

# NHSA's Federal Affairs Update

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# NHSA's Vision

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**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

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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



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# The Context

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# WORLD TRENDS

- **Increased income inequality**
- **Exponential climate changes**
- **Population migrations, dislocations, cultural disruptions and destructions**
- **Uncertainty about the future of technology and fear of technology**

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- **Huge federal deficit already - only going to grow**
- **24 Democrats running for the White House**
- **Child care and preschool are on the agenda of many new Governors**
- **Measles outbreaks in California, Michigan, New Jersey, Washington state, and several more**
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# HEAD START – WHAT WE HEAR



- **Workforce is issue 1, 2, and 3**
- **Challenging behaviors in the classroom**
- **Rising interest in training and hiring current Head Start parents**
- **Facilities continue to be a problem**
- **Underenrollment**
- **In a competitive early childhood environment, fear of egregious behavioral outliers by program staff**



# HEAD START – WHAT WE HEAR



- **Alcohol and drug abuse**
- **Connections to children in child welfare system vary by states**
- **Trauma-informed care becoming a commodity training**
- **Data informed programming getting OHS recognition**
- **Improving relationships with receiving schools is on the agenda for OHS and many programs.**

# The Political Agenda



- **Only a Matter of Time...**
  - FY 2020 Appropriations
  - Debt Limit
  - Administration Nominations
- **In the Rumor Mill**
  - Infrastructure Package
  - Higher Education Act
  - CAPTA/Child Welfare Reform
- **Notably Absent from the Conversation**
  - Immigration
  - Head Start



# The Parable of Notre Dame

**“We must be the architects of our future, not the victims.”**

-Joe Waters, CEO & Co-Founder, Capita Ideas





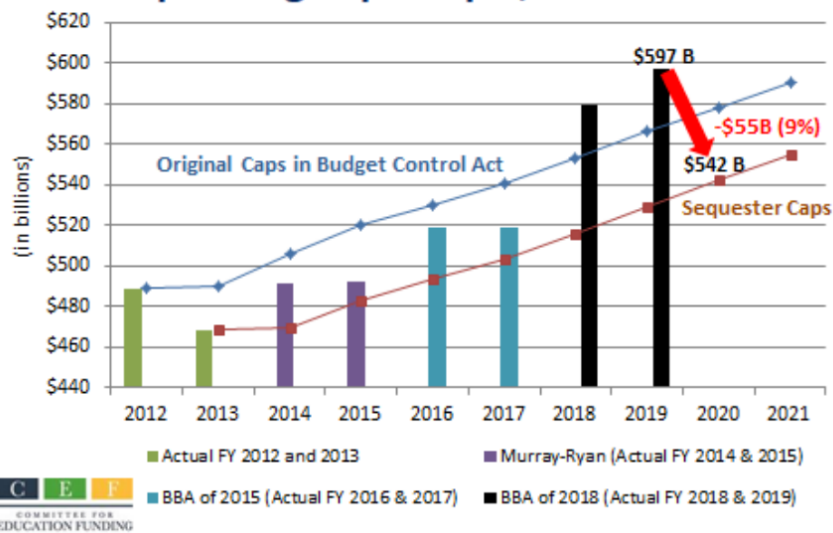
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# Appropriations

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# The Context

## Threat for 2020: Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Cap Drops \$55 billion



## The Details

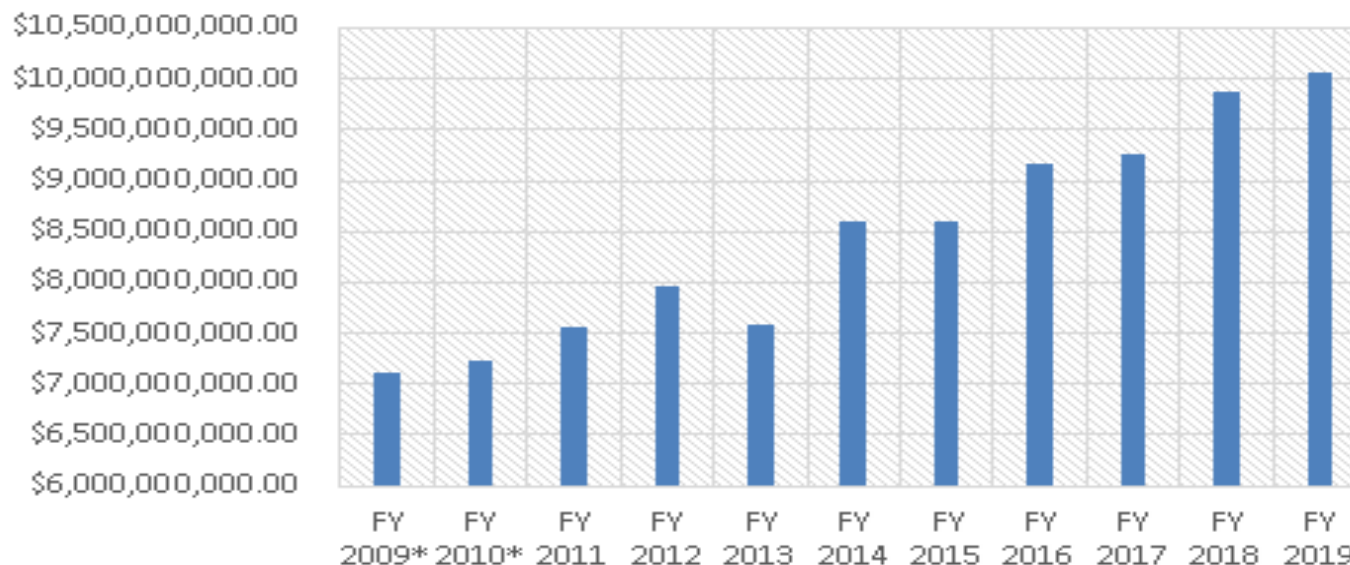
- Return to Budget Control Act (BCA) levels in FY20/21
- BCA expires after FY21
- Impact of Tax Reform Bill coming

