Assessment**
- **Eligibility and Enrollment**
- **Program Settings**

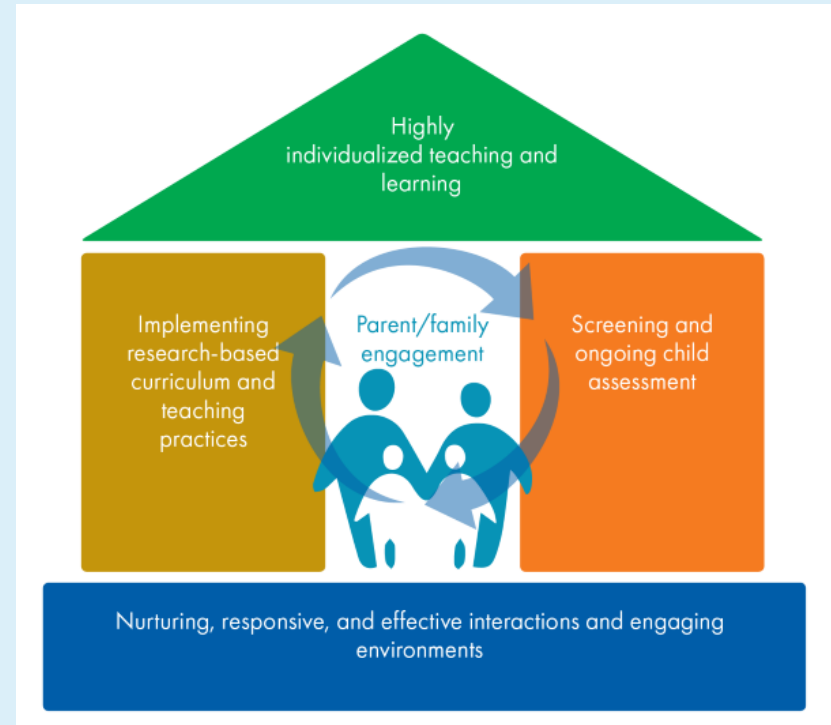




THE HEAD START APPROACH

Services for Children and Families

- **Early Learning and Development**
- **Health and Wellness**
- **Family Well-being**
- **Family Engagement**





PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

- **High-quality early childhood standards**
- **Program support network**
- **Compliance monitoring**
- **Annual program outcomes PIR**
- **Economic Return on Investment**

