



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – August 2024

General:

- Covid Cases:
 - Staff – 9
 - Children – 0
- Two All-Staff day trainings were held
 - One day focused on DEI, Policies and Procedures, and Family Engagement
 - One day focused on staff wellness and mental health – engaged in a variety of fun activities for a mental reset before the school year begins
- Program Information Report (PIR) was submitted to the Office of Head Start

Education:

- Early Childhood Specialists assist teachers with classroom set up – incorporating Conscious Discipline skills and materials
- 3 training days were held for education staff
 - First Day – Incorporating language/literacy into the classroom and aligning curriculum with our assessment tool (Presented by Creative Curriculum)
 - Second Day – The “Why” behind many of the things we ask teachers to do related to child development, health practices, and nutrition / How to use the e-DECA (our social-emotional assessment tool) strategies in lesson planning for individual children / The Home Spun Library
 - Third Day – Conscious Discipline – how to create safe, BrainSmart classrooms (Presented by a Master Conscious Discipline trainer)
- Updating School Readiness Goals and the Training/Technical Assistance Plan for next program year
- Conscious Discipline training was provided at a Father’s Group – discussed the three brain states and how to use breathing techniques with their children

Health:

- Finalized all Fall Health Clinics
 - Lion’s Club Vision Screening
 - Gebbie Speech Language Hearing
 - Chompers Dental
- Looking into hosting a Flu/Covid-19 vaccine clinic at Sumner and Merrick

- Looking into hosting a blood drive

Disabilities:

- New Disabilities Coordinator is learning more about what the GoEngage database can do
- Working with our GoEngage representative to help make tracking children in the program more efficient

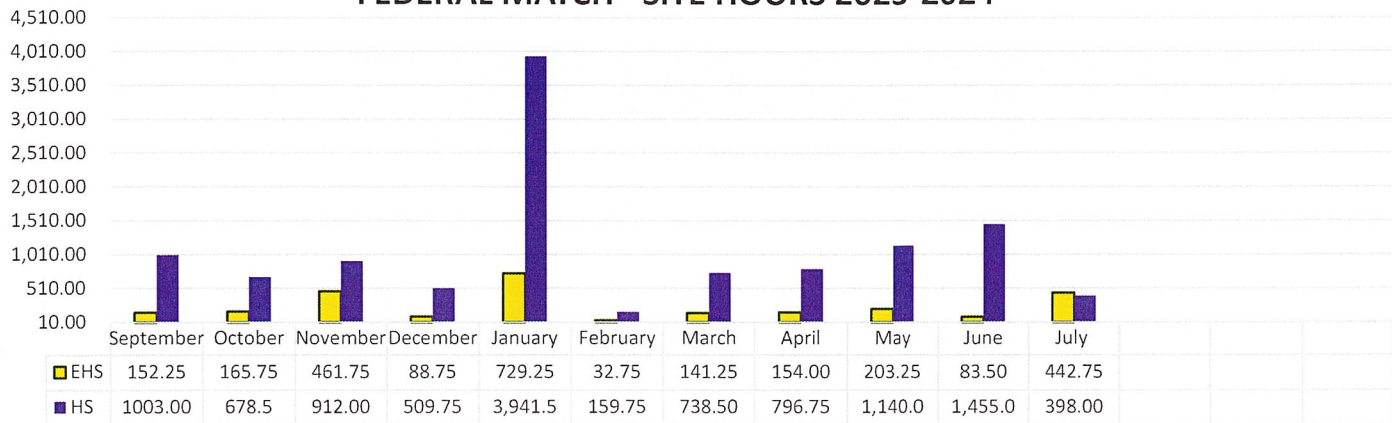
Family and Community:

- Coordinating staff were at sites assisting with Orientations and Final Registration – ensure children are ready to start on first day of the program year
- Multiple days of training for Family Workers and Intake Workers
 - Final registration paperwork, home visit safety, and community resources available were some topics covered
- Met with sites to discuss and plan some parent engagement activities for the new year

