

## Impact of Sequestration Cuts on Head Start, Child Care and Early Education: State and Local Examples

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State/ Community	Week	Details	Links
Alabama	June 15-21	The Head Start program in Cullman county and city will cut two classrooms and three employees. This affects 40 children and amounts to the loss of \$690,702.	<a href="http://www.cullmantimes.com/local/x331657289/Head-Start-scaling-back-due-to-federal-sequestration">http://www.cullmantimes.com/local/x331657289/Head-Start-scaling-back-due-to-federal-sequestration</a>
Alaska	May 9-16	One of three Head Start programs in Anchorage run by Kids Corps will close August 19 because of the sequestration cut of \$148,000. The program serves 20 children ages three to five.	<a href="http://www.ktva.com/home/outbound-xml-feeds/Sequestration-Cuts-Close-Head-Start-Program-206861851.html">http://www.ktva.com/home/outbound-xml-feeds/Sequestration-Cuts-Close-Head-Start-Program-206861851.html</a>
Arizona	March 27-April 3	About \$3 million in sequestration cuts threaten the child care assistance of approximately 1,000 families in the state.	<a href="http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20130325cps-oversight-committee-talks-sequester-effects.html">http://www.azcentral.com/news/politics/articles/20130325cps-oversight-committee-talks-sequester-effects.html</a>
California	June 30-July 6	Napa and Solano Counties will see \$500,000 in cuts to their Head Start programs, meaning partially or fully closing six classrooms throughout the counties.	<a href="http://napavalleyregister.com/news/opinion/mailbag/local-head-start-families-feel-effects-of-sequestration/article_1a7d1ccc-d6fb-11e2-bb96-0019bb2963f4.html">http://napavalleyregister.com/news/opinion/mailbag/local-head-start-families-feel-effects-of-sequestration/article_1a7d1ccc-d6fb-11e2-bb96-0019bb2963f4.html</a>
	June 15-21	The Palm Springs Unified School District has had to make \$85,000 in cuts to its Head Start programs, which limits the amount of toys and educational materials the district can purchase for its students.	<a href="http://www.kesq.com/news/impact-of-sequester-cuts-trickle-down-to-valley-head-start/-/233092/20606172/-/43ujqsz/-/index.html">http://www.kesq.com/news/impact-of-sequester-cuts-trickle-down-to-valley-head-start/-/233092/20606172/-/43ujqsz/-/index.html</a>
	March 20-27	An almost \$600,000 cut to the Merced Head Start program will displace about 70 children and affect about 20 staff positions.	<a href="http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/03/21/2895400/federal-cuts-a-significant-blow.html">http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2013/03/21/2895400/federal-cuts-a-significant-blow.html</a>
Florida	May 3-9	Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Florida could have to turn away 2,000 children next year.	<a href="http://tbo.com/news/politics/rep-castor-says-head-start-at-risk-due-to-budget-cutbacks-">http://tbo.com/news/politics/rep-castor-says-head-start-at-risk-due-to-budget-cutbacks-</a>

		In Hillsborough County, Head Start and Early programs will have to cut the number of children served, eliminate planned playgrounds, reduce classroom supplies and bus services, and cancel teacher training.	<a href="#">b82485466z1</a>
	April 3-10	One Head Start program in Seville had to close two weeks early. Head Start programs in Volusia, Sumter, and Hernando counties are cutting employee benefits in order keep all 977 children enrolled in the three counties' programs.	<a href="http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20130409/NEWS/304099963/1040?p=1&amp;tc=pg">http://www.news-journalonline.com/article/20130409/NEWS/304099963/1040?p=1&amp;tc=pg</a>
	March 27-April 2	The Palm Beach County Head Start program, which serves 2,300 low-income children, will end its bus service. This is expected to cost 14 jobs.	<a href="http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-04-02/news/sfl-sequester-cuts--palm-beach-county-elderly-20130402_1_automatic-spending-cuts-sequester-cuts-shelley-vana">http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2013-04-02/news/sfl-sequester-cuts--palm-beach-county-elderly-20130402_1_automatic-spending-cuts-sequester-cuts-shelley-vana</a>
