



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – February 2025

General:

- Covid Cases:
 - Staff – 1
 - Children – 1
- The Program Assistant and an Early Childhood Specialist attended the NAEYC Public Policy Forum
 - Met with Congressional Representatives on Capitol Hill to advocate for the early childhood workforce, children, and families

Education:

- Members of the Child Development team attended weekly Same Book Committee meetings
 - Working with Liverpool High School Students to put on the main Same Book event coming up in a few weeks
- Child Development team is planning an “I’m Moving I’m Learning” training for our staff development day in March
 - This will reinforce our commitment to better structuring gross motor times while also improving physical domain scores on assessments
- Child Behavior Specialist and one of the Early Learning Specialists is working with Family Workers to begin implementing more Conscious Discipline into parent workshops/meetings

Health:

- Health Coordinator completed annual NYS Immunization Surveys for all sites
 - Requirement of NYS to report the status of students immunizations
- All Spring dental clinics have been approved and scheduled

Disabilities:

- Disabilities Coordinator is facilitating virtual speech therapy sessions for two children at the Liverpool site – a solution to help children get the services they qualify for amid the provider shortage in the County
- Due to staff turnover at Early Intervention, no IEP/IFSP’s have been sent to us since 2/4/2025

- Disabilities Coordinator reached out to Early Intervention – they are in process of training a new representative and hopes to get them to us soon
- Disabilities Coordinator accompanied a Liverpool family for a tour of Main Street for a SCIS (Special Class in an Integrated Setting) placement in the fall

Family and Community:

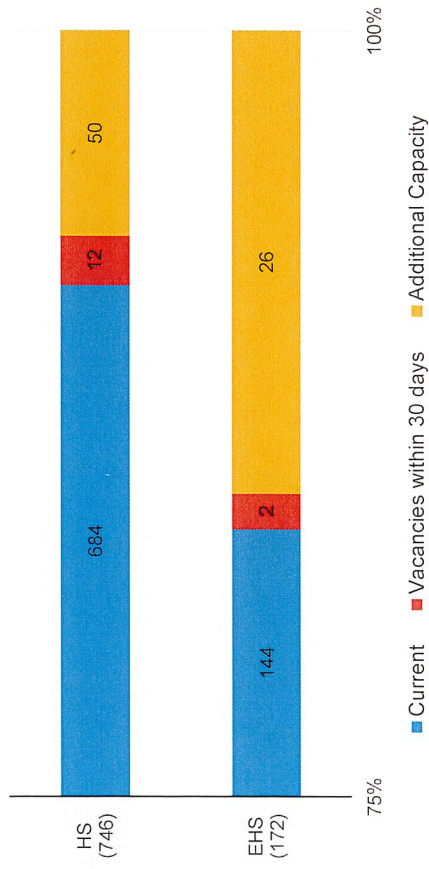
- All sites have been hosting parent engagement events
 - Heart Healthy Dances
 - Paint and Sip (Coffee/tea) – self-care workshop
 - Mobile Library
 - Zoom about Food Banks and SNAP benefits
 - Same Book parent committee meetings
- Reviewed Parent Interest Survey results
 - This information will be used to guide parent workshop/parent engagement topics
- Parent Engagement and Male Involvement Coordinator was a panelist on the Syracuse FOCUS Forum – Addressing Basic Needs through a Whole Family Lens
 - Focused on how community can work collaboratively to develop family-centric solutions for overcoming basic needs
 - Child Behavior Specialist attended

Nutrition:

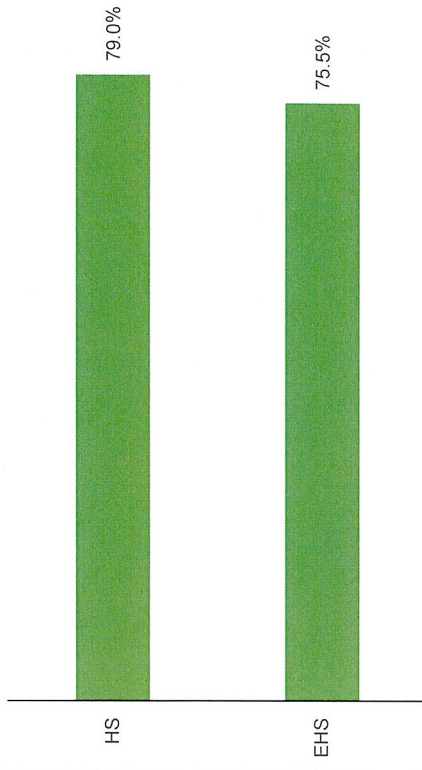
- Nutrition Coordinator worked with Family Workers on outreach to parents to address nutrition topics and answer questions posed in the parent surveys
 - Shopping for healthy foods on limited budget
 - Planning, preparing, cooking, and storing healthy and safe foods
 - Managing picky, problem, or sensory eaters at mealtime
 - Planning and preparing a healthy food garden
 - Understanding food allergies, intolerances, and special diet concerns
 - Examples of healthy meals and portions for children
- Continuing to interview software companies to help manage special diets in the program
 - Two companies we were interested in have since said they cannot achieve our final outcome product and/or not able to provide us with support at this time
 - A software system will significantly reduce staff time and labor in managing the special diets in our program