## Translation -

- The future looks murky and challenging for NDD

# Head Start Funding History

## Head Start Funding FY 2009 - 2019



# NHSA's FY20 Recommendation

|  | FY 2018 Enacted                    | FY 2019 Enacted              | FY 2020 NHSA Recommendation      |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <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.

# Latest News

## President's FY20 Budget -

Flat funding for Head Start

## House Committee Bill -

**1.5 billion increase for Head Start!**

- \$750 million for Quality Improvement Funding
- \$217 million for Cost of Living Adjustment
- \$8 million for the re-establishing Tribal Colleges/Universities-Head Start Partnership Program
- \$525 million for Early Head Start expansion and child care partnerships



## Senate Committee -

**Next steps expected in June/July**





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# Regulations

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# The Updates



- **OHS Priorities**
  - Mitigating Under-enrollment
  - Homelessness/Foster care
  - Public School-HS Partnerships
- **Notice of Proposed Rule Making**
  - Duration NPRM Released in March
  - OMB Proposal on Poverty Thresholds
  - PIR, Baby Faces, HUD rule, and others
  - Possible DRS action pending



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# The 2020 Elections

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# The Battle for the White House

## The Republicans

- President Trump will likely get R challenger
- Will it be formidable? Where will he be attacked?
- Stance on ECE seen through budget, tax plans

## The Democrats

- Everyone (and their mother) has declared (23)
- Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders appear to be front runners, though Warren and Buttiegieg are making pushes
- ECE will likely be a major component of each candidates campaign





# The Other Elections

## Senate

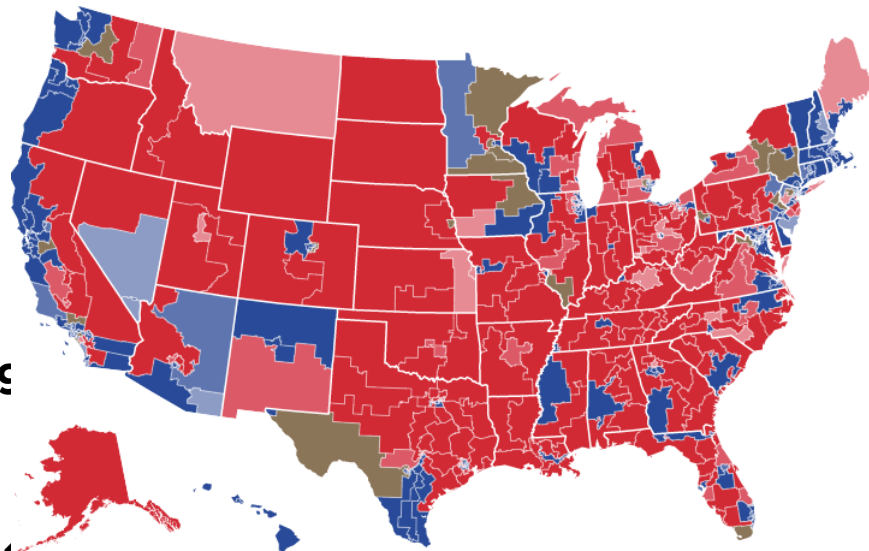
- **34 seats are up in 2020**
  - **22 R's (the rest are D's)**
  - **Case of Alabama...**

## House

- **All seats are up in 2020**
- **Currently there are 235 Dems and 19 R's**

## Governors

- **11 Gubernatorial races in 2020 (3 in 19)**





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# Upcoming Advocacy

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# What You ~~Can~~ Must Do!

- **Know your Elected Officials!**
  - Local, State, and Federal
  - Meetings
  - Program visits
  - Social media
- **Census 2020**
- **Plan for Voter Registration**
- **Pay Attention to your State Capitol**



# FAMILIES UNITE!



## FAMILIES UNITE FOR HEAD START

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**About This Group**

**Description**

This group provides a space for Head Start parents to join together to discuss topics that are important to them, their families and their communities. Members of this group can unite around common causes and core beliefs, li... [See More](#)

**Group Type**

Support

**HISTORY**

 Group created on June 15, 2017

[See More](#)

**GROUP BY**

 **National Head Start Association**  
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# Dollar Per Child



**With power structures in Washington constantly changing, the goal of Dollar per Child is to secure Head Start's future by ensuring that NHSA is able to be that unified voice on behalf of the Head Start community.**

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# Stay Connected!

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