Georgia	April 3-10	The Southwest Georgia Community Action Council will serve 70 fewer children in Head Start and 20 fewer children in Early Head Start next year.	<a href="http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?list=196423&amp;id=879921">http://www.mysouthwestga.com/news/story.aspx?list=196423&amp;id=879921</a>
	April 3-10	The Westside Head Start program will close at the end of July, denying 59 children access to the program. The agency was responding to \$450,000 in sequestration cuts.	<a href="http://daltondailycitizen.com/local/x508486579/S-equestration-hits-home">http://daltondailycitizen.com/local/x508486579/S-equestration-hits-home</a>
Hawaii	June 22-28	Head Start programs in the state will lose an estimated \$1.3 million.	<a href="http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/22676532/sequestration-impact-on-hawaii-still-unclear">http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/22676532/sequestration-impact-on-hawaii-still-unclear</a>
Illinois	May 17-23	Riverbend Head Start and Family Services had its budget cut by \$400,000. The agency will serve 58 fewer children next fall (out of a total enrollment of 940 children) and close its center in Venice. The cuts already resulted in the program closing two weeks early, a delay in purchasing two buses, and employee furloughs.	<a href="http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article_a0267d94-c0eb-11e2-91de-001a4bcf6878.html?mode=print">http://www.thetelegraph.com/news/local/article_a0267d94-c0eb-11e2-91de-001a4bcf6878.html?mode=print</a>

	May 17-23	The Granville Head Start program, which served 13 to 18 children each year, shut down on May 23. Three staff will lose their jobs and work hours for another staff member will be cut from 40 to 30.	<a href="http://newstrib.com/m/Articles.aspx?ArticleID=29045">http://newstrib.com/m/Articles.aspx?ArticleID=29045</a>
Indiana	June 22-28	Approximately 1,100 children in the state will not receive Head Start and Early Head Start services.	<a href="http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20130622/NEWS01/306220084/Kentucky-Indiana-starting-feel-impact-federal-budget-cuts">http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20130622/NEWS01/306220084/Kentucky-Indiana-starting-feel-impact-federal-budget-cuts</a>
	April 18-25	Community Action of Southern Indiana expected to end its summer Head Start program, which serves for 90 children, on June 30, as a result of a \$140,000 cut.	<a href="http://newsandtribune.com/local/x1520509791/Head-Start-facing-cuts">http://newsandtribune.com/local/x1520509791/Head-Start-facing-cuts</a>
	April 3-10	The South Central Action Program must cut \$152,000 (5.1%) from its Head Start program. As a result, 12 Head Start slots and 25 Early Head Start slots will be eliminated. One Head Start location will close, 15 employees will lose their jobs, and 39 more employees will experience summer layoffs. The summer Head Start session will end a month early and only be offered to 36 students, down from 108.	<a href="http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south_central/head-start-services-cuts-budget-by-5">http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south_central/head-start-services-cuts-budget-by-5</a>
	March 13-20	In Bartholomew County, the Head Start program planned to discontinue services to at least 17 (20%) of its 83 students by April 1.	<a href="http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/merri_llville/local-head-start-officials-developing-sequester-plan/article_7f3018f2-a9c1-58fa-9917-54919410a8e9.html">http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/lake/merri_llville/local-head-start-officials-developing-sequester-plan/article_7f3018f2-a9c1-58fa-9917-54919410a8e9.html</a>
	March 5-13	Head Start programs in Columbus and Franklin cut 36 of the 160 children they serve through a lottery.	<a href="http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/indiana/36-ind-children-cut-from-head-start-programs">http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/indiana/36-ind-children-cut-from-head-start-programs</a>
Iowa	April 10-17	The Hawkeye Area Community Action Program (HACAP), which must cut \$289,000 from its budget for Head Start and Early Head Start, will reduce the number of preschool children it serves next year from 670 to 600. It will also eliminate 16 staff	<a href="http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Federal-Budget-Cuts-Hit-Home-for-One-Eastern-Iowa-Program-203105751.html">http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Federal-Budget-Cuts-Hit-Home-for-One-Eastern-Iowa-Program-203105751.html</a>

