



NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION



Standing Strong, Pushing Forward: Head Start in 2018

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NHSA's Vision for Head Start

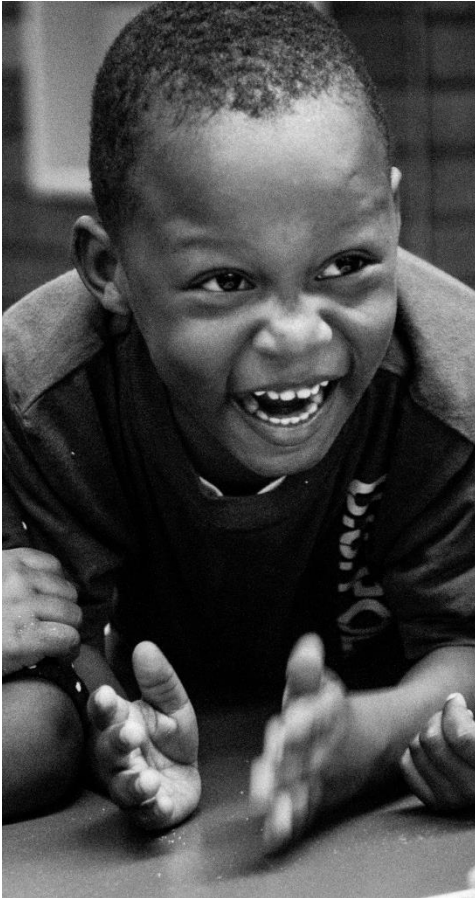
To Lead.

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.

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

Overview



1. Political Environment
2. Funding
3. Authorizing
4. Challenges Facing Head Start
5. NHSA Resources

NHSA Successes!



- **A – List supporters!**
 - Taye Diggs
 - Whoopi Goldberg
 - Danny Glover
- **ESSA Toolkit w/ CCSSO**
- **Gary Community Investment's Innovation award:**
 - NHSA one of 15 out of more than 570 applicants
 - Data Design Huddle

Political Environment



1. Unpredictable and highly political
2. Elections around the corner
3. Primaries already an indication
4. Major Priorities and Possible Actions:
 1. Opioids
 2. TANF/Entitlement Reform
 3. Farm Bill (SNAP)
5. DACA/Immigration
6. New OHS Director, Dr. Bergeron

Challenges facing Head Start?



- Workforce
- Funding – *Balancing duration, expansion, and quality*
- Increasing Needs of Children and Families
- Enrollment
- Facilities/infrastructure
- Managing “Distractions”
What else?

Pain points?



