

ARKANSAS HEAD START TOTALS 2008-2009

For over 44 years, Arkansas Head Start programs have continued to improve the quality of comprehensive pre-school services for children and families in Arkansas.



FEDERAL TO LOCAL FUNDING:

The 22 programs are operated by a variety of grantees: eleven community action programs, one public school, nine single or multi-purpose non-profits, and one state university system.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

All classrooms are licensed by the state of Arkansas and 59% of centers have achieved Arkansas State Quality Approval as of 02/09/2009. Children received services through 263 centers in 705 classrooms or through 21 home based program options.



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BREAKDOWN OF CENTER INFORMATION:

- 91 Full Day, Full Year
- 125 Full Day, Part Year
- 35 Part Day (less than 6 hours)
- 44 Early Head Start (11 Stand Alone)
- 6 Migrant/Seasonal Head Start (1 Stand Alone)

BREAKDOWN OF CLASSROOM INFORMATION:

- 547 Head Start
- 124 Early Head Start
- 34 Migrant/Seasonal Head Start

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM	BREAKDOWN BY AGE		BREAKDOWN BY ETHNIC BACKGROUND	
9,883 Head Start	1%	Pregnant Women-12 month	40%	Caucasian
688 Early Head Start	3%	One Year Olds	41%	African American
400 Migrant/Seasonal	4%	Two Year Olds	13%	Hispanic/Latino
	41%	Three Year Olds	1%	Asian
	49%	Four Year Olds	1%	Native American
10,921 Total	2%	Five Year Olds	4%	Other

OTHER ENROLLMENT INFORMATION:

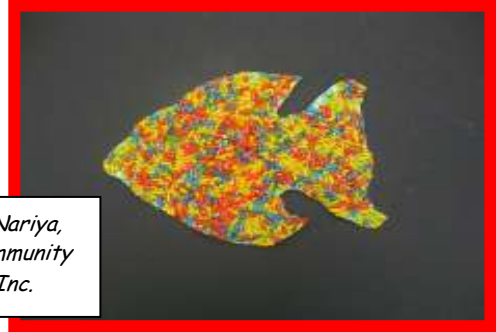
Federal law requires Head Start programs to designate at least 10% of their slots for children with disabilities. Arkansas programs served 1,824 (17%) children with disabilities. Programs also offered services to 175 (2%) children and families experiencing homelessness.

For more information on Head Start in Arkansas go to www.arheadstart.org or call 501-371-0740.

ARKANSAS HEAD START STAFF INFORMATION

Arkansas Head Start, Early Head Start, and Migrant-Seasonal Head Start programs employ a total of 2,866 Staff:

- 289 Central Office Staff
- 107 Center Directors
- 92 Teacher Directors
- 685 Teachers
- 584 Teacher Assistant Aids
- 509 Other Employees

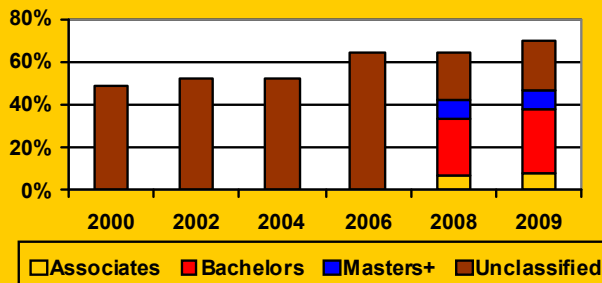


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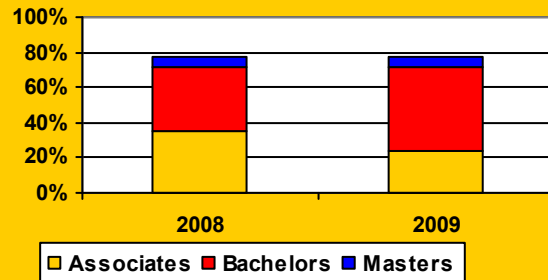
STAFF QUALIFICATIONS

In the 1998 the U.S. Congress increased teacher qualifications to require 50% of Head Start Teachers nationwide hold an associate or higher degree in early childhood education or a related field. As Head Start teachers began to work on degrees, many central office staff, center directors, and teacher assistants began pursuing higher education degrees as well.

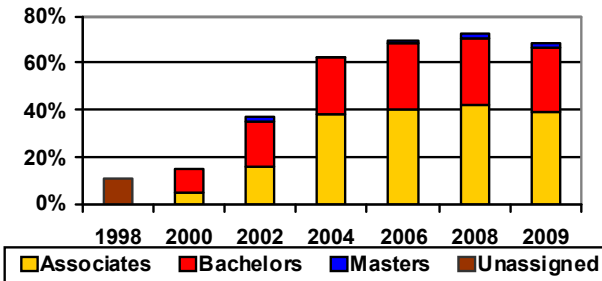
CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF WITH DEGREES



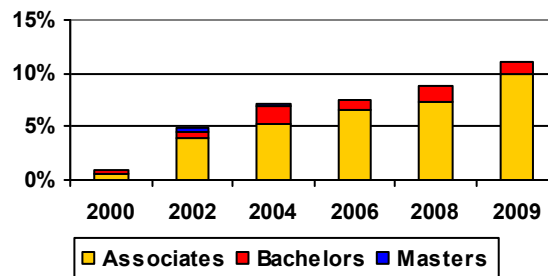
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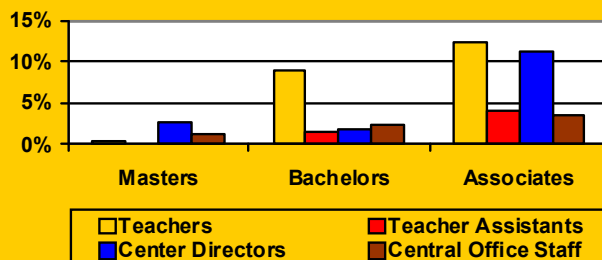
TEACHERS WITH DEGREES



TEACHER ASSISTANTS/AIDES WITH DEGREES



STAFF PURSUING DEGREES



With the 2007 Reauthorization, the U.S. Congress has issued a new goal to achieve 100% of teachers with an associate or higher degree and 50% with a bachelor or higher degree nationwide.

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