

2023/2024 Annual Report

Edmonds College- Head Start





Message from the Executive Director

Community Neighbors,

In April of 2023 we received an enrollment letter from the Office of Head Start. The letter states that we have to be at 95% of full enrollment by April 2024. At the end of the 2022/2023 school year we lost three Head Start classrooms in Edmonds School District. Therefore, for the 2024/2025 school year we opened a new site in Lynnwood.

The program has also had some difficulty in hiring Early Head Start Home Base staff. We have not been able to fill five positions, further adding to the low enrollment issues. As a result, the program developed some aggressive plans to make changes to programming to meet the enrollment requirements.

These changes are very exciting and will better meet the needs of families and the community. For the 2024/2025 school year we will offer more school day programming, doubling the number of this model of classes for children 3-5 yr. olds. We will also be opening Early Head Start center base classrooms, for toddlers and infants.

Warmest Regards,

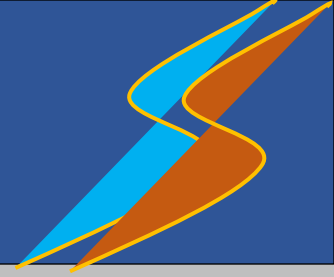
Ginger Williams

Executive Director

Mission Statement

To provide high quality early childhood education and empower families by removing barriers and respecting differences.

Our Program Services



Head Start & Early Head Start Classrooms

Child development and family support services available for children ages 3 to 5 who are low-income and reside in Snohomish County. Services include comprehensive preschool, home visits, parent and child activities, health screenings, meals, opportunities to volunteer, and parent involvement activities. Part day and school day preschool classes, 4 days a week.



Early Head Start Classrooms

Child development and family support services for children 0-3 yrs. Services include comprehensive preschool, home visits, parent and child activities, health screenings, meals, opportunities to volunteer, and parent involvement activities.



Early Head Start—Home Base

Our Early Head Start program serves families with children birth to three years in a Home Base model. Home Base involves weekly home visits that offer child development activities to help enhance school readiness goals at an early age.



Early Head Start center base classrooms to open in the 2024-2025 school year!

Enrollment

Since the pandemic began in 2020, our program has struggled keeping full enrollment. Facing continuous staffing shortages and losing classroom space has contributed to this challenge. Enrollment has been a large focus for the program.