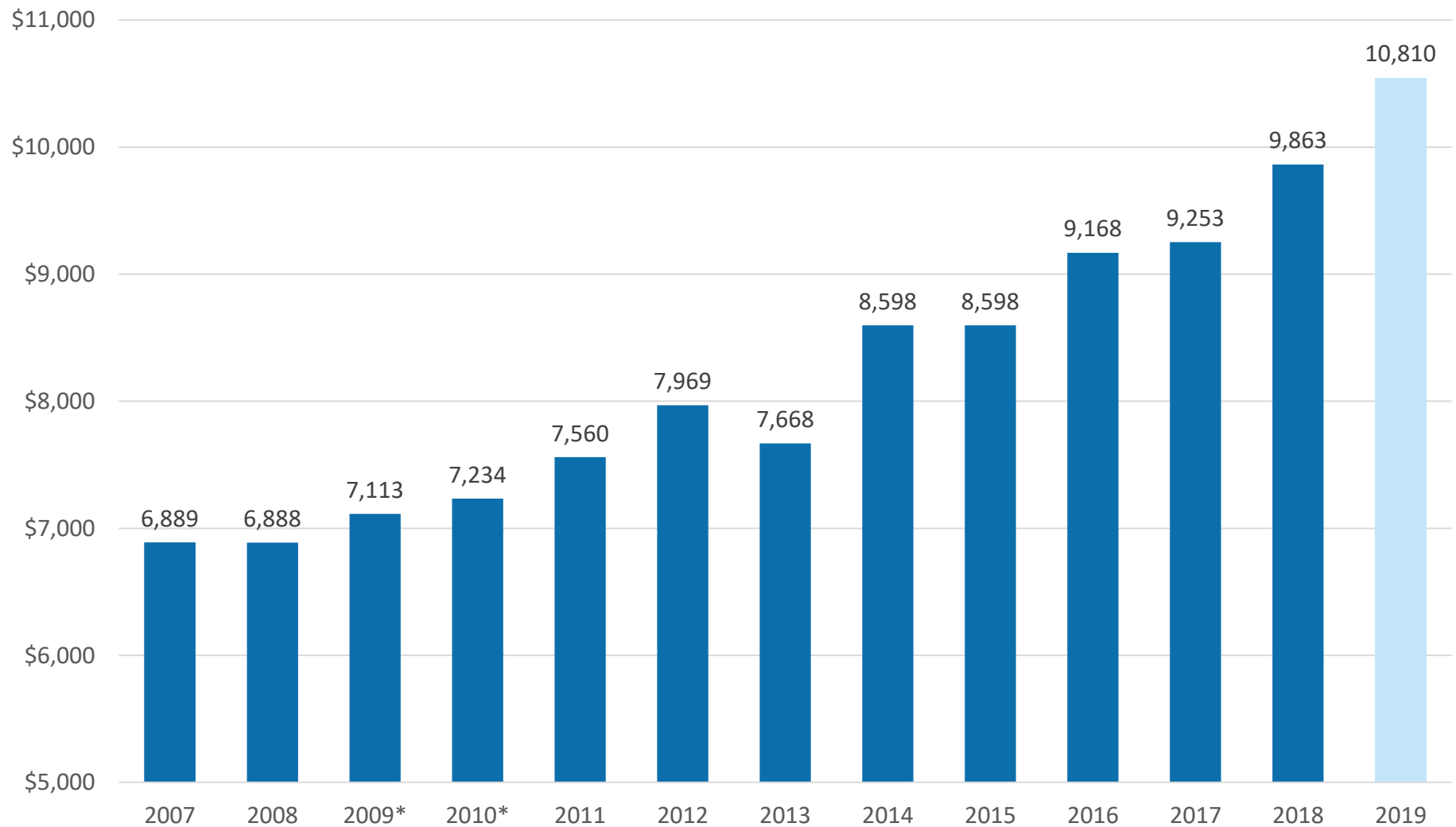
What is the biggest barrier you face each in your day to day work?

What is the biggest barrier your program faces in serving children and families?

What is holding your program back from meeting its fullest potential?

What is your biggest concern for your program in the next 3-5 years?

Head Start Funding: FY07-Present



FY2018 Final Appropriations



Program	FY17 Final	FY18 Final
Head Start and Early Head Start	→ \$9,253,095,000	→ \$9,863,095,000
Early Head Start Expansion and Child Care Partnerships	→ +\$5,000,000 (COLA)	→ +\$115,000,000 (COLA & expansion)
Workforce Investment	→ +80,000,000	→ +216,000,000
Extended Duration	→ Flat	→ +\$260,000,000



- Priorities:
 1. Quality Improvement
 2. Workforce Investment
 3. Duration
- Support in House
- Tough Allocation
 - House – FLAT (^\$50 mil)
 - Senate - ^\$2 billion (TBA)
- Very good start, but CR until Dec is still likely

What's next? NHSA's FY19 Ask

	FY 2017 Enacted	FY 2018 Enacted	FY 2019 POTUS Budget	FY 2019 NHSA Recommendation
Total	\$9,253,095,000	\$9,863,095,000	\$9,275,000,000	\$10,810,095,000

\$10,810,095,000 including:

+\$233,600,000 for workforce investments (COLA)

+\$339,500,000 for quality improvement funds

+\$373,900,000 for increased duration

\$250,000,000 for programs to combat substance abuse and addiction

Opioids and Substance Abuse/Addiction



- Nothing new for Head Start
- Congress/Potus Actions
 - Admin Task Force
 - Appropriations
 - Authorizing Committees
- NHSA Work Group & White Paper
- Baby Caucus Event

Authorizing: What to Watch

- Implementation of ESSA
- Pre-K Development Grants (PDG)
- Child Care Expansion
- Higher Education Act
- Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2019
- Child Welfare Changes
- Farm Bill
- TANF/Welfare?
- Head Start?



Issues To Watch – Block Granting



What is a 'blockgrant' and would it mean for Head Start?

- Banks Bill and Statement
- NCSL/NGA
- No concrete threat, but steady drumbeat
- Need to keep momentum!

