

The American Indian & Alaska Native Head Start Family & Child Experiences Survey 2015: Education & Professional Development of Lead Teachers

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Overview

The American Indian and Alaska Native Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2015 (AI/AN FACES 2015) is the first national descriptive study of children and families enrolled in Head Start programs operated by federally recognized tribes. These programs are known as Region XI. Region XI programs incorporate their unique history, community traditions, and beliefs into their operations and integrate language and culture into the delivery of services to children and families. AI/AN FACES 2015 was informed by members of a workgroup comprised Region XI Head Start directors, researchers from universities and Mathematica Policy Research (which conducted the study), and federal officials from the Administration for Children and Families (which funded the study).



The red indicates states with Region XI Head Start programs.



During the 2015-2016 program year, 21 Region XI Head Start programs were randomly selected and agreed to participate.

Workgroup

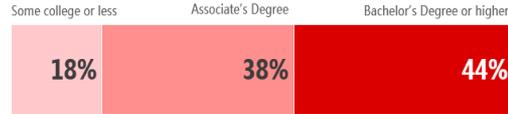
The AI/AN FACES Workgroup was formed in 2013 to help guide the study according to best practices for research with AI/AN communities. The Workgroup members advised on the study design, implementation, and dissemination of the study findings.



The findings presented here are from the AI/AN FACES Spring 2016 Teacher Survey.

- Number of children's teachers surveyed: 849
- 50% of Region XI Head Start children's teachers identified as AI/AN, alone or in combination with another race or ethnicity.
- The majority (63%) of children's teachers have some connection to the tribe or community.

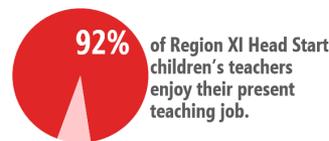
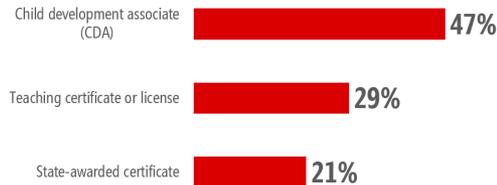
Almost 1/2 of Region XI Head Start children's lead teachers have a Bachelor's degree or higher.



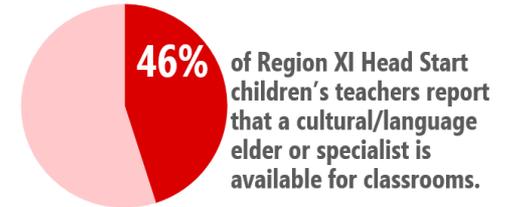
More than 1/3 of Region XI Head Start children have a lead teacher who has taught in Head Start/Early Head Start for 10 years or more.



Almost 1/2 of Region XI Head Start children's lead teachers have a specialized certificate in early childhood.



Region XI Head Start children's teachers are offered a variety of professional development supports.



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