

ALABAMA HEAD START STATE COLLABORATION OFFICE



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ON THE HORIZON



Federal Monitoring

Head Start programs in region IV may receive federal monitoring reviews in 2018 that will focus on either of the following: (1) the CLASS assessment ONLY, (2) the CLASS and Focus Area II, or (3) Focus Area I. Focus Area I will provide opportunities for Head Start grantees to discuss program design, management, and

governance structure. Focus Area II will provide opportunities for grantees to demonstrate their effectiveness in implementing high-quality programs and meeting the requirements of the new Head Start Performance Standards, Uniform Guidance, and Head Start Act.

Focus Area I will be conducted via phone or virtual internet, Focus Area II and CLASS observations will occur on site. Programs selected for site visits will be notified by the Office of Head Start prior to the visits. For more information about federal monitoring reviews, please visit <https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov>.

PARTNERSHIP

Child Find of America, Inc. is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to locate missing children through active investigation, prevent child abduction through education, and resolve incidents

of parental abduction through mediation. Head Start professionals are in a prime position to identify families at risk, struggling with conflict. The Alabama Head Start Collaboration office has Child Find resources for each Head Start program.

Alabama Head Start Data

2017 Statistics

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| Total # Head Start Programs: | 30 |
| # Early Head Start Programs: | 14 |
| # Migrant Head Start Programs: | 01 |
| # EHS-CCP | |

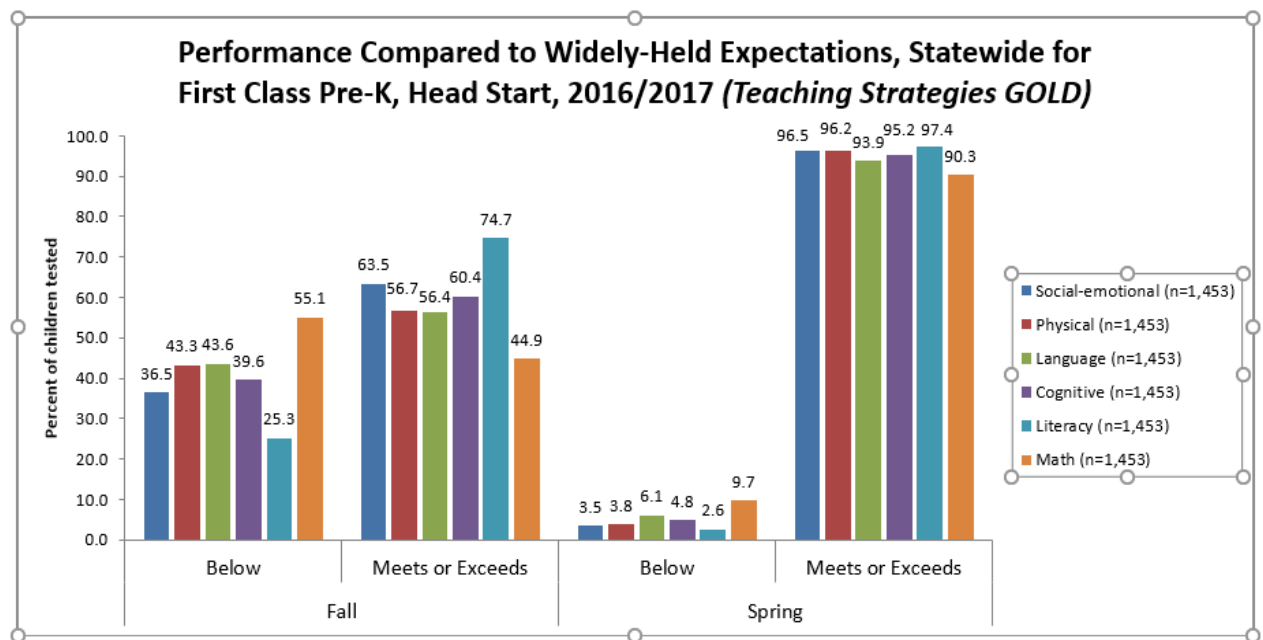
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| Approx. # HS Classrooms: | 704 |
| Approx. # EHS Classrooms: | 236 |
| Approx. # Home Visitors: | 15 |

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| Total # Children Enrolled: | 19,761 |
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HEAD START DATA

School Readiness among OSR-Funded Head Start First Class Pre-K Students
(compared to widely-held expectations for preschool students – 4 year-olds, OSR-funded Head Start Sites ONLY)



For most all domains of school readiness, about **half** of the children who entered First Class/Head Start Pre-K programs in the 2016-17 school year were performing below widely-held expectations for school readiness for their age.

After completing the year of First Class/Head Start Pre-K, **nearly all** children were meeting or exceeding widely-held expectations across all domains of school readiness for their age.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1) **Alabama Head Start Association Conference** – October 23-25, 2017; Perdido Beach Alabama
- 2) **2017 Early Intervention and Preschool Conference** – October 23-25, 2017 – Huntsville, Alabama; Westin Hotel; <http://ucpalabama.org/conference/registration>
- 3) **Region IV Head Start Association Board Meeting** – October 5-6, 2017 – Sheraton Birmingham Hotel; Birmingham, Al
- 4) **12th Annual Alabama First Class Pre-K Conference** – January 3 – 5th, 2018 – Arthur R. Outlaw Convention Center; Mobile, Al.; www.children.alabama.gov

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