Issues To Watch – Public Charge

- What is a 'Public Charge?'
- Leaked Proposed Rule
- Potential for a deep impact on Head Start across the country
- Questions remain
- Actions/Next Steps



Issues to Watch – GAO Report



- What is the GAO?
- Asked to do an 'audit' of Head Start by House E/W
- Potential Threats to Head Start
- NHSA met with GAO (2/7)
- Reminder to be diligent and focused

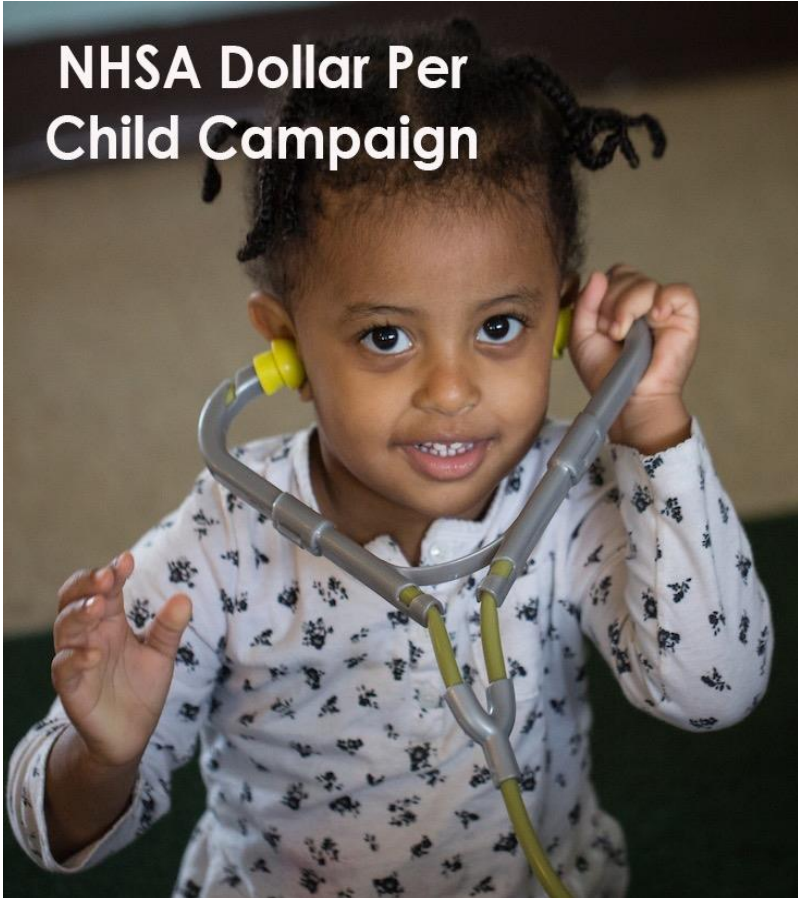
Issues To Watch – DRS

- Request for Comments released in 12/17; re-released 2/14
- Overwhelming response from HS and ECE fields - more than 3200 programs, organizations, and individuals!
- But change can't come soon enough...
- Current Cohort being delayed



Ramping Up Dollar per Child efforts in the new year!

NHSA Dollar Per Child Campaign



We need to keep focused on our Dollar per Child campaign efforts in 2018 so we can work to prevent **blockgranting**, ensure **increased funding** and **strengthen the voice** of Head Start!

Dollar Per Child in Your Community



Engaging Your Community

1. Turn-key [activities](#) with parents and friends.
2. Utilize and review the resources on the [DPC](#) page.
3. Get people [excited](#) to support Head Start!
4. Email Olivia at Ogoumbri@nhsa.org

SAVE THE DATES

MORE UPCOMING NHSA EVENTS

**2018 Manager and Director Academy &
Early Childhood Innovation Summit | July 9 - 12, 2018 | Louisville, KY**

2018 Fall Leadership Institute | October 7-11, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

2018 Parent Conference | December 17 - 21, 2018 | Orlando, FL

2018 Winter Leadership Institute | October 7-11, 2018 | Washington, D.C.

A photograph of a child's hand raised in the air, palm facing forward, with fingers spread. The hand is in the foreground, wearing a white sleeve. In the background, two other children are seated at a red table. One child is wearing a red shirt, and the other is wearing a grey cap and a blue shirt. There are white plates and glasses on the table. The scene is indoors, possibly a classroom or a meeting.

.Questions?

Thank you!

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