



Head Start/Early Head Start Board Report November 2022

General:

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.

Staff continues their review of the 2023 FA2 Monitoring Protocol for the upcoming review. We will be participating in a pilot program for this and will be making a video of a classroom for submission.

Plans underway to send several staff to Go Engage Winter Workshop which will be providing training on our current database.

Education:

CLASS assessment completed and goals being set with staff

Met with Linda McPherson (EHS Family Worker) and Lauren Sanson (Classroom Specialist) to make a plan for supporting the two early head start classrooms that are currently shut down at Merrick due to staffing. We talked about the best way to deliver these services (in the home via Zoom).

Home-Base

Home visits 113 – there was many absences due to illness- RSV, COVID and flu like symptoms which in many cases went through the entire family.

Socialization 4 families attend, 3 socialization were offered for the month of November due to Thanksgiving. Families did enjoy the Harvest lunch.

Our newest home visitor started this month. She is completing her training and will begin visiting families in December. Home Based has made an offer to a potential candidate and hope is she will begin in January. She has experience as home visitor in Lawrence County.

Home visitors have been recruiting and continues to talk to their families to help with recruitment. We usually experience a waiting list for the program, however, since COVID our waiting list is rather short.

HOVRS much like CLASS for classrooms, is observation tool for home visiting. This was started and will be completed by the first week of December. This is done twice a year. It covers home visitor's relationship with the family, responses to families' strength parent interaction with the child, how the home visitor collaborates with the parent as the child's primary teacher, child reaction to the visit.

Attended meeting with Seethalakshmi Ramanathan, SUNY Upstate Medical University Dept., of Women's Mental Health for pilot program and looking for feedback on the Thinking Healthy Program model from pregnant moms in our program. Will be meeting again in January with home based staff to discuss training on front line staff to be trained in Thinking Healthy Program.

Health:

Chompers Dental Clinic Cleaning/fluoride varnish/ exam completed at: Liverpool, Genesee, James Street, LaFayette, and Merrick.

Six staff completed CPR/FA/AED.

Six staff completed MAT (Medication Administration Training).

Two new staff completed Belay Allergy Preparedness Training.

Health Services Advisory Committee meeting 12/1/2022 with 15 members attending. From this meeting learned, Onondaga County Lead Department is planning on launching a site based lead screening program and looking into a mobile van unit to perform lead screenings; Childcare Solutions is looking to support teachers in the classroom with infant/toddler mental health providers for up to 6 months; Help me Grow announced- Formula bank is open / Lights on the Lake is free to families who sign up through community centers and Centro buses will transport families; The MOST is offering discount tickets the month of December on Thursday/Friday- \$1 kids- \$2 adults - Has a new partnership with Doordash to deliver supplies to their families like formula/diapers. Any agency can sign up for this service and it's free; SU Gebbie Speech, Language and Hearing clinic made mention there are a decrease in ENT in this community.

Nutrition:

November 2022 Diet Statistics: 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. 35 children have documented food allergies to food ingredients that include: milk, egg, soy, wheat, peanut, tree nuts, fish, shellfish, sesame, strawberries, pineapple, peaches, 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. Many of our infants require modified formulas that we purchase. Nutrition Coordinator conducted staff training on Nutrition Policies: Modified Diets and Nutrition Activities. Prepared SU Dietetic Student for community internship with PEACE HS. During the Sysco strike, worked with Pickard kitchen staff and maintenance staff to ensure food deliveries to Merrick kitchen. Met with the Nutrition Coordinator and Food Service director to discuss plans for the Merrick kitchen walk-in cooler and freezer. 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.

Family & Community:

November enrollment for EHS was 157 (73%) and for HS 635 (76%). We have several classrooms closed and EHS homebased is not fully enrolled. We have two EHS classrooms that have gone to virtual/homebased this month. November attendance is not totally complete we have some challenges' due to not being fully staffed and getting the partnerships enrollment in MHS. 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.

Disabilities:

Attended the Preschool Coalition of Young Children with Special Needs meeting on Friday November 18th. The good news that was shared at this meeting was that Sprout Therapy Group was able to open up a Special Class Integrated Setting program in Liverpool. We currently have one of our children attending there that has left Liverpool Head Start. Also, it was announced that Connections has merged with Sprout Therapy Group and Hear 2 Learn has now merged with Liberty Post.

Children with Disabilities (numbers are cumulative)

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
EHS -Referred to Early Intervention	3	7	12										
EHS -With Designated Disability	13	13	18										
HS -In Referral Process	22	38	54										
HS -With Disability	64	72	86										

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FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2022-2023

Month	EHS	HS
September	134.25	694.00
October	167.75	973
November		
December		
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		



