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I have worked with a Head Start program for 9 1/2 years. Head Start supports families by offering free quality child care/preschool to those that could not regularly afford it. I have seen families thrive as we have created a safe space for their children to learn and build community. Parents have become part of this community, building friendships and support systems, they have enrolled in school, acquired new jobs, found housing, even purchased their own house and in many cases received early intervention services for their child. Head Start works!