Since 1896, Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) has given children the best start in life. An adoption agency at its inception, CHSW in the past three decades has moved toward providing prevention services to help children and families before challenges occur in the home.

One key component of this transition has been the focus on high-quality early learning services. Head Start began in 1965 as a result of Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty, and in 1994, the program expanded to include Early Head Start. CHSW was one of the initial grantees for Early Head Start.

CHSW serves almost 700 children and their families annually in Head Start and Early Head Start in hopes to provide comprehensive wraparound services that help families grow and learn together.

One family who has benefited greatly from CHSW's Early Head Start and Head Start programs is Heather and her husband Erik, who enrolled their children Erik Jr. and Zoey in the Early Head Start home visiting program in Walla Walla.

“We were living on the streets of Oregon,” Heather said. “My husband Erik and I both suffered from addiction and were homeless. Our son Erik Jr. was placed in foster care and when I had my daughter Zoey prematurely, she was promptly placed in foster care as well. I was done with my lifestyle and wanted to change.”

Heather and Erik were referred to CHSW in 2016. As a part of the Early Head Start home visiting program, the family also participated in Mobility Mentoring to help Heather and Erik create a permanent, loving home for their children.

CHSW has adapted Mobility Mentoring, an award-winning program created by Economic Mobility Pathways (EMPath), to our early childhood programs to help families move toward financial security while supporting their children's healthy development. Part of Mobility Mentoring consists of using a diagram of a bridge that identifies with a family’s current status regarding family security, well-being, financial management, education and training, and career management. The objective is to get the family high on all the pillars and create stability.

“CHSW staff helped us be our best selves and kept us focused on the future and becoming a family again,” Heather said. “They encouraged us and we never missed a home visit. Our partnership with them was a tight bond.”

Heather and Erik overcame addiction, found permanent housing and had supervised home visits with their children. Zoey, almost 2-years-old and Erik Jr. approaching 5-years-old, are now both on track developmentally and physically.

“Heather sent me a picture of her driver’s license saying, ‘look what I got,’ and Erick found a job,” Shawniene Kaufman, Early Head Start home visitor said. “Positive things are continuing to happen and CHSW is happy to be a part of their success.”

“We have our kids at home now, we have our lives back, and our case is closed,” Heather said. “We are doing great.”

By offering Early Head Start and Head Start programs to young children, CHSW builds on this tradition and creates a solid foundation for today’s children, so they can all reach their full potential.
Early Head Start at a Glance

401
Total number of children served

332
Total number of families served

54
Total number of prenatal moms served

307
Total funded enrollment

83%
Children up to date on health care

80%
Children up to date on oral health care

Ethnicity
- Caucasian ...................................................... 96
- Black/African American ................................. 71
- Bi-racial ............................................................ 23
- Asian ............................................................. 27
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ........ 5
- American Indian ............................................. 4
- Hispanic ....................................................... 229

Family Type
- Two-parent home ........................................... 180
- Single-parent home ......................................... 152

Ages of Children
- Less than one year old ..................................... 150
- One year old .................................................... 146
- Two years old ................................................... 105

Education Level of Parent
- Less than high school graduate ....................... 88
- High school graduate or GED ............................ 147
- AA, vocational or some college .......................... 74
- Advanced degree or BA ................................. 23

Eligibility Type
- Foster care ....................................................... 27
- Homeless ......................................................... 36
- Receives public assistance ............................... 111
- Below federal poverty line ............................... 271
- Over-income ................................................... 10

Language
- English ............................................................ 227
- Spanish ............................................................ 172
- Native Central American, South American
  or Mexican .......................................................... 1
- African ............................................................. 25
- Middle Eastern and South Asian ....................... 26
- Pacific Island ..................................................... 1
- East Asian ......................................................... 2
- European and Slavic ......................................... 1

Children served by county
- King .............................................................. 1%
- Walla Walla .................................................... 7%
- Spokane ........................................................... 1%

Early Head Start Demographics
This includes Green River Child Development Center, Highline,
Early Learning Center
Walla Walla Early Learning Center.
Home visiting at South King,
North King and Walla Walla.
Head Start at a Glance

157
Total number of children served

139
Total number of families served

123
Total funded enrollment

86%
Children up to date on health care

82%
Children up to date on oral health care

Demographics

Ethnicity
Caucasian .................. 30
Black/African American ..... 63
Bi-racial ...................... 18
Asian ....................... 8
American Indian .......... 2
Hispanic .................. 36

Family Type
Two-parent home ...... 47
Single-parent home ... 92

Ages of Children
Three years old ....... 84
Four years old ........ 73

Education Level of Parent
Less than high school ........ 14
High school graduate or GED .... 33
Some college or AA .......... 84
Advanced degree or BA ....... 8

Eligibility Type
Foster care ............... 11
Homeless .................. 13
Receives public assistance ...... 123
Below federal poverty line .... 7
Over-income ............... 3

Language
English ..................... 109
Spanish ..................... 11
African languages ........ 15
Middle Eastern and South Asian languages .... 9
East Asian languages .......... 9

