

Federal Policy and Budget Update

Florida Head Start Association

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NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION

NHSA's Vision



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.

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

The Political Trends

- **How much can get done this year?**
 - Impact of the...
 - election?
 - COVID-19?
 - President Trump's relationship with Congress, etc?
- **Discussions on the Hill**
 - Higher Education Act, Paid Family Leave, HS Eligibility, Infrastructure, FY2021
- **Implementation**
 - FY2020 Appropriations, Family First 2.0



HS Strategy has been working!



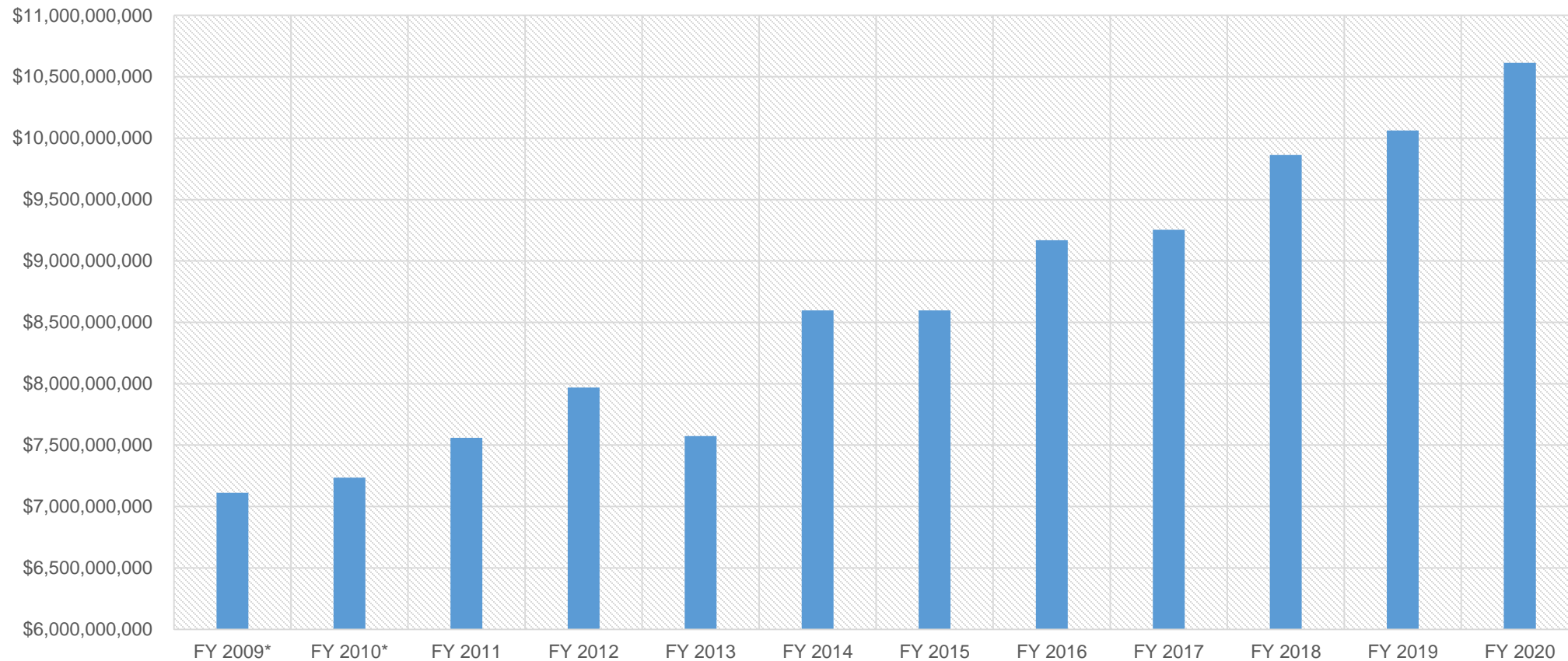
- ❑ **Building Relationships**
 - ❑ Nearly a quarter of Congress is a freshman
 - ❑ Most diverse class in the history of the US
- ❑ **Input into all sorts of bills**
 - ❑ Blocking blockgrants!
- ❑ **Families Unite**
 - ❑ Hundreds of families take to the Capitol
- ❑ **Congressional Breakfast**
 - ❑ Nearly 20 Members of Congress in attendance!
- ❑ **Appropriations**
 - ❑ \$550 million increase
 - ❑ Quality improvement funding for the first time in a decade



Head Start Funding History



Head Start Funding FY 2009 - 2020



Latest News – Appropriations



FY 2020 – \$550,000,000 increase!

- \$250,000,000 for **Quality Improvement Funding**
- \$193,000,000 for **COLA** (about 2%)
- \$100,000,000 for **EHS Expansion/CCP**
- \$4,000,000 for **Tribal College Program**

FY 2021 Underway

- Calendar already looks tight (likely CR)
- POTUS budget proposal released
- Senate/House letters underway

Our Ask FY2021



	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Enacted	FY2021 President's Request	FY 2021 Recommendation
Head Start & Early Head Start Base Grant	\$9,992,094,730	\$10,254,221,326	\$10,254,221,326	\$10,490,070,000
<i>Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)⁺</i>	<i>(\$150,000,000)</i>	<i>(\$193,000,000)</i>	--	<i>(\$235,850,000)</i>
Quality Improvement Fund (QIF)	\$0	\$250,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$520,500,000
Total[^]	\$10,063,095,000	\$10,613,095,000*	\$10,613,095,000	\$11,369,445,000

[^]Totals include funding for federal administrative costs, training and technical assistance, and research, per the Head Start Act. Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships which, beginning in 2020 is a part of the base grant, is reflected in the total.

