



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – November 2024

General:

- Covid Cases:
 - Staff – 0
 - Children – 0
- The new Policy Council met for the first time this program year and new officers were voted in
- Completed an application to partner with the North Syracuse Central School District to potentially provide UPK services in two classrooms

Education:

- Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) assessment data presented to Policy Council (Spring 2024 Checkpoint)
 - Growth shown from Fall 2023 to Spring 2024 in all developmental domains
- Child Behavior Specialist and Disabilities Coordinator created an active calm down space at our Merrick site
 - Includes – sensory break activities and the entire Conscious Discipline active calming tool kit
 - For staff to use with children that may need a re-set or to actively calm their bodies throughout the day
- Our Mental Health Consultant is currently working with three families and a total of six have been referred for her services

Health:

- Chompers Dental clinics completed at Genesee, James St., and Lafayette sites
- Lead clinics scheduled for the week of December 16th
- Blood drive will be at Sumner on January 29th from 12:00-5:00pm

Disabilities:

- Continue to work with our GoEngage (database) representative to ensure reports are accurate to be able to track and identify children receiving services in the program
- Disabilities Coordinator is working in conjunction with site staff to have evaluation consent packets completed and sent to the school districts in a timely manner

Family and Community:

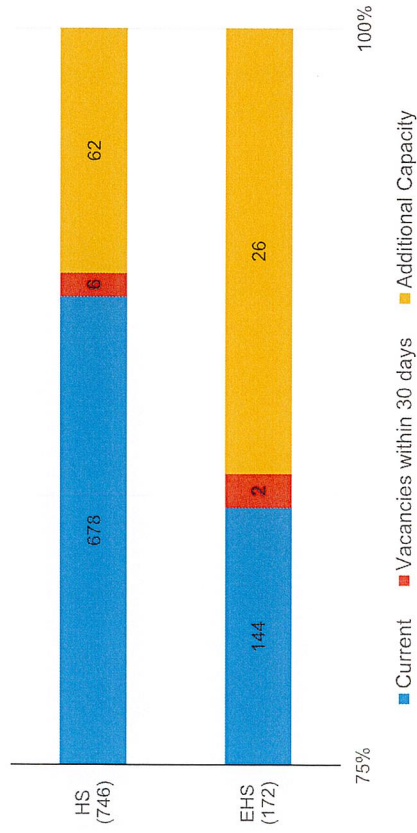
- Some Family & Community team members attended FOCUS Greater Syracuse Summit on Building Our Community's Capacity to Meet Basic Needs Through Family-Centric Approaches
 - Objective – learn about/develop successful multigenerational approaches to build community's capacity to meet basic needs
 - One team member, Jacki Evans, was ask to sit on the panel of speakers
- Majority of sites have found a representative to sit on Policy Council for this program year

Nutrition:

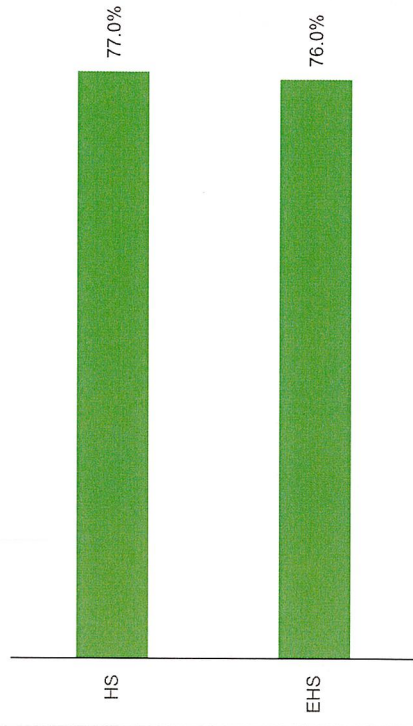
- Nutrition Coordinator met with Syracuse University Nutrition Professors to discuss a Head Start Mindfulness Eating Program
 - Includes – curriculum, skill building, focus groups, incentives to engage parents in participation
- Exploring Special Diet software to reduce diet management time and labor while improving efficiency

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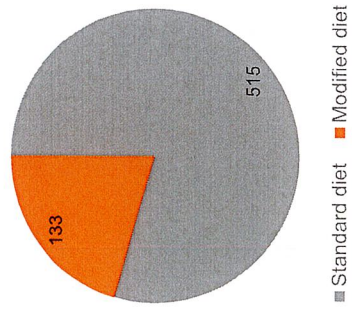
November Program Enrollment



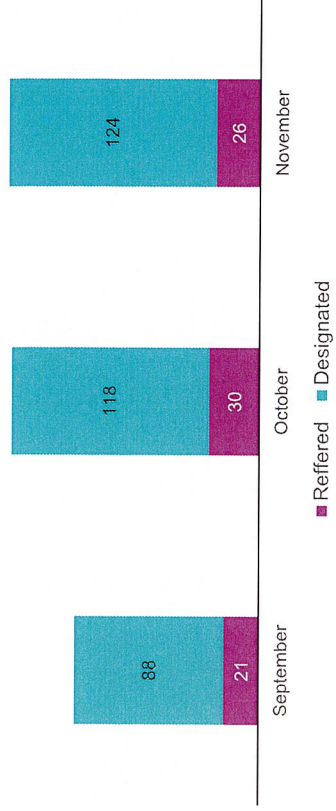
November Program Attendance



Number Of Children Served Meals in November



Number Of Children With Disabilities



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