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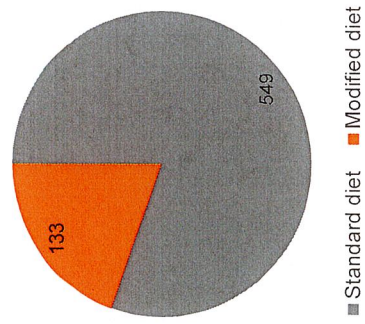
February Program Enrollment



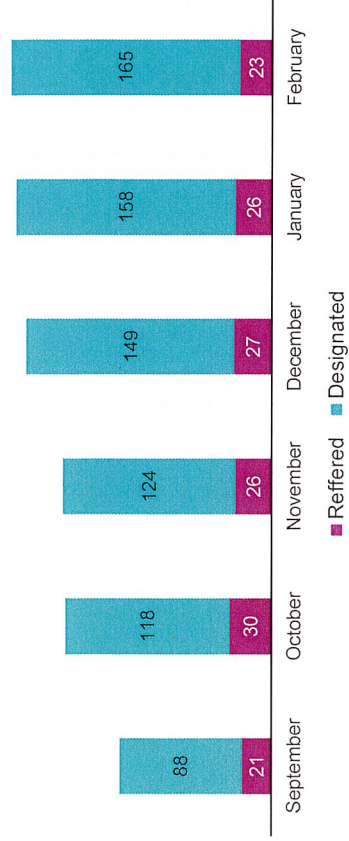
February Program Attendance



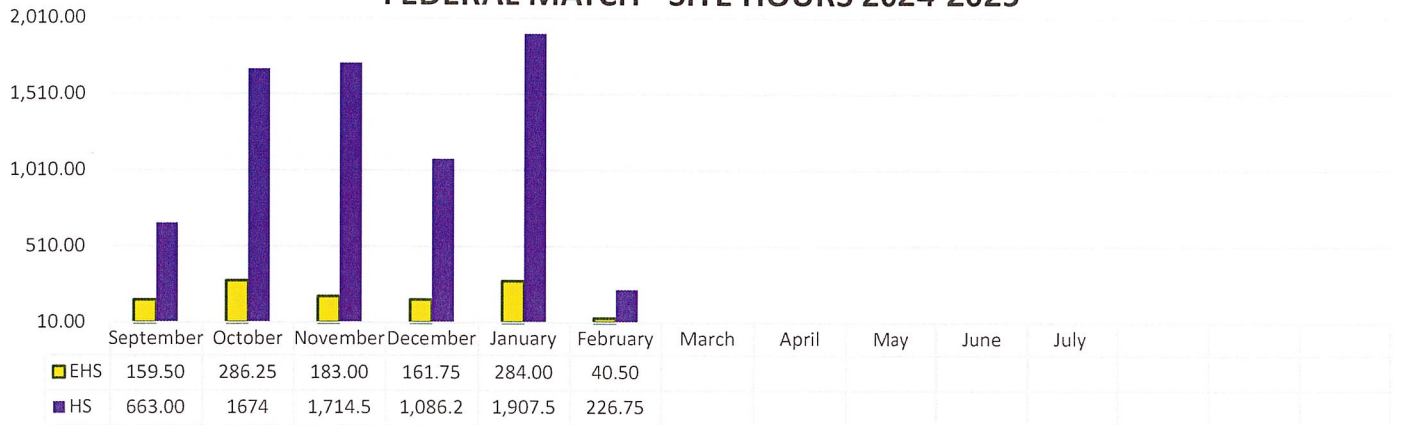
Number Of Children Served Meals in February



Number Of HS/EHS Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2024-2025



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2024 - 2025

