

Subject: Join Us in Strengthening Head Start—Sign the Community Support Letter

Dear [Recipient's Name],

As advocates for early childhood education and family empowerment, we know how critical Head Start is to the children, families, and communities who need it most. For 60 years, Head Start has not only uplifted young learners and supported working parents but also significantly strengthened local economies—especially in rural and underserved areas. Now, we have an opportunity to ensure Congress continues to support Head Start.

In Florida, Head Start and Early Head Start programs serve roughly **45,000 low-income children under age five** across Florida's 800+ centers. Losing this vital early learning infrastructure would not only devastate vulnerable families – it would cost the state an estimated **\$668 million annually** to replace those services, double the current state budget for Voluntary Pre-K (VPK).

We invite you to join organizations, businesses, and community leaders nationwide in signing the National Head Start Association's (NHSA) community support letter. The letter urges Congress to provide strong funding for Head Start, including a cost-of-living adjustment for staff and flexibility to meet critical local needs.

Your support will help demonstrate the widespread commitment to Head Start as both a launchpad for children and a family lifeline. Please add your name to the letter before **Tuesday, July 15th**, to ensure your voice is heard.

Sign the letter here: [Head Start Community Support Sign-On Letter - NHSA](#)

Thank you for your partnership and dedication to strengthening Head Start. Together, let's continue to uplift and empower communities across the nation.

Warmly,

Your Name

Your Organization

Your Contact Information