



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – December 2024

General:

- Covid Cases:
 - Staff – 1
 - Children – 0
- Head Start will partner with North Syracuse Central School District to have two UPK classrooms in the Roxboro Road Elementary school – agreements are being finalized

Education:

- One Early Childhood Specialist (ECS), along with the Family Engagement Coordinator, presented a workshop at the Head Start Parent Engagement Conference
 - Workshop session was focused on encouraging parents to read to children at home
 - Shared our SAME Book event, successes, and how to involve the families and community
- Coordinating staff attended “Physical Activity is Good for the Mind and Body” training to be able to help teachers understand the physical domain better

Health:

- Health Coordinator completed the NYS Medical Administration Instructor training course
- Chompers Dental clinics finished for the Fall/Winter 2024
 - Total Exams – 265 children
 - Total Cleanings – 226 children
- On-site lead testing by the Lead Department – 33 total children tested
 - Merrick – 9 children
 - Sumner – 15 children
 - Baldwinsville – 5 children
 - Genesee/Home Base – 4 children

Disabilities:

- Provider shortages are still an issue within Onondaga County
 - SLP (Speech-Language Pathologist) therapists at our Genesee & Liverpool sites have full caseloads – children at these sites are unable to receive services they qualify for
- Liverpool School District may be able to offer virtual speech services
 - Disabilities Coordinator has been in communication with the CPSE chair to make arrangements if this gets approved

Family and Community:

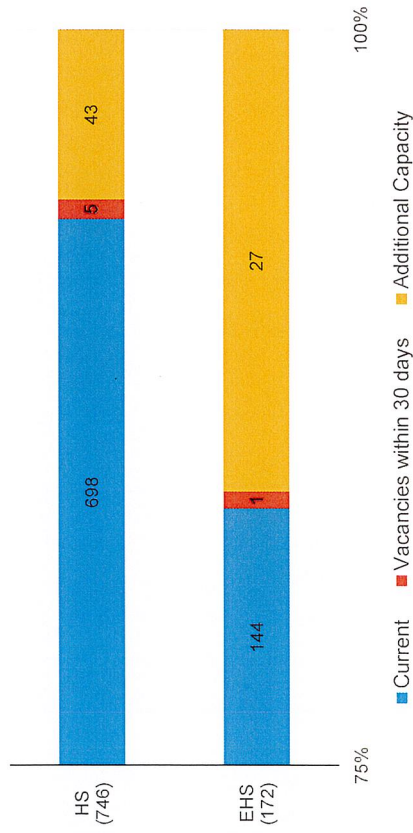
- Family and Community team members helped the Community Engagement team to prep and carry out the Give-A-Holiday program
 - Each site had selected families that were given gifts for their family for the Holiday
- Team members were trained on the Pajama Program
 - Then Pajama Program is a nonprofit organization that promotes equitable access to healthy sleep so all children can thrive
 - They provide families – sleep health education, new pajamas, new storybooks, bedtime routines

Nutrition:

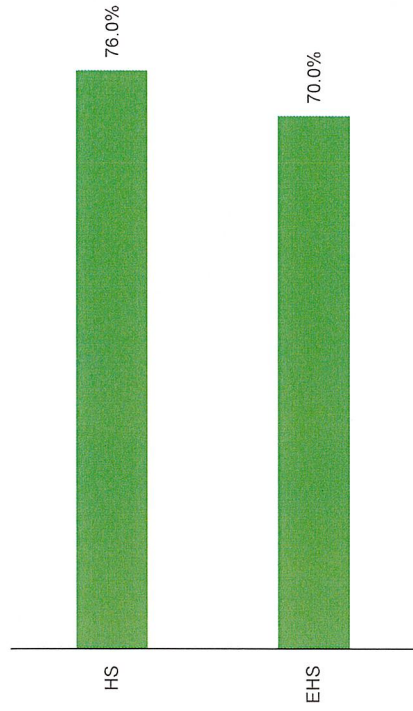
- Nutrition Coordinator met with three software companies to explore special diet management tools
- Meetings with Syracuse University Nutrition Professors to discuss planning a Head Start Mindfulness Eating Program

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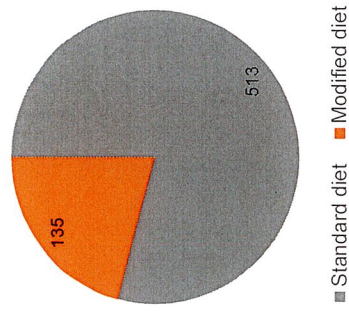
December Program Enrollment



December Program Attendance



Number Of Children Served Meals in December



Number Of Children With Disabilities

