MISSION

Preparing children and their families for success in school and throughout life.
Southern Oregon Child and Family Council, Inc. (SOCFC) celebrates 50 years of providing Head Start services!

The Head Start program began in 1967 with three centers in Jackson County serving 60 children and their families. Fifty years later, we have several programs in Jackson and Josephine Counties that serve over 1400 children and families a year. Currently we are developing more full-day services that better meet the needs of working families.

Since 1967 Southern Oregon Head Start and Early Head Start have provided services to over 20,000 children in our community, creating better outcomes for children and families and a stronger community. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our many supporters and partners. Together, we build a healthier community for everyone.

Every 5 years SOHS completes a community assessment to make sure we are serving the highest need children and families. The most recent may be found on our website: www.SOCFC.org

**Programs**
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- Listo
- The Family Connection
- Preschool Promise
Head Start services provide significant educational, health, economic and social benefits. Beginning with healthy attachments in infancy, children receive early learning experiences which give children the skills they need for school success, and engage parents in their child's education.

Children who participated in Head Start have:

- Significantly higher cognitive and language skills
- Better achievement scores in school
- Higher rates of high school graduation
- Increased family stability

Total number of children and pregnant women served in 2016-2017: 1,414

Percentage of Eligible HS Children Served: 59%
**SCHOOL-READINESS**

**HEAD START**

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**EARLY HEAD START**

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**HEALTH STATS**

- 90% of children up-to-date on immunizations
- 87% of infants and toddlers up-to-date on preventive oral health care
- 86% of pre-schoolers received a dental exam
- 34% of children received mental health consultation services

**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

- Parenting education classes
- Raising a Reader program
- Parent leadership opportunities
- Parent Cafés
- Food Hero program
- Garden to Classroom program

**SPARK**

SPARK is a statewide program that rates licensed child care and pre-school centers from 1 to 5 stars, based on quality of services. The results for our 25 Head Start and Early Head Start Centers:

- **25 Centers ★★★★★**
  Excels in essential standards.