These are trying times for families who rely on Head Start to give their preschoolers the big boost that can make the difference between success and failure in school. That’s because the federal sequester cuts have made a big hit on the number of slots available to preschoolers.

Nationwide, 57,000 kids have lost access to Head Start. And the threat of deeper cuts looms when the debt ceiling rears its head again this fall in Washington.

Robin Bozek, the executive director of Michigan Head Start Association and Mary DeLuca, the Head Start director for the Community Action Agency of Jackson joined us in the studio to talk about how Michigan’s preschool kids are affected by the budget cuts.

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