



Head Start / Early Head Start Board Report November 2023

General:

- November 20th - Received monitoring report back from Office of Head Start (OHS)
 - Our identified findings have been corrected to the satisfaction of OHS
- No reported Covid-19 cases for staff or children
- Self-Assessment groups continue working on reaching our identified program goals

Education:

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) fall observations wrapped up – approx. 40 classrooms observed in total
- Early Childhood Specialist (ECS) met with & designed a training through Teaching Strategies Gold around math concepts – to be presented on January training day
- Practice Based Coaching (PBC) is ongoing on a weekly basis with the identified teachers
- One ECS attended the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Topics for sessions attended included:
 - Math
 - Literacy
 - Staff retention/orientation
 - Environment
- ECS's started planning for next year's Same Book event
- Technical assistance given to many classrooms in which topics included:
 - Creative Curriculum Toddler Studies
 - Aligning QUALITYstarsNY with Head Start policies and procedures to help gain more quality points
 - Interrater Reliability in Teaching Strategies Gold

Health:

- All Fall Chompers Dental Clinics are complete
 - Total children attended Chompers Exam – 264
 - Total children attended Chompers Cleaning – 246
- Lead Testing Clinics scheduled as follows:
 - Sumner - 12/13
 - Merrick - 12/11
 - Lafayette – 12/11

- Remaining sites still waiting for dates from Lead Department in January 2024 (B'ville, Jordan, Liverpool, Genesee, James St.)
- Nurses in discussion for planning clinics with collaboration directors

Nutrition:

- November 2023 Diet Statistics:
 - Approximately 552 HS/EHS children served meals at our 8 agency sites through the Merrick and Pickard kitchens
 - 105 HS/EHS children require modified diets
 - 30 have a diagnosed food allergy
- Preparing for the upcoming CACFP review with the Department of Health (12/12)
- Ongoing meetings with site staff to ensure meeting the dietary needs of the children in classroom
- Follow up meetings with Onondaga County Health Department and SU to discuss intake criteria and how to increase program effectiveness in the community – next meeting in January

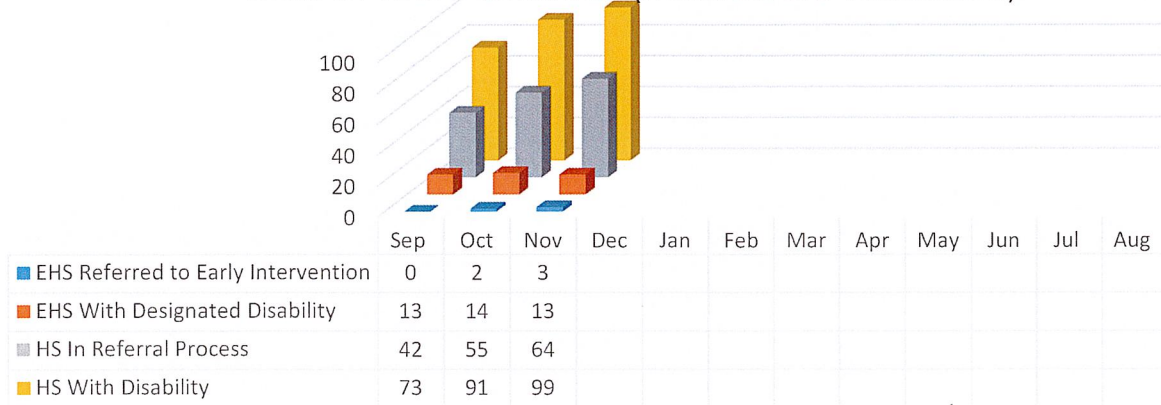
Family & Community:

- Enrollment for November:
 - **Early Head Start** - 158 in a seat, with 3 vacancies within 30 days. Total enrollment is 161 (75%).
 - **Head Start** - 665 in a seat, with 5 vacancies within 30 days. Total enrollment is 670 (81%).
- Attendance:
 - **EHS** – Average enrolled attendance – 78.46%
 - **HS** - Average enrolled attendance – 79%
- Reviewed selection criteria with ERSEA Selection Committee – voted on changes to go into effect in January 2024
- Fatherhood with Peace and Thriving, Not Just Surviving groups met

Disabilities:

- Attended Policy Council – explained program's developmental screenings and referral process for evaluation
- Attended Preschool Coalition of Young Children with Special Needs
 - Community wide screenings being done in daycares by designated agencies
 - Helpful to daycares, but can overwhelm the CPSE system, slowing everything down
- Attended ERSEA Selection Committee meeting – 10% of our slots need to be for children with disabilities

Children with Disabilities (numbers are cumulative)



■ EHS Referred to Early Intervention ■ EHS With Designated Disability ■ HS In Referral Process ■ HS With Disability

Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2023 - 2024



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2023-2024