Cumulative Enrollment

Head Start **266**

Early Head Start **106**

ECEAP **80**

Average Monthly Enrollment

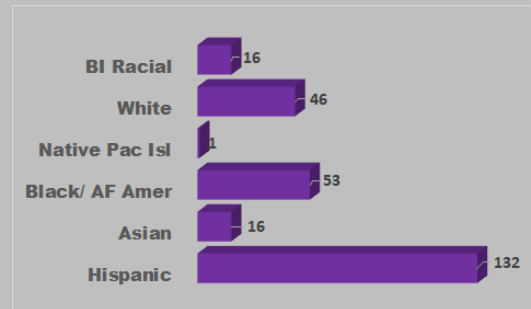
ECEAP = 83%

EHS = 54%

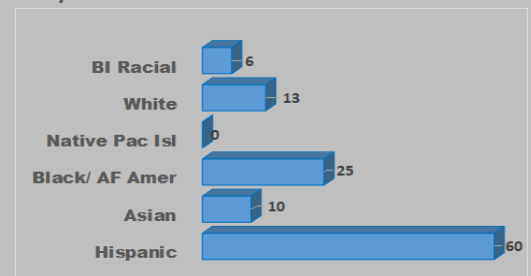
HS = 64%

Race & Ethnicity

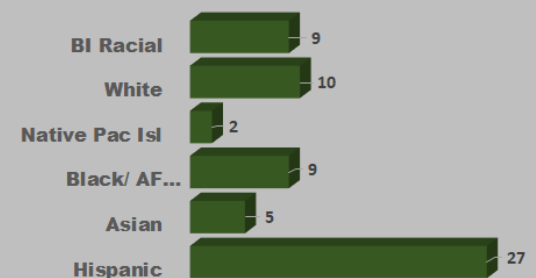
Head Start



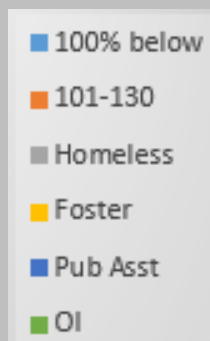
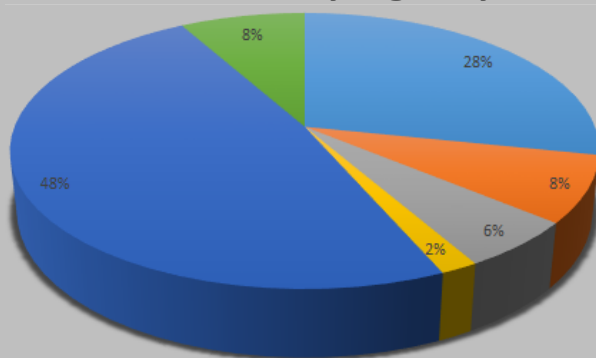
Early Head Start



ECEAP



Enrollment by Eligibility



Family Engagement

Edmonds College Head Start & Early Head Start served more than 400 families in the 2023/2024 school year. Each child comes to us with a family; therefore, we work with families to help children become more successful in school. We know that if a child is hungry, cold, or feeling sick, they will not be at their full learning potential. We make sure each family has their basic needs met so that they are more successful at focusing on meeting their child's educational needs.

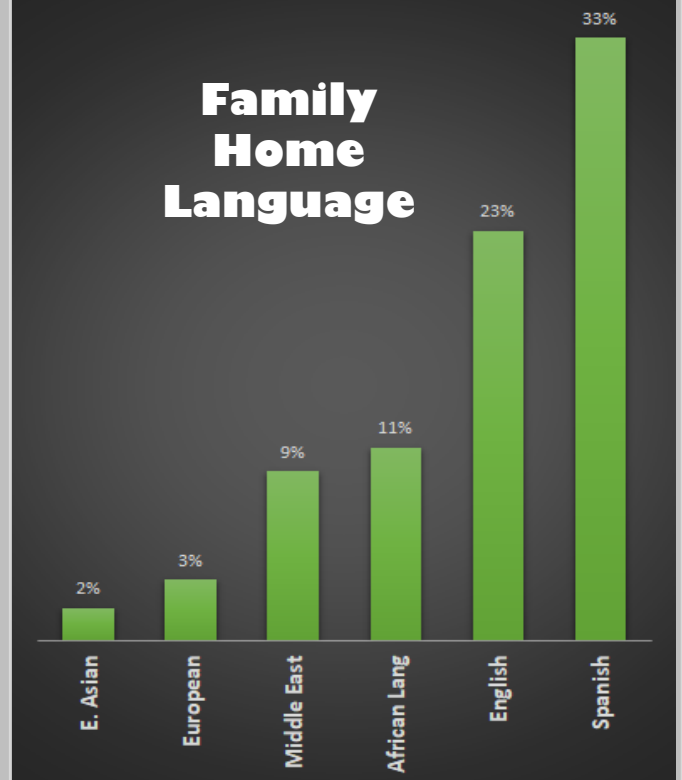


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Community
Resources
Distributed!

Community Resources Distributed to Families

Emergency/Crisis Intervention	255
Housing Assistance	66
Asset Building Services	16
Mental Health Services	14
Substance Misuse Prevention	3
Substance Misuse Treatment	14
English as Second Lang. (ESL)	53
Assistance in enrolling in Ed. or job training	106
Parenting Curriculum	248
Discussion of child's screening & assessment	275
Transitions between programs	206
Medical/oral health resources	182
Consequences of tobacco use	25
Postpartum care education	12
Nutrition education	240
Education on marriage/relationship	15
Assistance to incarcerated individuals	1

Family Home Language



School Readiness

Edmonds College Head Start & Early Head Start strives to achieve high standards in our services to children and families. Therefore we have set school readiness goals so that children leave our program with skills and competence for kindergarten.

