

# Explore Opportunities to Partner with Head Start and Early Head Start in Wisconsin



## What is Head Start?

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded programs offered to all states. The program and its partners work to serve eligible children and families. Head Start prepares children ages 3-5 to succeed in school and in life. It provides early learning, health, and family well-being services—all in a safe nurturing environment. Early Head Start supports children up to age 3 by promoting healthy development and early learning. Many Early Head Start programs also offer services for expecting parents, caregivers, and their families.

## Potential ways to partner with Head Start in Wisconsin

Head Start in Wisconsin serves 16,000 children statewide. Still, many eligible children and families need access to Head Start. Sometimes, local Head Start service providers will look to partner with child care providers in the community to increase their ability to serve more eligible children and families. Federal Head Start grants may be available for eligible programs. Here's how you can find out if grant opportunities are available in your region and get started:

1. Find available Head Start and Early Head Start funding opportunities. You can search with the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) locator at [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/notice-funding-opportunity-nofo-locator](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/notice-funding-opportunity-nofo-locator).
2. Determine whether you're eligible to submit a competitive application and learn what it takes to get ready. You can find this information at [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/decide-whether-apply](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/decide-whether-apply).
3. Learn how to submit a NOFO application, how it will be evaluated, and what to expect after submission. To gain an understanding of the review process, visit [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/understand-review-process](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/understand-review-process).
4. Get answers to frequently asked questions. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) does not respond directly to individual questions to support transparency in the competitive grant process. You can refer to their FAQ section at [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/frequently-asked-questions](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application/article/frequently-asked-questions).



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If you'd like to learn more about applying for a Head Start grant, visit [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/grant-application).

If you'd like to learn more about Wisconsin Head Start, visit [whsaonline.org/](https://whsaonline.org/).

If you'd like to find a Head Start program near you, visit [eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/center-locator).

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