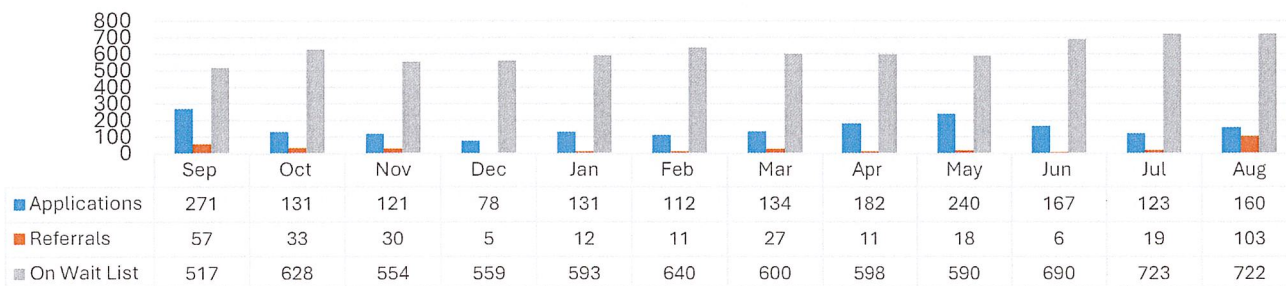
Nutrition:

- Merrick kitchen prepared/froze special diet foods for children enrolled in 2024/25 program year
 - Muffins, breads, biscuits
 - Eliminates having to do research and shop for these items, saves agency money, items can be made as each child needs
- Trained staff on mandatory training topics (CACFP, safety, nutrition policies, etc.)

FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2023-2024

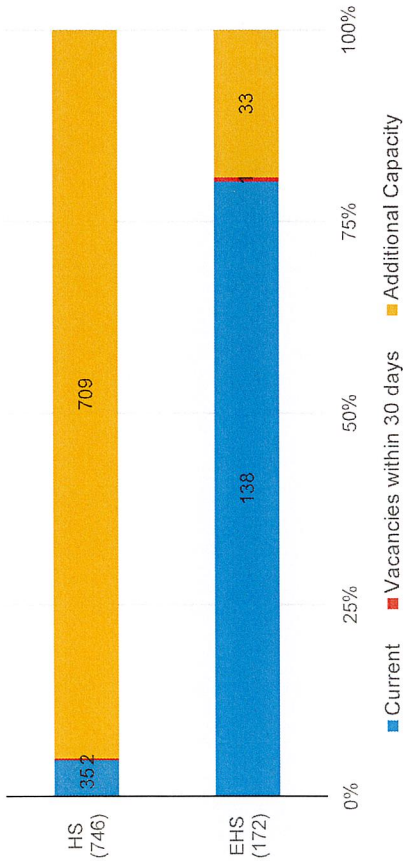


Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2023 - 2024

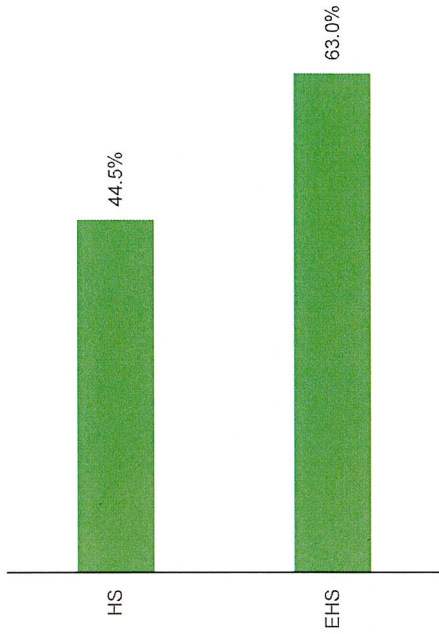


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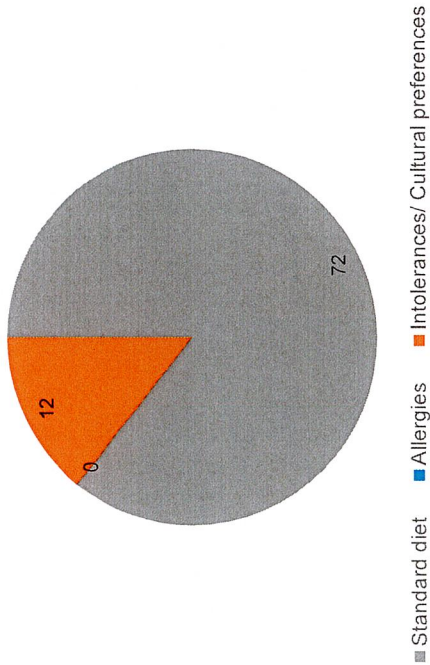
August Program Enrollment: Collaborations Only
Included in Head Start



August Program Attendance



Number Of Children Served Meals in August



Number Of Children With Disabilities

