

Head Start/Early Head Start Board Report February 2022

General:

The two new EHS classrooms at Sumner have been licensed and we are in the process of selecting children for these slots as well as hiring the staff.

Staff continues to attend 7 C's trainings put on by our T/ TA people. "Culture of Communication" follow up where we discussed communication and looked at how we could improve areas within the agency.

Education:

Coaches continue to support their sites as they are needed, classroom coverage as well as remote learning support. During site closures, coaches participated with the Zoom lessons to children, and conducted CLASS Observations on their coaches. Most coachees have new goals and action plans set.

Reviewed the PBC cycle, goal setting, weekly observations, and reflection meetings, and insured CLASS outcomes would be used for professional development/coaching purposes.

Coaches are currently taking on various responsibilities in addition to the Coaching Program: For the Wellness program Site Supervisors have been met with to make a plan for the Peace places at their sites. Spaces have been chosen and items ordered to complete the Peace places for staff. This idea came from the Wellness committee to improve mental health of staff needing a quiet place to relax and be more productive daily.

Same Book 2022: We plan to use the WCNY/PBS "Cat in the Hat" Literacy and family engagement curriculum that was gifted to PEACE, Inc. Head Start/EHS. Hop on Pop by Dr. Seuss was chosen for the Same Book.

Home-Base

Conducted 142 Home Visits and one socialization with three families in attendance.

Pregnant mom program: Two pregnant moms – no deliveries and six babies being followed by maternal/child nurse.

Currently conducting in-person home visits. Everyone is excited and home visitors are really happy to be back in the homes. We have a few families that aren't comfortable, we will continue to provide virtual visits.

We still have three staff openings in home based.

Complete DECA and TSG mid check points and are starting transition our children turning three from EHS to HS.

Health:

Eight staff completed CPR/First Aid and Stop the Bleed training.

Three staff completed Belay allergy training.

New York State Immunization Survey completed for all eight PEACE Head Start sites.

Sumner HS will host NYS MAT Instructor training in April and Nurse Christina – Merrick and Nurse Sage- Sumner will become MAT instructors for the program.

Still Working on a partnership with OCC Medical Assistant program. They would provide us with two students to complete 160 hours of clinical and if things go well and student has an interest in HS we could possibly hire them.

Have two open Nurse positions (Liverpool and Baldwinsville). Also, offered Medical Assistant / Certified Nurse positions at Merrick and Sumner.

Mental Health:

Webinars Attended- Conscious Discipline Session 1: The Dynamics of Trauma; (Session 2: Reaching Children with Trauma and Session 3: Teaching Children with Trauma); I love you Rituals; Handling Everyday Upsets, Tantrums, and Teaching Social Skills; Addressing Maternal Mental Health; TTAC Webinar: Deepening the Relational Foundations of Reflection; Supporting the Resilience of Families: Your Journey Together (Sessions 1 & 2); Belay Allergy Training; and Conscious Discipline: Seven Powers series (1-7).

Nutrition:

Feeding approximately 466 HS/EHS children in eight centers. Some classrooms have not opened yet or have been closed due to staffing issues or COVID cases. 101 of those children require a modified diet (as of 2/28/22) And 26 of those children have documented food allergies; several children have more than one allergy. (Allergies include: milk, egg, wheat, peanut, tree nuts, soybean, fish, shellfish, sesame, oat, corn, coconut, red dye, blue dye, pineapple, strawberries, pumpkin, chicken, beef, and lemon oil. One entire center (James Street) due to a child's severe allergy and two children require modified diets due to feeding/swallowing issues (James Street and LaFayette).

Nutrition Coordinator attended Health Cluster Meeting with others from NYS Head Start.

Nutrition Specialist met with the HS/EHS Data Storyteller and HS/EHS Data Quality Assistant to discuss nutrition topics / data and reports that can be generated in myHeadStart. Also, met with Data Storyteller to review special diet forms and improve time spent on creating special diet sheets for classrooms. Discussed creating a staff survey to get input on challenges to using this system and areas for improvement.

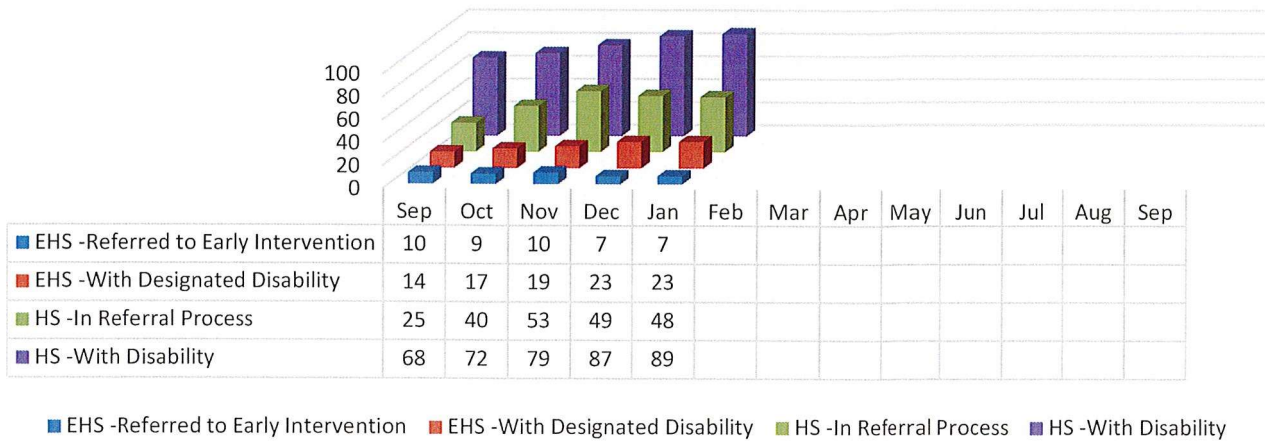
Attended Collaboration Director Meeting, 2/15. OCC Director is interested in receiving try-me foods again. This will need further discussion.

Compiled nutrition resources and training videos for new staff. All HS/EHS Staff - CACFP online training- staff can complete on their own, all staff will receive an email with links for videos and a quiz in google docs; this training is combined with health topics (shaken baby, blood borne pathogens, daily health check). As of January 1st, 2022, 134 HS/EHS staff completed the CACFP training and quiz.

Disabilities:

The Disabilities Coordinator attended a webinar put on by the Devereux for Resilient Children. The webinar talked about how to support resilience in the children and families we service. This is obviously a pertinent topic due to the state our community/county is in at this time due to the pandemic.

Children with Disabilities (numbers are cumulative)



Family and Community:

February enrollment for HS was 77% (636) and EHS was 78% (168).

February attendance for HS was 68% and EHS was 73%. We have remote learning with 16 slots at Sumner still awaiting for those rooms to open and hire staff.

Have several family and intake workers positions open (8).

Several family workers were trained through HS University on Self Awareness and Cultural Competence.



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2021 - 2022

