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In 1968 I was a Headstart teacher in Chicago. The program was funded through the Chicago Public Schools so salary wise I was paid the same as a CPS teacher. The program was revolutionary ! It provided the children the opportunity to have not only be medical but nutritional programs where they received meals during the day . The children Loved learning ... like new sponges soaking up all they could. They loved field trips to downtown Chicago during December to see Christmas decorations and more. They loved learning ! Parent involvement would have been wonderful as I felt that was lacking

Headstart should continue and teachers should be paid an excellent salary. Students whether citizens or not should be eligible. It is a win win situation for all. I went in to teacher headstart in the summers in Moline Illinois from 1969-71 and felt the same energy from students and teachers ! My teaching career spanned 8 years from 5th grade to Headstart to 9th grade in public and private schools and Headstart is the one impacted me the most. Do not let it stop for the future of those that need it the most