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 students not well served in regular public schools, including juvenile offenders, children with severe 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

**BY THE NUMBERS:**
- Total Enrollment (K-12): 1.5 Million
- Total Number of Schools: 2,231
- K-12 School Districts: 80
- Students Receiving Free/Reduced Price Meals: 1 Million
- English Learner Students: 305,310
- Teachers: 74,564
- Homeless Students: 70,545
- Foster Youth Students: 20,148
- Special Education Students: 178,511
- Migrant Students: 3,439

LACOE administers an annual budget of $578 million. Most of the money is used for classroom instruction and a variety of cost-saving educational programs and business services for school districts.

**2018-19 LACOE BUDGET $578 MILLION (Including Reserves)**

- **39%** Specially Funded Projects $226 million
- **17%** Educational Programs $101 million
- **17%** Contracted Services & Entrepreneurial Programs $96 million
- **17%** Support & Administration $96 million
- **10%** Reserves $59 million

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
Inspire to Reach Higher

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 PROFILE

- LACOE pioneered Head Start services in Los Angeles in 1979
- 20+ year partnership with State Programs
- 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 empowers parents through the Parents as Leaders Initiative
- Every Child Every Day Initiative improves child outcomes by reducing absenteeism
- Inclusive ECE Program increases access, participation and support for young children with disabilities

LACOE HEAD START Health Outcomes for Children

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LACOE Head Start Budget 2019-20

- Head Start $117,501,068
- Early Head Start $54,876,853
- Inclusive ECE Program $2,501,642
- Quality Rating & Improvement System $16,868,523
- State Programs $8,458,067

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Serving Students • Supporting Communities • Leading Educators
Head Start graduates are healthier, more likely to graduate high school, and less likely to have a criminal record.

**Job Creation**
- 128,804 parents advanced their education in 2017
- 67,348 families received job training in 2017

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

**Early Learning: A Smart Investment**
- $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**
- 1,021,102 children had continuously accessible health care in 2017
- 19% less likely to smoke as adults
**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 36 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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