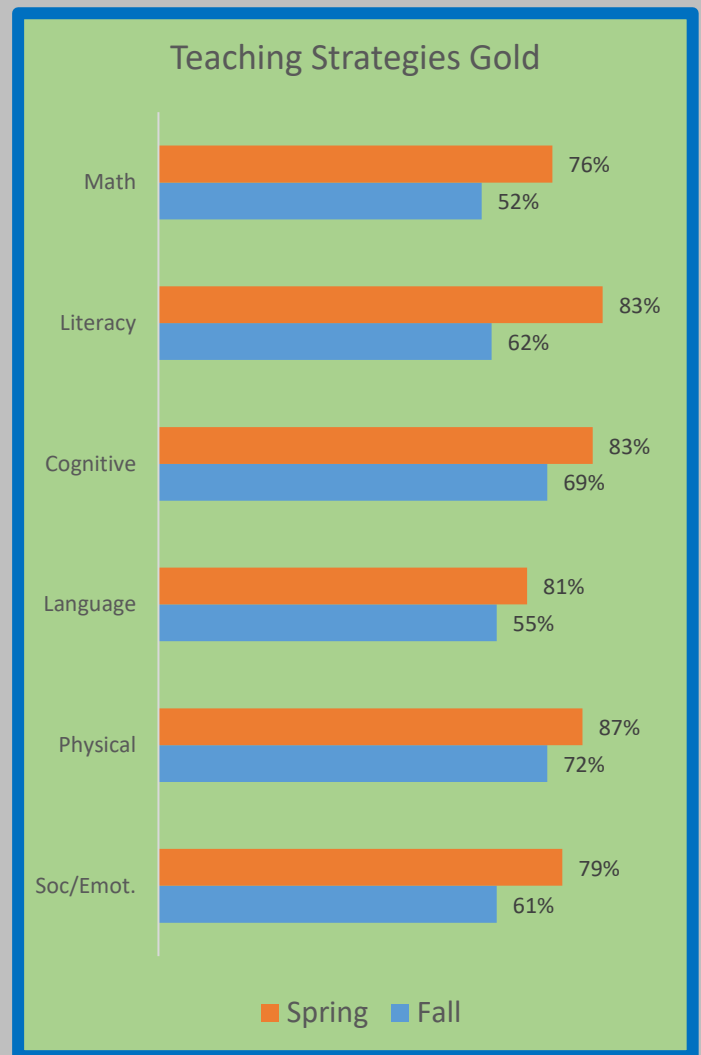
Program Overview

- 6** Classroom Sites
- 132** Families Enrolled in EHS-Home Base Services
- 283** Children enrolled in Part Day Head Start preschool classrooms
- 76** Families enrolled in ECEAP Services
- 90%** of staff work directly with children & families



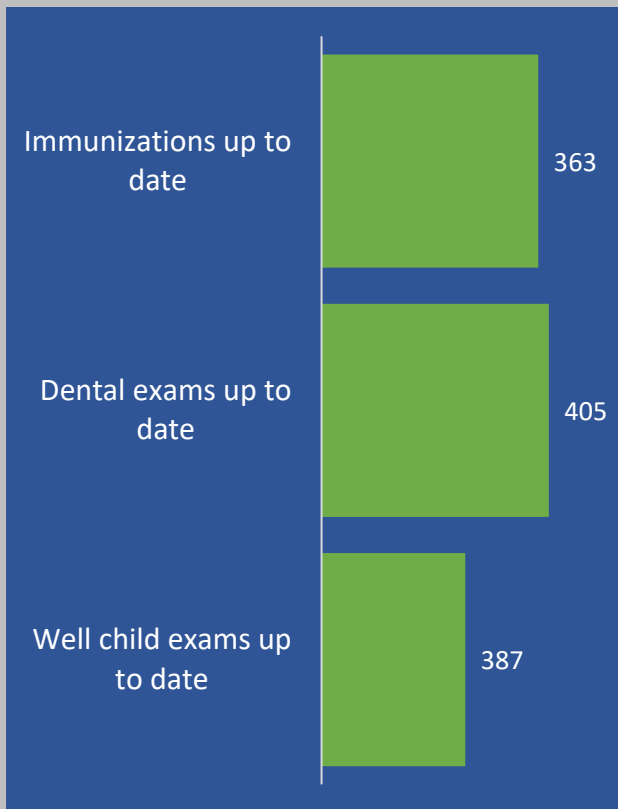
Child Outcomes

2023-2024- 4 Yr. Old Children Who Met or Exceeded Widely Held Expectations by Developmental Domains



