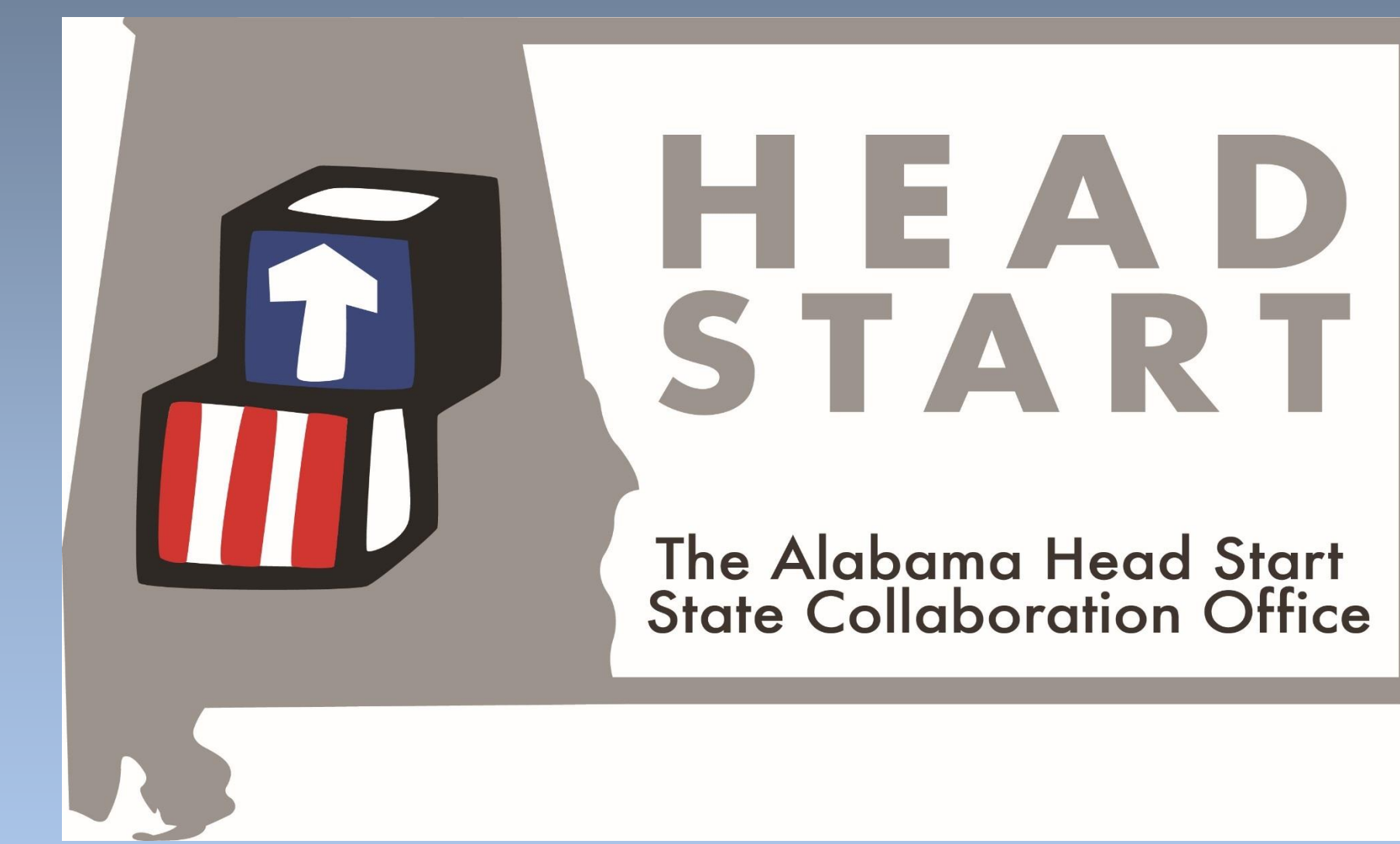




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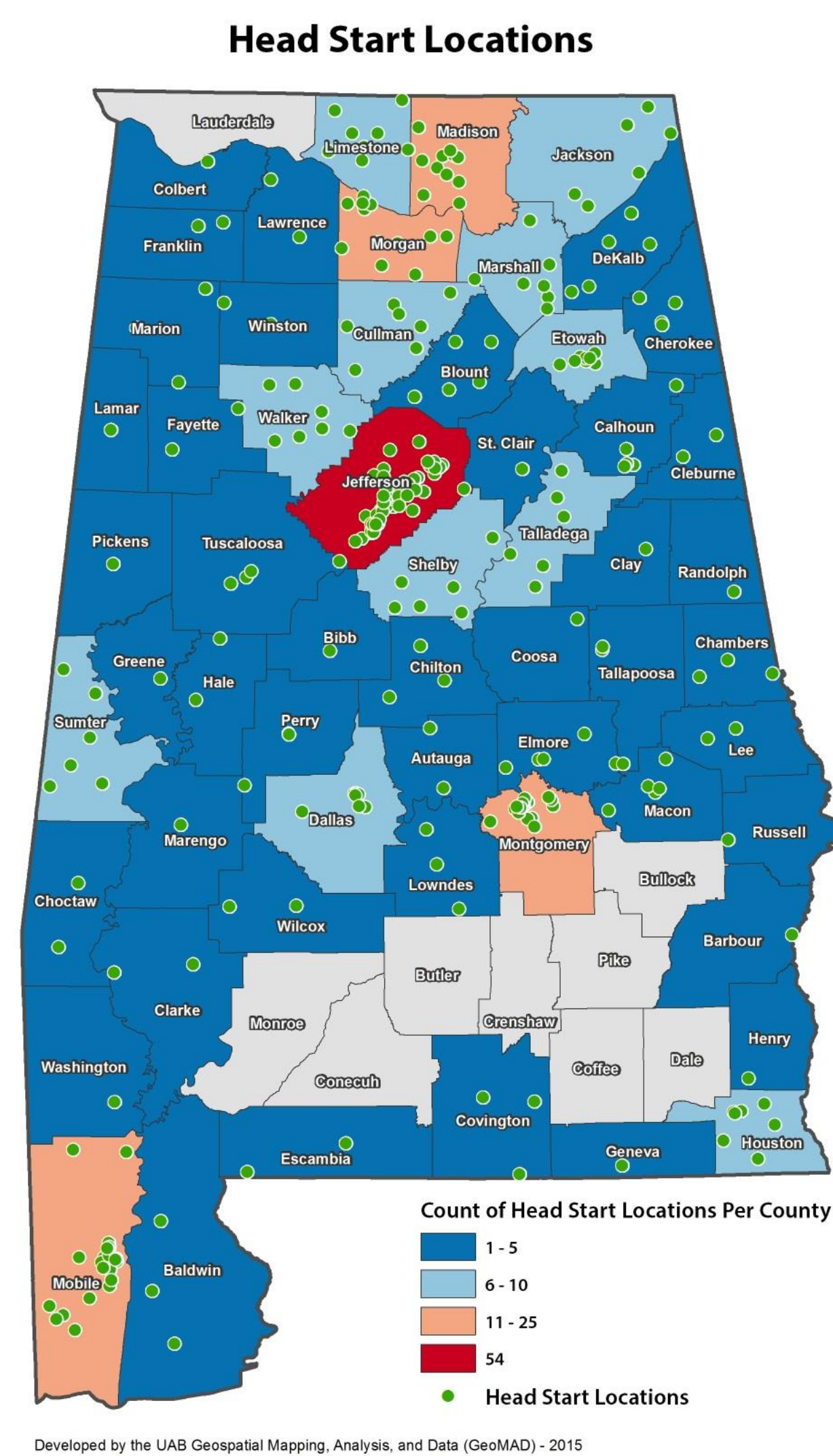


ALABAMA HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE

The Alabama Head Start State Collaboration Office (AHSSCO) is located within The Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education and is administratively placed to help ensure a unified early care and education system that supports low-income families.

AHSSCO is a federally funded office that represents Head Start children and families in Alabama's policy and decision making process. The Office facilitates coordinating services and developing partnerships with other state and local agencies in the following 10 priority areas:

- Health Care
- Child Welfare
- Disabilities
- Professional Development
- Homelessness
- Child Care
- Community Service
- Early Childhood Systems
- Family Literacy
- Education/School Transition



PROGRAM STATISTICS - 2016

- # Early Head Start Programs 17
- # Head Start Programs 28
- Total # Classes 1,031
- Total # 3 Year Olds Served 6,779
- Total # 4 Year Olds Served 9,570
- Total # 5 Year Olds Served 150
