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### Tuning Up With Thomas Moore

Thomas Moore, special consultant to the N.C. Head Start Association, leads about 300 children in song Wednesday at the Adam's Mark hotel in Charlotte during the 19th annual convention of the N.C. Head Start Association. Delegates were told only one of every five eligible preschoolers participates in the program, which serves 452,000 children.

Studies indicate the program saves federal, state and local governments millions of dollars because, by age 19, more of its participants finish high school and become self-supporting, while fewer get arrested or become pregnant. Officials complain staffers, some with master's degrees, often earn less than \$15,000 per year.