

Head Start/Early Head Start Board Report October 2022

General:

Continue working with Jaclyn Schildkraut, PhD Associate Professor at Oswego on training staff in Emergency Preparedness School Safety. She will facilitate an additional staff training on "Standard Response Protocol Training: on October 31 at Sumner and Merrick for all HS/EHS staff.

Child Care Solutions provided training for staff on Reporting Procedures and Addressing Head Injuries on October 7 at Merrick and Sumner for all HS/EHS staff.

In October two staff members had tested positive for COVID.

We have updated our Reapplication for this year's grant as well as our T/TA Plan; and School Readiness Goals and submitted all documentation to our Regional office.

The Head Start 2021/2022 Annual Report for HS/EHS has been completed and will be distributed in November to sites and community partners.

Staff is currently reviewing the 2023 Focus Area Monitoring Protocol for the upcoming review.

Education:

Two Coaches have been recertified for PreKCLASS observations.

CLASS observations have been completed in many rooms

Continued efforts to monitor ASQ-3 Developmental Screenings for meeting the 45 day deadline.

Developed Anti-Bias Teaching and Learning Environments in HS/EHS webinar and guide for teaching staff to be administered at site level.

Worked with collaborations on Teaching Strategies GOLD and e-DECA.

Viewed a webinar presented by the Office of Head Start titled Addressing Child Incidents Through a Culture of Safety. They discussed what incidents need to be reported to regional offices and also the timeline in which this needs to happen. A lot of the webinar was spent answering questions coming from the audience.

Viewed a webinar presented by the Office of Head Start titled OHS Video Pilot Information Meeting. Our program has been selected to participate in a video pilot program this year for CLASS observations. They explained the timeline for these observations, the types of equipment/technology that programs will need in order to complete these observations, and also talked about the different meetings that will be conducted with individual programs leading up to the observation window.

Home-Base

Home Visits total 124.

Fifteen families attended in person community socializations which took place at Rosamond Gifford Zoo, Hallow Pumpkin Farm and Liverpool Library. We are back to two team socializations instead one large one with all home visitors.

In the expectant family caseload two healthy babies were delivered.

Home based supervisor attended Onondaga Health Department to strength our relationships and recruiting purposes.

Health:

Lion's Club vision screenings completed at: Genesee- 39 kids; Cab Horse- 11

Chompers Dental Clinic Cleaning/fluoride varnish/ exam completed at: Baldwinsville/Jordan

Eight staff completed CPR/FA/AED

Two new staff completed Belay Allergy preparedness training

Nutrition:

Peace EHS/HS feeds approximately 490 HS/EHS children in 8 centers: Sumner, Merrick, James St., Genesee, Liverpool, Baldwinsville, Jordan/Elbridge, Lafayette as well as weekly or monthly meals for Home Base socializations and Children's Consortium. 80 children require a modified diet of special foods; 35 children have documented food allergies to food ingredients that include: milk, egg, soy, wheat, peanut, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, sesame, strawberries, pineapple, peaches, and oranges. Multiple children require modified feeding/swallowing diets... Two children have G6PD deficiency, one child has celiac disease; One child is monitored for blood sugar/ketone imbalance; One entire center requires a substitute for fish due to staff allergy and Many of our infants require modified formulas that we purchase.

Nutrition Coordinator conducted staff meetings to implement Nutrition policies, practices and procedures and conversations to address Merrick Kitchen staff time, tasks, issues, concerns.

Meetings, with Supervisors and nutrition aides at sites to deliver kitchen tools, foods or address operations, equipment, policy and procedure concerns and to discuss staff, children food modifications.

Nutrition Specialist met with several parents at Merrick to discuss nutritional needs of children.

Purchased special diet foods and infant formula for Sumner and Merrick; feeding supplies for various sites; and foods for nutrition activities.

Filled in at Merrick kitchen: Oct 1 - 31.

Coordinated a donation and delivery of baby wipes from Renzi food service to the Eastside Community Resource center.

Communicated with nurses on clarification of special diets and status of documentation. Update special diet lists for both production kitchens to communicate daily modifications needed.

Nutrition Aide Staff regular monitoring and training starting on 10/7/22 to assure quality and accurate documentation on special diet sheets and kitchen operations. A plan for monitoring and oversight of Nutrition Aides and teaching staff on special diet delivery and documentation and for any needed T&TA.

Family and Community:

October Enrollment for HS was 625 (75%) – 7 vacancies within 30 days; and EHS was 159 (74%) – 7 vacancies within 30 days. We have had several classrooms closed due to lack of staffing and EHS homebased is not fully enrolled.