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	March 20-27	In response to a \$235,000 cut, 28 Head Start classrooms serving a four-county area of eastern Iowa will close 12 days earlier than expected, affecting 420 children.	<a href="http://www.kcrg.com/home/top-9/Federal-Cuts-Impact-Some-Iowa-Head-Start-Programs--199216431.html">http://www.kcrg.com/home/top-9/Federal-Cuts-Impact-Some-Iowa-Head-Start-Programs--199216431.html</a>
Kansas	June 22-28	The Kansas Children's Service League, in order to cut \$200,000 from its budget, will eliminate Head Start programs in Kingman, Pratt, and Stafford counties, as of July 31. As a result, 43 children will lose access to the program, eight jobs will be eliminated, and 20 state-funded Early Head Start slots will have to be relocated.	<a href="http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/news/2013/06/21/federal-sequester-eliminates-more-head.html">http://www.bizjournals.com/wichita/news/2013/06/21/federal-sequester-eliminates-more-head.html</a>
	June 1-7	The Southeast Kansas Community Action Partnership has been forced to close the Neoclesha, Kansas Head Start Center, which offered the only early education opportunity in the town. The closing will affect 17 children and five center staff. The center also stopped their home-based services for 10 children and their families, laying off another full-time staff member.	Email from Becky Gray of the Southeast Kansas Community Action Program to Coalition on Human Needs.
	April 10-17	Child Start, Inc., which operates (or helps operate) 17 Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Butler, Greenwood, Harper, and Sedgwick counties, planned to lay off nine workers and switch three full-time positions to part-time starting May 1. It will also admit 74 fewer children into the program next year.	<a href="http://www.khi.org/news/2013/apr/09/sequester-takes-toll-kansas-head-start-programs/">http://www.khi.org/news/2013/apr/09/sequester-takes-toll-kansas-head-start-programs/</a>
Kentucky	June 15-21	The Head Start programs of 16 counties in Western Kentucky lost \$750,000 in funding. As a result, 50 teachers and other staff were laid off, over 160 children lost their spots, and three entire Head Start	<a href="http://www.courierpostonline.com/viewart/2013/06/16/NEWS05/306160046/Federal-cuts-hit-poor-elderly-cancer-patients">http://www.courierpostonline.com/viewart/2013/06/16/NEWS05/306160046/Federal-cuts-hit-poor-elderly-cancer-patients</a>

		centers will shut down.	
	April 10-17	Jefferson County Public schools, which expected funding for Title I, special education, Head Start and other programs to be cut by \$6 million in the 2013-14 school year, could lose 100 Head Start and state-funded preschool positions. These cuts could affect 23 Head Start classrooms and 12 state preschool classes.	<a href="http://www.ksba.org/protected/PrintArticle.aspx?iid=6G3AAAY&amp;dasi=3UBI">http://www.ksba.org/protected/PrintArticle.aspx?iid=6G3AAAY&amp;dasi=3UBI</a>
Massachusetts	June 30-July 6	Statewide, an estimate 1,581 children will no longer receive Head Start services and 190 staff members will be laid off.	<a href="http://www.thetranscript.com/news/ci_23565448/class-lost-budget-sequester.html">http://www.thetranscript.com/news/ci_23565448/class-lost-budget-sequester.html</a>
	June 30-July 6	The Berkshire County Head Start program was cut by \$134,000. The program's Johnson School site in North Adams has eliminated one of its five classrooms, affecting 18 children and two full-time staff members. In addition, the program closed its sites a week early and will open them a week later in the fall. Managers and administrative staff will take 10 furlough days. Field trips have been eliminated.	<a href="http://www.thetranscript.com/news/ci_23565448/class-lost-budget-sequester.html">http://www.thetranscript.com/news/ci_23565448/class-lost-budget-sequester.html</a>
	June 8-14	In Boston, Head Start will reduce enrollment by about 200 (10%) next year and lay off 60 to 70 staff members.	<a href="http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/06/09/head-start-lose-more-seats-than-expected-legacy-from-sequestration/RUI6rjrJlvpMnUaJRrTi6M/story.html">http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2013/06/09/head-start-lose-more-seats-than-expected-legacy-from-sequestration/RUI6rjrJlvpMnUaJRrTi6M/story.html</a>
