The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is a state-funded public agency that promotes the academic and financial stability of the county’s 80 K-12 public school districts and 1.5 million preschool and school-aged children.

**LACOE Supports Students & Serves Communities Through:**

- Direct classroom instruction to 15,000 students a year, including juvenile offenders, children with disabilities, and other students with special needs and talents
- Administration of comprehensive Head Start and Early Head Start programs
- Early childhood programs, parenting and literacy classes, job development services, and work and career preparation programs
- Countywide honors and scholastic competitions
- Monitoring and reporting on low-performing schools to give students a quality education, qualified teachers, and safe facilities

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<td>Total Enrollment (K-12)</td>
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<td>Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals</td>
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<td>Different Languages Spoken by Students</td>
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<td>English Learner Students 2015-16</td>
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LACOE administers an annual budget of $631 million. Most of the money is used for classroom instruction and a variety of cost-saving educational programs and business services for school districts.

1. Includes Head Start, Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN Jobs Program), Migrant Education
2. Special Education, Alternative Education, Juvenile Court Schools, Career and Technical Education (CTE)
3. Includes Medi-Cal Administrative Activities, School Transportation Services
Los Angeles County Office of Education
Head Start-State Preschool

Facts & Statistics
2017

The Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) supports the first rung on a ladder out of poverty for thousands of Early Head Start and Head Start children and families. Comprehensive programs include early childhood education, health, and nutrition screenings with follow-up; services to children with disabilities; and parent and community involvement. Without Head Start, many would not have an opportunity to step on the ladder to success.

LACOE FACTS

- LACOE pioneered Head Start services in Los Angeles in 1979
- 15+ year partnership with State Preschool
- Major LACOE-sponsored events to increase positive male involvement: Be a Hero: Take Your Child to Preschool Day; Dad’s Family Day; Partner with Fathers & Families Coalition of America
- LACOE implements Quality Start Los Angeles (QSLA), a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

LACOE HEAD START Health Outcomes for Children

- 99% HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE
- 99% HAVE A REGULAR DOCTOR
- 99% HAVE CURRENT IMMUNIZATIONS

LACOE Head Start Budget 2016-17

- Head Start & Early Head Start $158,401,424
- State Programs $7,098,267
- Quality Rating & Improvement System $20,924,157
- Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership $8,117,705

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* Program Information Report
Head Start graduates are healthier, more likely to graduate high school, and less likely to have a criminal record.

- **Job Creation**
  - 151,061 parents advanced their education last year
  - 71,554 families participated in job training last year

- **Crime Prevention**
  - 22% less likely to be convicted of a crime by age 21
  - 34% less likely to be chronically absent from school

- **Economic Growth**
  - $6.30 in societal benefits for every $1 invested in early education
  - 13% annual rate of return on public investment in 0-5 programs

- **Health Care**
  - 916,816 children up to date on screenings and treatment last year
  - 19% less likely to smoke as adults
Building a Stronger America

Head Start Creates Jobs
Head Start creates work opportunities in education, health care, and more, while also providing parents time and opportunities to pursue education and join the workforce.


Head Start Reduces Crime
Having learned the value of education early, Head Start graduates are less likely to skip class, drop out of school, and fall into the prison pipeline.


Head Start Spurs Economic Growth
Children who participate in Head Start are empowered to succeed as adults, increasing tax revenue while breaking the cycle of poverty and dependence on public services.


Head Start Lowers Health Care Costs
Head Start prepares children for lifelong good health. Graduates visit the dentist more frequently, eat healthier diets, and are less likely to be overweight, decreasing dependence on the health care system.


Head Start Needs Your Support
While more than 33 million children have been served since 1965, due to limited funding, less than one in five children under the age of five currently living in poverty have access to Head Start.


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