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**BY THE NUMBERS: HEAD START PROGRAM STATISTICS**

Nationally, during the 2003-2004 Head Start program year:

- 905,851 children were enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- 12.7 percent of the Head Start enrollment consisted of children with disabilities (mental retardation, health impairments, visual handicaps, hearing impairments, emotional disturbance, speech and language impairments, orthopedic handicaps and learning disabilities).
- More than 50,000 children participated in home-based Head Start program services.
- 27 percent of Head Start program staff members were parents of current or former Head Start children.
- More than 880,000 parents volunteered in their local Head Start program.
- 91 percent of Head Start children had health insurance. 83 percent of those with health insurance were enrolled in the Medicaid/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program or a state-sponsored child health insurance program.
- The 1994 reauthorization of the Head Start Act established a new Early Head Start program for low-income families with infants and toddlers. In fiscal year 2004, nearly \$677 million supported more than 650 Early Head Start child development programs and family support services in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. These programs served nearly 62,000 children under the age of three.
- More than 179,000 Head Start fathers participated in organized activities designed to involve them in Head Start and Early Head Start programs.
- 115 Head Start and Early Head Start programs were sponsored by faith-based organizations.
- In fiscal year 2004, 211,950 paid staff members worked in Head Start programs nationwide, supported by 1.3 million volunteers.

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### Family Development Services Information/Statistics

- Family Development Services operates the Head Start and Early Head Start in Indiana's Marion and Hamilton counties.
- Family Development Services was formed in 1996. Its executive director is Diane Baker.
- It provides educational programs and social services to more than 2,000 children and their families each year through 11 schools and service centers.
- Family Development Services addresses the needs of children through four core components:
  - **Early Childhood Education** – All local programs are taught by qualified teachers and follow strict national performance standards.
  - **Health** – Every Head and Early Head Start student receives health services, including immunizations, medical and dental care, nutritional counseling and mental health services (if required).
  - **Parent and Caregiver Involvement** – Family Development Services provides parental education programs.
  - **Social Services** – Family Development Services provides community and social services outreach, referrals for job training and employment counseling, literacy education, family needs assessments, emergency assistance and crisis intervention.
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