HEAD START FOR WORKING CALIFORNIA FAMILIES

California’s minimum wage will reach $15/hour in 2023, making nearly all working families ineligible for Head Start.

BY 2023, MOST CALIFORNIA FAMILIES WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR HEAD START:

One full time parent\(^1\) with one kid = $11,890 over income.

One part-time parent\(^2\) with one kid = $4,690 over income.

One full time parent with two kids = $7,470 over income.

One part-time parent with two kids = $270 over income.

One full-time parent and one unemployed parent with two kids = $3,050 over income.

Two part-time parents\(^3\) with two kids = $17,450 over income.

One full-time parent with three kids = $3,050 over income.

Two part-time parents with three kids = $13,030 over income.

Two part-time parents with four kids = $8,610 over income.

\(^1\) Full time parent is defined as 40 hours/week.  
\(^2\) Part-time parent is defined as 30 hours/week.  
\(^3\) Two part-time parents is defined as working 60 hours/week total.
More than 300,000 additional kids would be eligible for Head Start if income eligibility was aligned with the federal Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG).

EVEN IN RURAL CALIFORNIA, THE FEDERAL HEAD START INCOME THRESHOLD IS TOO LOW.

**Amador**
- 422 families were denied services for being $5,000 over income.
- 637 families were denied services for being $10,000 over income.

**Stanislaus**
- 369 families were denied services for being $5,000 over income.
- 587 families were denied services for being $10,000 over income.

**Los Angeles**
- 475 families were denied services for being $5,000 over income.
- 888 families were denied services for being $10,000 over income.

**Contra Costa**
- 697 families were denied services for being $5,000 over income.
- 712 families were denied services for being $10,000 over income.