



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION



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# Opportunities and Challenges: Head Start in the 116th Congress

Florida Head Start  
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# NHSA's Vision for Head Start

## To Lead.

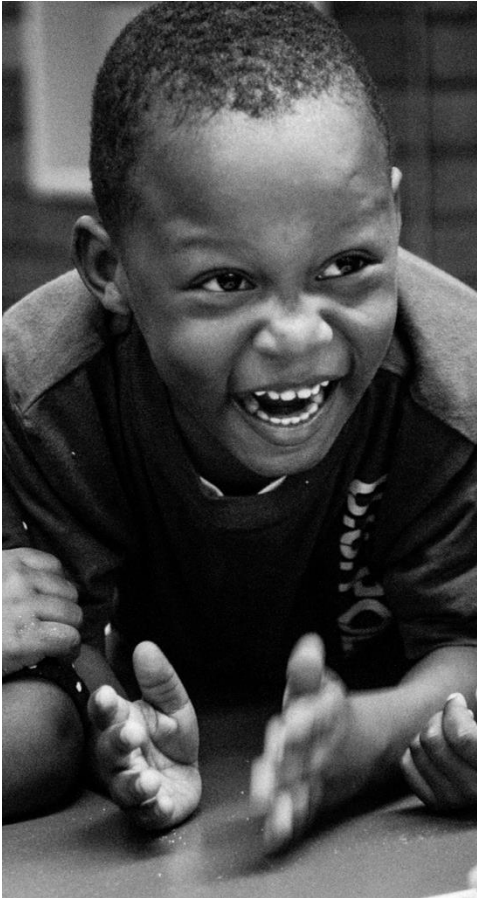
To be the untiring voice that will not be quiet until every vulnerable child is served with the Head Start model of support for the whole child, the family, and the community.

# NHSA's Vision for Head Start

## **To Advocate.**

To work diligently for policy changes that ensure all vulnerable children and families have what they need to succeed.

# NHSA's Mission



**To coalesce, inspire, and support the Head Start field as a leader in early childhood development and education**

We are compelled to fulfill this mission by the promise of all possible outcomes:

- One powerful, united Head Start voice
- A collegial, collaborative Head Start field
- Nonpartisan support of an increased federal commitment to Head Start
- Healthier, empowered children and families, and stronger, more vibrant communities

# What we're watching in DC...



1. Dems appear to take left turn, while R's haven't changed strategy
2. Top political discussions:
  1. Immigration
  2. "Green New Deal"
  3. Health care
  4. 2020 Election
3. Everyone wants simple solutions to complex problems
4. Budget talks heating up