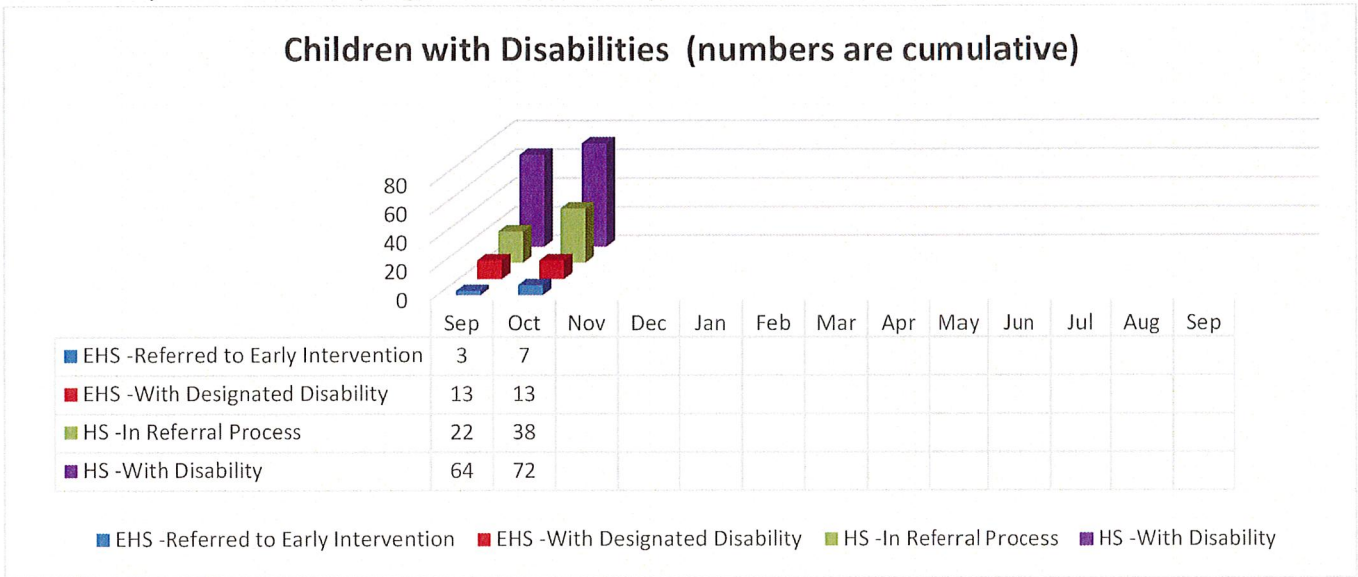
October Attendance was HS is at 76% and EHS at Merrick and Sumner is 73%. There has been a lot of illness with respiratory issues, flu, and RSV.

The Weller Farm in Weedsport donated 25 large pumpkins to Jordon for a parent engagement event. The children made them thank you cards.

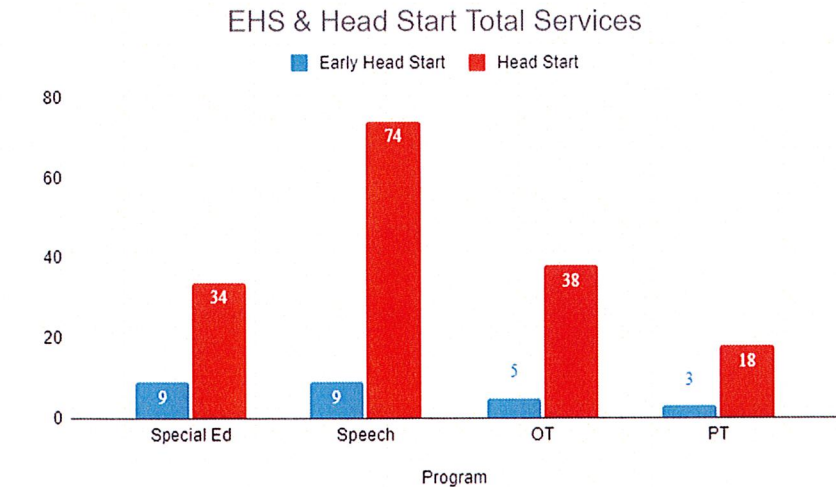
Disabilities:

The Disabilities Coordinator continues to attend several CPSE meetings for children. A success story for one of our children is the following scenario: Home base worked with this family to help the family refer the child to CPSE. He entered our center base program truly needing a Special Class Integrated Setting (SCIS) slot, but at the time there were no openings. The Coaches and Behavioral Specialist as well as the Disabilities Coordinator met with his teaching team prior to school opening to discuss strategies for him. After several weeks of school, we were able to go back to CPSE to add additional services for this child as well as parent counseling. In addition, after a few more weeks, we decided to shorten the child’s day to help the child be more successful at the center. Then, just last week, a spot became available and he will be leaving us and going to a Sprout special education program. Parents were so grateful to Head Start for helping them get what their child needed to be successful.

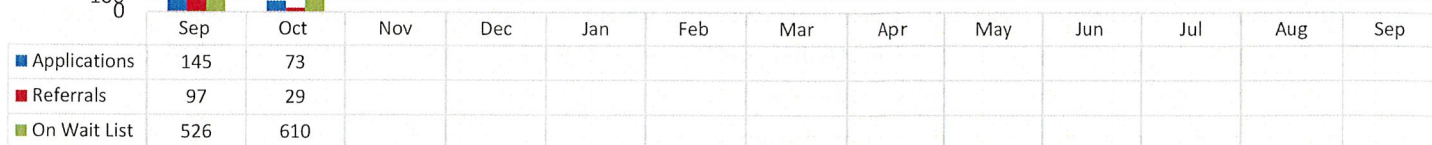
The Disabilities Coordinator attended a meeting with the Onondaga County Health Department. It was a meeting that included Health and Nutrition as well. It was great to be in one room and share ideas and learn about everyone’s different programs in the county.



This chart is a cumulative representation from September 2022 to October 31, 2022



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