Children served by county
King ......................... 2%

This includes Green River Child Development Center, Highline Early Learning Center, Genesee Early Learning Center.
EHS Childcare Partnership at a Glance

**189**
Total number of children served

**169**
Total number of families served

**112**
Total funded enrollment

**85%**
Children up to date on health care

**66%**
Children up to date on oral health care

**Ethnicity**
- Caucasian ............... 58
- Black .................. 34
- Bi-racial .................. 36
- Asian .................. 3
- Native Hawaiian ...... 3
- American Indian ...... 4
- Hispanic ............. 51

**Family Type**
- Two-parent home...... 49
- Single-parent home... 120

**Ages of Children**
- Less than one year old ... 73
- One year old ............. 67
- Two years old ............ 49

**Education Level of Parent**
- Less than high school ........ 29
- High school graduate or GED .... 90
- Some college or AA .......... 37
- Advanced degree or BA ........ 13

**Eligibility Type**
- Foster care .................. 15
- Homeless .................. 11
- Receives public assistance .... 161
- Below federal poverty line .... 2

**Language**
- English ..................... 157
- Spanish ......................... 18
- African languages ............ 11
- Middle Eastern and South Asian languages ....... 3

This includes King County sites: Children’s Academy, College for Kids, Family Circle Early Learning Center
Spokane sites: Parkview Early Learning Center, Rainbow Connection Daycare.
During the 2016-17 program year, the Lincoln Early Learning Center program was moved into the Walla Walla Early Learning Center.
Parent Involvement Activities

Child and family literacy events
- Cat in the Hat
- Roll & Read

Parent events monthly at each location
(selected topics and themes)
- Child development
- Nutrition and healthy snacks and meals
- Positive discipline
- Disaster preparedness
- Managing stress
- Helping your child with transitions
- Field trips to pumpkin patch, aquariums and children's museums
- Arts, crafts and building time together
- Barbecues
- Fiestas
- CPR certification and first aid training
- Children’s clothing swap
- Gardening
- Cultural Celebrations & male involvement

Policy council monthly meeting

Washington State Association for Head Start and ECEAP
- Fall meeting
- Winter meeting
- Advocacy day in Olympia
- Parent ambassadors

Weekly/monthly learning plans

Play and learn groups
Early Learning Locations

CHSW Administration Offices
12360 Lake City Way N.E.
Seattle, WA 98125
Offers Early Head Start (home based)

Highline Early Learning Center
2400 S. 240th St., Building 0
Des Moines, WA 98198
Offers Early Head Start and Head Start

Genesee Early Learning Center
3700 S. Genesee St.
Seattle, WA 98118
Offers Head Start

South King County Family Resource Center
212 Fifth Ave. S.
Kent, WA 98032
Offers Early Head Start (home based)

Walla Walla Early Learning Center
534 S. 3rd St., B-103
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Offers Early Head Start

Walla Walla Family Resource Center
1612 Penny Lane
Walla Walla, WA 99362
Offers Early Head Start (home based)

Early Head Start—Childcare Partnerships

Children’s Academy of Seattle
2410 S.W. Juneau St.
Seattle, WA 98016

College for Kids Bilingual Daycare, Inc.
2520 S.W. 336th St.
Federal Way, WA 98023

Family Circle Learning Center
10717 S.E. 172nd St.
Renton, WA 98055

Parkview Early Learning Center
5122 N. Division St.
Spokane, WA 99207
Offers Early Head Start

Rainbow Connection Daycare
621 W. Sprague Ave.
Spokane, WA 99201

2016-2017 Revenue and Expenses

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Early Head Start and Head Start Outcomes 2016-2017

**Early Head Start (prenatal to age 3)**

**Promote Children’s Healthy Development and School Readiness**
- 97% of children demonstrate age-appropriate mastery of self-regulation skills.
- 99% of children demonstrate age-appropriate mastery of reasoning and creativity.
- 98% of children demonstrate age-appropriate mastery of logic and reasoning.
- 95% of children demonstrate age-appropriate mastery of language and communication.

**Strengthen Family Relationships, Parent/Caregiver Capacity, and Family Engagement**
- 78% of parents report being knowledgeable about child school readiness.
- 70% of parents report they engage in early literacy activities with their children.
- 83% of parents report they were assisted in accessing health care/housing if needed.
- 73% of families report they increased their financial security.

**Head Start (ages 3 to 5)**

**Promote Children’s Healthy Development and School Readiness**
- 88% of children demonstrated age-appropriate mastery of self-regulation skills.
- 90% of children demonstrated age-appropriate mastery of initiative/curiosity.
- 90% of children demonstrated age-appropriate mastery of logic and reasoning.
- 95% of children demonstrated age-appropriate mastery of reading skills.

**Strengthen Family Relationships, Parent/Caregiver Capacity, and Family Engagement**
- 91% of parents report being knowledgeable about child school readiness.
- 91% of parents report they engage in early literacy activities with their children.
- 79% of parents report they were assisted in accessing health care/housing if needed.
- 82% of families report they increased their financial security.