Michigan	April 10-17	The Head Start program serving 254 children and their families in Menominee, Delta, and Schoolcraft counties planned to close up to 3.5 weeks early as a result of a projected cut of \$150,000.	<a href="http://www.dailypress.net/page/content.detail/id/541597/Local-Head-Start-loses--150-000.html?nav=5003">http://www.dailypress.net/page/content.detail/id/541597/Local-Head-Start-loses--150-000.html?nav=5003</a>
Minnesota	June 8-14	In Hennepin County, 90 families are expected lose Head Start services and at least 12 jobs are expected to be cut.	<a href="http://www.kare11.com/news/article/1028682/396/Minnesotans-start-to-feel-impact-of-sequestration-cuts">http://www.kare11.com/news/article/1028682/396/Minnesotans-start-to-feel-impact-of-sequestration-cuts</a>

Mississippi	March 13-20	Jackson County Head Start closed classes two weeks early this year for its 717 children.	<a href="http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2013/03/sequestration_cuts_push_jackso.html">http://blog.gulflive.com/mississippi-press-news/2013/03/sequestration_cuts_push_jackso.html</a>
Missouri	May 9-16	Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) is losing \$7 million due to sequestration, resulting in an estimated 1,200 children not being able to participate in Head Start.	<a href="http://kbia.org/post/sequestration-cuts-hit-mid-mo-childhood-education-programs">http://kbia.org/post/sequestration-cuts-hit-mid-mo-childhood-education-programs</a>
Montana	June 8-14	The Rocky Mountain Development Council, which operates Head Start programs in Helena, Whitehall, Townsend, and East Helena, cut 16 children from the program (which amounts to one classroom and the salaries of a teacher and a teacher's assistant) as well as one bus route.	<a href="http://helenair.com/news/opinion/editorial/sequestration-cuts-too-harmful-locally/article_464a903c-cfc1-11e2-a5a5-0019bb2963f4.html">http://helenair.com/news/opinion/editorial/sequestration-cuts-too-harmful-locally/article_464a903c-cfc1-11e2-a5a5-0019bb2963f4.html</a>
Nebraska	June 1-7	The Head Start program cut \$174,755, causing about 40 children to lose their home-based Head Start programs starting June 7 in Chase, Dundy, Hitchcock, and Buffalo counties.	<a href="http://lexch.com/news/regional/sequestration-closes-home-based-head-start-program/article_b1c8ce70-c948-11e2-bc2f-001a4bcf887a.html">http://lexch.com/news/regional/sequestration-closes-home-based-head-start-program/article_b1c8ce70-c948-11e2-bc2f-001a4bcf887a.html</a>
New Jersey	March 20-27	The Head Start Community Program of Morris County lost \$113,000, which could force the program to reduce enrollment by 17 to 34 children, and to eliminate five teacher positions.	<a href="http://morristown.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/sequestration-cuts-may-force-morris-head-start-to-turf71fa89c88">http://morristown.patch.com/groups/politics-and-elections/p/sequestration-cuts-may-force-morris-head-start-to-turf71fa89c88</a>
New Hampshire	May 3-9	A cut of \$220,000 is forcing the closure of Head Start classrooms in Hudson and Newmarket and on the seacoast.	<a href="http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/1003585-465/congress-must-act-on-head-start-cuts.html">http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/opinion/editorials/1003585-465/congress-must-act-on-head-start-cuts.html</a>
	April 26-May 2	The Seacoast program in Hampton Falls was reduced by 12 children, to 32 children.	<a href="http://www.unionleader.com/article/20130429/NEWS06/130429167">http://www.unionleader.com/article/20130429/NEWS06/130429167</a>
New York	June 1-7	The Mohawk Valley Community Action Agency, which operates Head Start programs in Oneida and Herkimer counties, lost an estimated \$406,552 effective June 1. This cut will result in 80 fewer children being able to enroll in the program and the	<a href="http://www.uticaod.com/news/x863239093/Funding-staff-cuts-put-Head-Start-parents-in-a-quandary">http://www.uticaod.com/news/x863239093/Funding-staff-cuts-put-Head-Start-parents-in-a-quandary</a>

		elimination of 10.5 full-time direct service staff positions.	