- Total # Pregnant Women 261

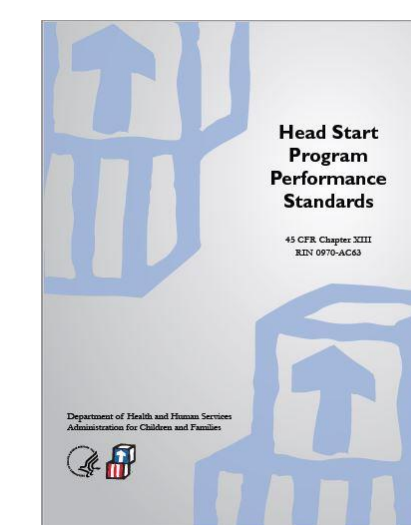
HISTORY OF HEAD START

Head Start is a federally funded program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth-to-5 from low-income families. Many Head Start programs also provide Early Head Start which serves infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families.

From its inception, Head Start has emphasized the importance of a comprehensive program that would result in a well-rounded, socially competent child. To insure this, all Head Start children and families receive the following services:

- Education
- Disability Services
- Mental Health
- Health (medical, dental screenings, and treatment)
- Nutrition
- Social Services
- Parent and Family Engagement

The Office of Head Start (OHS) is within the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. OHS awards grants to public and private agencies on a competitive basis to provide these comprehensive services to specific communities. Head Start grantees provide the services described in the Head Start Performance Standards and in accordance with the Head Start Act of 2007.



COLLABORATING PARTNERS