* Total includes funding to re-establish partnerships with tribal colleges and universities.

+ This investment is reflected in the base grant of the following year.

Regulatory Updates



Impact of OHS Guidance

- Kin-care guidelines
- EHS-HS accounting simplification (CAN)

Recent Comments/Notifications

- Child care
- Background Checks/QRIS Extension

Upcoming Rules/Guidance

- DRS – 10 % final rule
- Duration final rule
- Quality Improvement Funding (QIF)
- EHS expansion grants

Head Start Reauthorization



- **HS overdue for reauthorization**
- **Political climate not looking great**
- **Specific modernizing reforms needed including**
 - Eligibility/selection
 - DRS
 - B-5 grants
 - T/TA system
 - Language clarity needed
- **Opportunity for administrative action?**



The Parable of Notre Dame



And in the next year we aim to:



Strengthen Head Start – Address the pain points in the field and prepare Head Start for 2021 and beyond

Strengthen the Head Start brand – Create a convincing powerful narrative that conveys the benefits and uniqueness of Head Start

Strengthen NHSA – Make sure NHSA has the resources, knowledge and capacity to achieve the above goals

Census 2020



- An estimated 1 million kids under the age of 5 were not counted in the 2010 Census. The highest of any age group.
- Head Start providers are trusted voices that can help ensure that all kids are counted in the 2020 Census.
- Check out our [website](#) for resources and classroom activities from our partners such as:
 - [Counting Young Children Fact Sheet](#)
 - [2020 'Everyone Counts' Song](#)
 - [2020 'Everyone Counts' Story and Activity Book](#)



What is the purpose of conducting the census?

The purpose of the census is to conduct an official count of population and housing and disseminate the results to the president.

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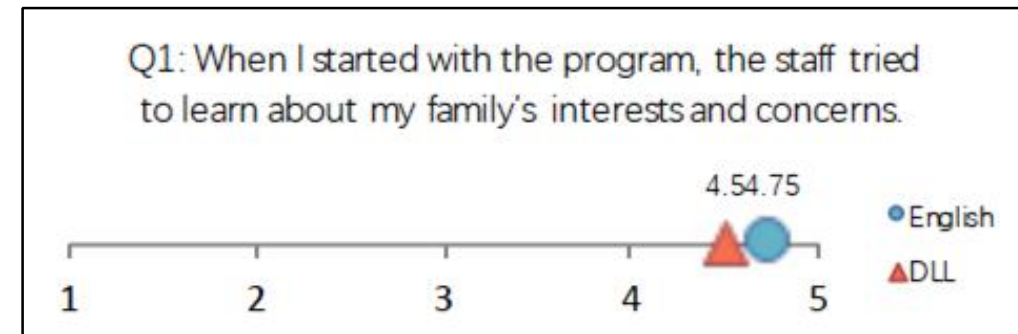
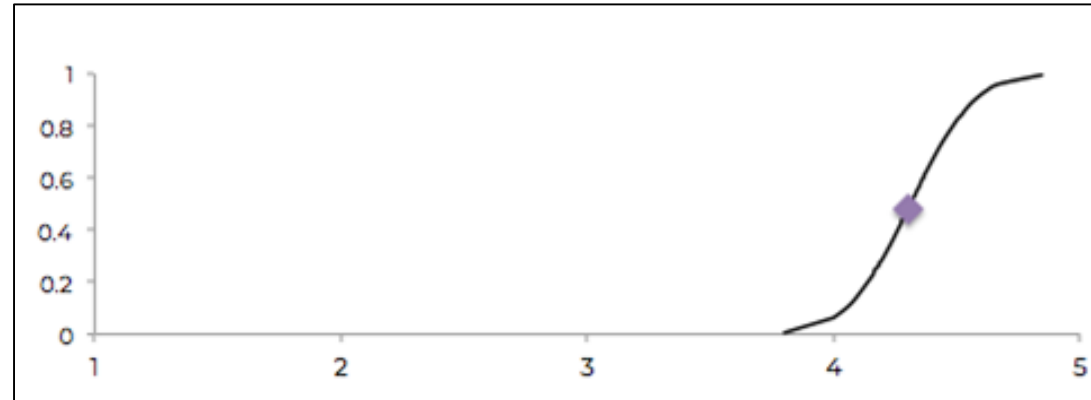


Parent Gauge™



Unique tool for data-informed decision-making:

- Immediately accessible reports
- End-of-year national benchmarking report
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Questions? parentgauge@nhsa.org

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Coming Soon



The Junction

Where programs, products, and services come together...

- Online consumer review platform that will change the way Head Start programs make purchasing decisions
- Free resource for NHSA members
- Launching soon!



The Block



Opening doors to Head Start's nation-wide community

Sharing and connecting with fellow practitioners and peers. See what is working in programs and stay in touch with the people you meet along the way.

Communities of Practice

- Health and Wellness
- Data
- ERSEA
- Family and Community Engagement
- Directors
- Parents
- Fiscal
- Education and Child Development
- Human Resources and Program Operations

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Upcoming Events



National Head Start Conference and Expo

March 29th – April 2nd

Phoenix, AZ

Early Childhood Innovation Summit *(presented by HSN)*

Manager's & Director's Academy

July 20th – July 23rd

Cincinnati, OH

Fall Leadership Institute

September 28th – October 2nd

Washington, DC

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