	May 9-16	Two six-week summer Head Start programs in Cambridge and Hudson Falls are cancelled due to a \$201,000 sequestration cut, affecting 174 children.	<a href="http://poststar.com/news/local/as-federal-funds-are-choked-off-washington-county-seeks-other/article_e956190e-b8ec-11e2-bb43-001a4bcf887a.html">http://poststar.com/news/local/as-federal-funds-are-choked-off-washington-county-seeks-other/article_e956190e-b8ec-11e2-bb43-001a4bcf887a.html</a>
	March 27-April 3	The Schenectady Head Start avoided cutting 36 children and laying off five staff before the end of the school year because it received \$65,000 from the Schenectady Foundation to offset federal cuts. However, the program may still have to cut 36 slots in September.	<a href="http://www.dailygazette.net/standard/ShowStoryTemplate.asp?Path=SCH/2013/03/26&amp;ID=Ar00900&amp;Section=Local_News">http://www.dailygazette.net/standard/ShowStoryTemplate.asp?Path=SCH/2013/03/26&amp;ID=Ar00900&amp;Section=Local_News</a>
Ohio	April 3-10	The Lima Allen Council on Community Affairs will enroll 42 fewer children in Head Start next fall and lay off four staff due to \$190,000 in cuts.	<a href="http://www.limaohio.com/news/local_news/article_b3cc4394-9c72-11e2-ad98-0019bb30f31a.html">http://www.limaohio.com/news/local_news/article_b3cc4394-9c72-11e2-ad98-0019bb30f31a.html</a>
	March 27-April 3	The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency will lose \$1 million in Head Start funding. As a result, 200 children will be cut from the program, 20 teachers will lose their jobs, and 10 classrooms will be shut. Transportation services will also be reduced, affecting about 80 families.	<a href="http://www.fox19.com/story/21823396/sequester-cuts-nearly-200-kids-from-local-head-start-program">http://www.fox19.com/story/21823396/sequester-cuts-nearly-200-kids-from-local-head-start-program</a>
South Carolina	March 5-13	The Georgetown County School Board expected to lose \$400,000 in Head Start funding and was considering closing Head Start centers for four weeks or cutting 55 to 60 children from the program.	<a href="http://www.gtowntimes.com/local/Demand-for-preschool-on-the-rise-as-Sequestration-budget-cuts-loom2013-03-08T03-15-27">http://www.gtowntimes.com/local/Demand-for-preschool-on-the-rise-as-Sequestration-budget-cuts-loom2013-03-08T03-15-27</a>
Tennessee	March 13-20	The Claiborne County Head Start program discontinued bus services for children, effective March 18.	<a href="http://www.claiborneprogress.net/view/full_story/21964636/article-Federal-funding-cuts-affect-local-programs?instance=popular">http://www.claiborneprogress.net/view/full_story/21964636/article-Federal-funding-cuts-affect-local-programs?instance=popular</a>
	March 5-13	Anderson County expected to cut eight children from Early Head Start and about 20 children from	<a href="http://www.wate.com/story/21538004/head-start-programs-facing-immediate-cuts-after">http://www.wate.com/story/21538004/head-start-programs-facing-immediate-cuts-after</a>

		Head Start this summer.	<a href="#">sequestration</a>
Texas	April 18-25	College Station Head Start and Early Head Start planned to eliminate a 20-day summer program because of a \$99,000 cut. The agency also planned to reduce staff training, field trips, food/snacks, and child care for parents participating in training sessions.	<a href="http://wtaw.com/2013/04/22/sequestration-results-in-csisd-headstart-cuts/">http://wtaw.com/2013/04/22/sequestration-results-in-csisd-headstart-cuts/</a>