Health

Edmonds College Head Start & Early Head Start knows that healthy children are happy, learning children. Some requirements of our program are to complete developmental assessments, track well-child exams and health screens for every child. These assessments have helped many children receive much needed services and resources that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. We know that the earlier a child receives services, the more successful they will be in school.



During our health screens we found:

7 children had hearing problems

11 children had vision problems.

Prenatal Services

Our Early Head Start Prenatal service includes:

- Fetal Development Education
- Nutrition & Breastfeeding information
- Safe sleep for infants
- Connection to community resources
- Preparing for baby's arrival
- Parenting concepts
- Healthy practices



4 Prenatal Women Served in 2023/2024!

Mental Health & Disabilities

Our Disabilities and Mental Health Consultant works as a team to support teachers in identifying the physical and social emotional needs of children. Our team also offers ongoing technical assistance and coaching for parents around referrals and ongoing work with the school district for children with IEP's or IFSP's.

Ages & Stages Questionnaire provided reliable, accurate developmental and social-emotional screening for children between birth and age 6.

- Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) is completed on each child within 45 days of enrollment
- Ongoing assessments are completed year round with Teaching Strategies Gold

Disabilities at a Glance

415 ASQ Assessments completed

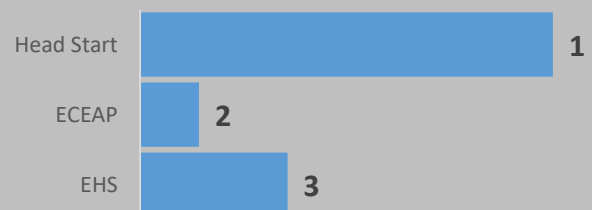
8 children served with Individual Family Service Plans (0-3 yrs)

25 children served with Individual Education Plans (3-5 yrs)

Mental Health at a Glance

Our Disabilities and Mental Health Consultant works closely with teaching staff on ways to support children to promote healthy social-emotional development

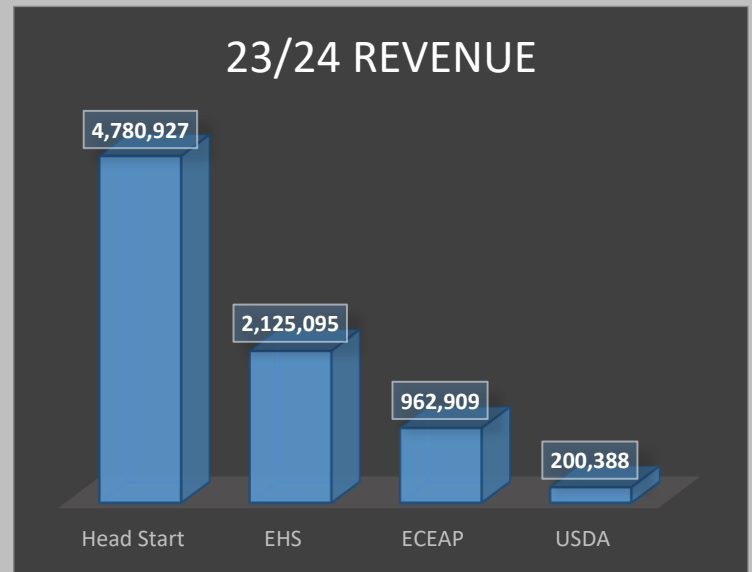
Number of Staff/Parents that received MH Consultation



Financial Matters

2023/2024 Revenue

Head Start.....	4,780,927
Early Head Start...	2,125,095
ECEAP.....	962,909
<u>USDA.....</u>	<u>200,388</u>
Total Revenue.....	8,069,319



Functional Expenses Year Ending 23/24

