



Talking Points for Republican Legislators

1. Smart Investment, Strong Return

- “For every \$1 we invest in Head Start, taxpayers see up to a \$9 return. That’s not spending—that’s smart investing in America’s future.”

2. Empowering Families, Not Bureaucrats

- “Head Start helps parents go to work, lift themselves up, and provide better lives for their kids. That’s real freedom and opportunity.”

3. Local Jobs and Community Support

- “Head Start funds go straight into our communities—supporting teachers, staff, and local programs that understand our children’s needs.”

4. Better Start, Better Outcomes

- “Kids in Head Start are more likely to graduate, less likely to be held back, and more likely to avoid crime. That’s good for families and good for America.”

5. Stronger Families, Less Dependency

- “Head Start gives low-income families a hand up, not a handout. It helps break the cycle of poverty by building strong foundations early.”

6. Fiscal Responsibility with Long-Term Gains

- “We talk about reducing crime, lowering welfare dependency, and improving schools—Head Start is one program that checks all those boxes.”

7. American Kids Deserve a Fair Shot

- “Every child should have a chance to succeed—no matter where they’re born or how much their parents make. Head Start helps make that possible.”