	March 27-April 3	The Far West Texas region—which includes El Paso, Brewster, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, and Presidio counties—was expected to lose \$900,000 in federal Child Care and Development Block Grant funding. There were already 1,520 children on the waiting list in the region, with 250 more children added every month. In El Paso, enrollment in the child care assistance program had been frozen.	<a href="http://www.elpasoinc.com/news/local_news/article_7d34b98e-949c-11e2-a657-0019bb30f31a.html">http://www.elpasoinc.com/news/local_news/article_7d34b98e-949c-11e2-a657-0019bb30f31a.html</a>
Utah	April 26-May 2	The Salt Lake Community Action Program Head Start program planned to end their school year five days early and furlough all 12-month staff for a week in June. Staff working fewer months of the year will lose 14 days of pay. In addition, the agency will no longer pay bonuses, will reduce training and technical assistance, and will stop contributing to staff retirement accounts as of January 2014.	<a href="http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56106370-78/families-lake-salt-sequestration.html.csp">http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/56106370-78/families-lake-salt-sequestration.html.csp</a>
Vermont	May 9-16	Central Vermont Community Action Council lost \$200,000 in Head Start funding, which resulted in the elimination of home-based Early Head Start services for 115 families in Washington, Orange, and Lamoille counties over a nine-week period. Next fall, another 8% cut will force the Head Start program to serve 50 fewer children.	<a href="http://www.vnews.com/home/6130804-95/budget-cuts-set-back-head-start">http://www.vnews.com/home/6130804-95/budget-cuts-set-back-head-start</a>
Virginia	May 24-31	Kids Central of Norton reduced the Head Start	<a href="http://finance.yahoo.com/news/poor-hit-hardest-">http://finance.yahoo.com/news/poor-hit-hardest-</a>



		school year by 10 days and cut back on supply purchases and property maintenance.	<a href="http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/washington-budget-092800575.html">washington-budget-092800575.html</a>
Washington	April 26-May 2	More than two-thirds (68%) of the state's Head Start providers plan to drop children from their classrooms, according to an online survey. In addition, 64% of providers said they would have to eliminate staff positions and 55% said they have to start classes late in the coming fall.	<a href="http://wsaheadstarteceap.com/news/20130501-sequester_hurts_kids.html">http://wsaheadstarteceap.com/news/20130501-sequester_hurts_kids.html</a>
West Virginia	June 30-July 6	Northern Panhandle Head Start, which had its budget reduced by \$270,000, will cut programs at two Head Start centers in Moundsville next school year. This cut will affect 37 children. The agency will also reduce its mental health contracted services by 40% and reduce its transportation services.	<a href="http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/587020/Sequestration-Cuts-Hurting-Head-Start.html?nav=510">http://www.theintelligencer.net/page/content.detail/id/587020/Sequestration-Cuts-Hurting-Head-Start.html?nav=510</a>
	June 22-28	Eastern Panhandle is losing \$230,000 in Head Start funding. As a result, next year, at least one Head Start classroom will be cut, removing 15 preschoolers from the program.	<a href="http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1302297.htm">http://www.catholicnews.com/data/stories/cns/1302297.htm</a>
Wyoming	June 15-21	Laramie Head Start's budget was cut by \$37,000. As a result, one of the program's five classrooms will be eliminated in the fall, which means that the program will serve 15 fewer children and employ two fewer teachers.	<a href="http://www.laramieboomerang.com/articles/2013/06/14/news/doc51ba87c10cb55035133177.txt">http://www.laramieboomerang.com/articles/2013/06/14/news/doc51ba87c10cb55035133177.txt</a>
District of Columbia	March 5-13	\$1.2 million could be cut from the D.C. Head Start program, sending 38 children to a waiting list that already has 181 children.	N/A