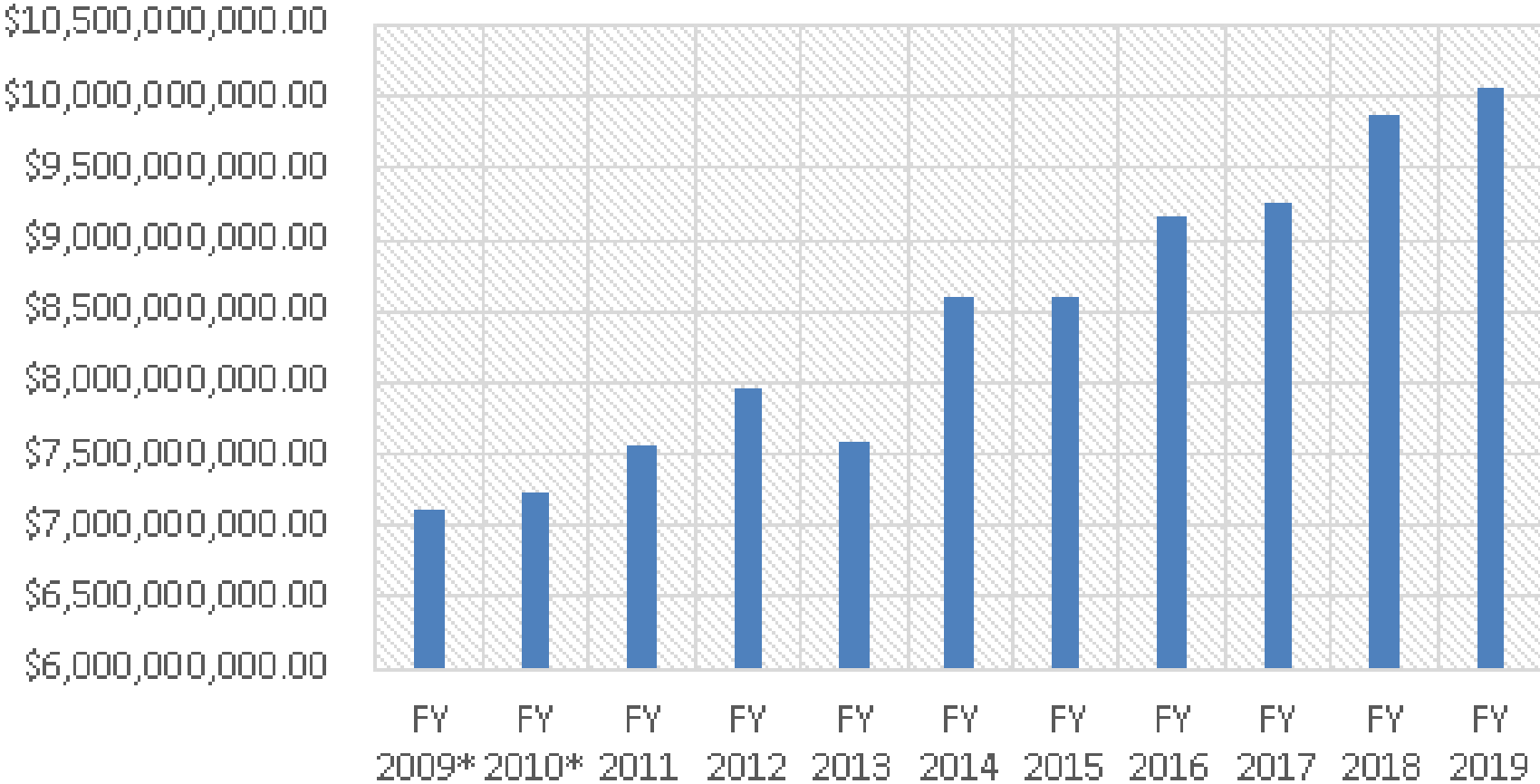
# What we're watching for Head Start



- **FY 20** is firmly underway
- Return of **BCA Caps/Sequester**
- Positioning **Head Start in states** and in 2020 and beyond
- **OHS** directives and grant opportunities
- **Enrollment** challenges
- Public **Perception = STRONG!**

# Head Start Funding History

## Head Start Funding FY 2009 - 2019



# NHSA's FY 2020 Ask

	<b>FY 2018 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2019 Enacted</b>	<b>FY 2020 NHSA Recommendation</b>
<b>Head Start and Early Head Start Base Grant</b>	\$8,823,095,000	\$9,233,095,000 <sup>c</sup>	<b>\$9,408,095,000</b>
<b>Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)</b>	\$216,000,000 <sup>a</sup>	\$150,000,000 <sup>a</sup>	<b>\$191,000,000<sup>a</sup></b>
<b>Quality Improvement Fund (QIF)/Trauma-Informed Practices</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$900,000,000</b>
<b>Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships (EHS-CCPs) and EHS Expansion</b>	\$755,000,000	\$805,000,000	<b>\$805,000,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,863,095,000<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>\$10,063,095,000</b>	<b>\$11,113,095,000</b>

<sup>aa</sup> This includes COLA funding for EHS-CCPs.

<sup>bb</sup> This total includes \$260,000,000 for extending in-class hours.

<sup>cc</sup> This number is an estimate based on previous years.



# What you can do!



1. Pay attention to what is happening in Tallahassee!
2. Keep building community support
3. Make your Members of Congress Head Start Champions!
4. **Above all, stay in touch and let's stay united!**

A photograph of a child's hand raised in the air, palm facing forward, at a table with a red tablecloth. In the background, two other children are seated at the table, one in a red shirt and one in a grey shirt. The scene is indoors, likely a classroom or a meeting. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, containing the text "Questions?".

***Questions?***





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