



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – April 2025

General:

- Same Book Kickoff Event was held at Liverpool High School
 - Team of staff, parents, and Liverpool High School students planned and facilitated activities for children and families to enjoy around the book, Don't Touch This Book!
 - Each site held their own Same Book family activities during the week following the kickoff event

Education:

- Early Childhood Specialists are completing the Spring CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) observations in all classrooms
- Planning has started for pre-service training days – will use data from child assessments to help determine areas of need to focus training around

Health:

- Secured a trainer for All Staff pre-service training day on Narcan (Naloxone)
 - Sites will be stocked with Narcan after the training
- Blood drive scheduled to be held at Sumner on June 6th
- Dentist for Chompers program, Dr. Chaudhary, is taking an extended leave of absence
 - Syracuse Community Health Center has assigned us another dentist to complete the remaining spring clinics scheduled

Disabilities/Mental Health:

- Now three children receiving virtual speech therapy at our Liverpool site as the provider shortage continues within the County.
- Disabilities Coordinator presented to parents at Liverpool about meeting the needs of children with an IEP and how we individualize in the classroom
- Presented a training for parents at James St. about having a Safe Place in the home
- Planning for pre-service training has started
 - Disabilities Coordinator is meeting with some training agencies on the possibility of presenting to staff on Neurodivergent disabilities
- One new family has been referred to the Syracuse University MFT (Marriage Family Therapy) program

- Met with the Mental Health Consultant to updates cases that have been referred to both her and the MFT intern

Family and Community:

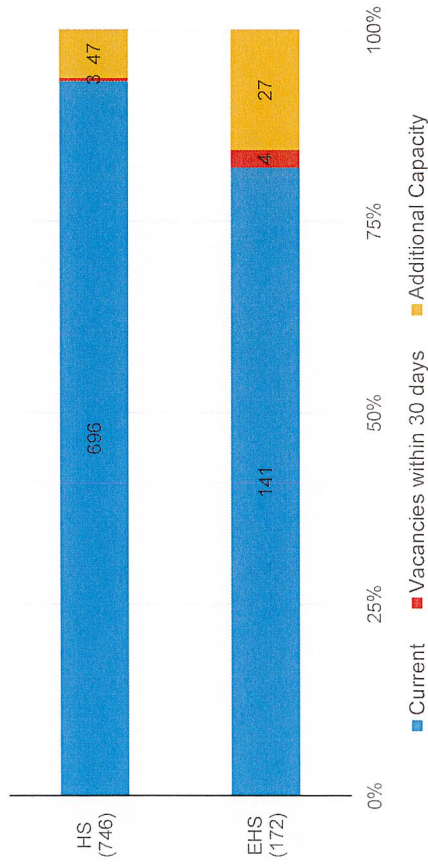
- Many sites help Parent Engagement events – some listed below
 - Lydia's Lullaby – Paws of CNY Therapy Dog
 - Atonement – Cherry tomato planting activity
 - Genesee – "Come Grow With Us" gardening activity
 - Merrick – Earth Day event – making wildflower seed bombs
 - Sumner – Flower planting event
- Family and Community Support Specialist attended the Northeast Child Abuse Conference
 - Topics covered included, but were not limited to, children handling grief, human trafficking, and case studies

Nutrition:

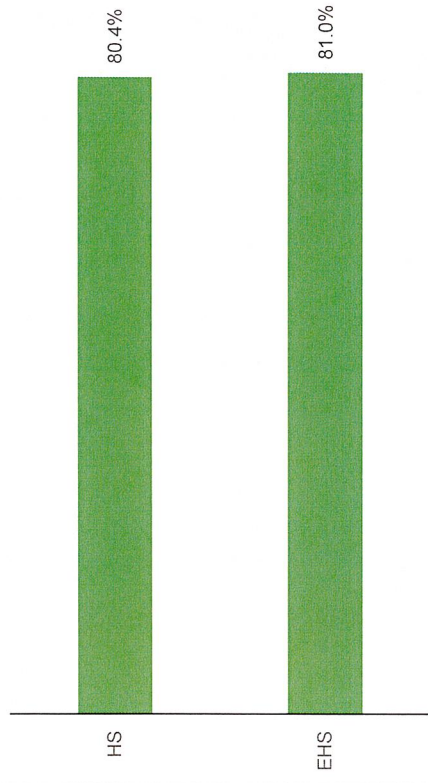
- Continuing the process of finding an electronic software system to manage special diets in the program
- Currently, 20% of enrolled children require a special diet modification
- Ongoing collaboration with Syracuse University professors on parent initiative in the Reducing Sugary Beverages project

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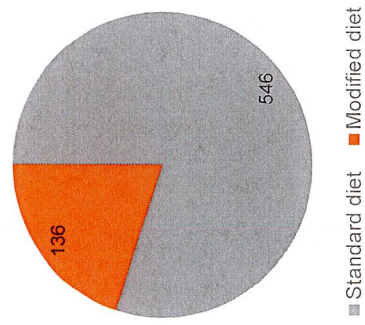
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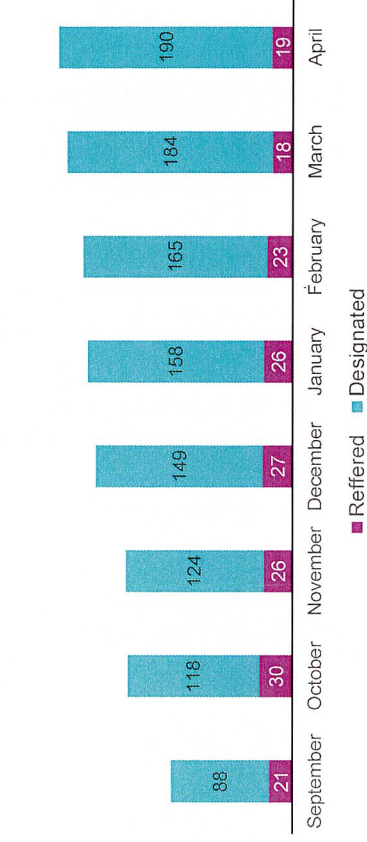
April Program Attendance



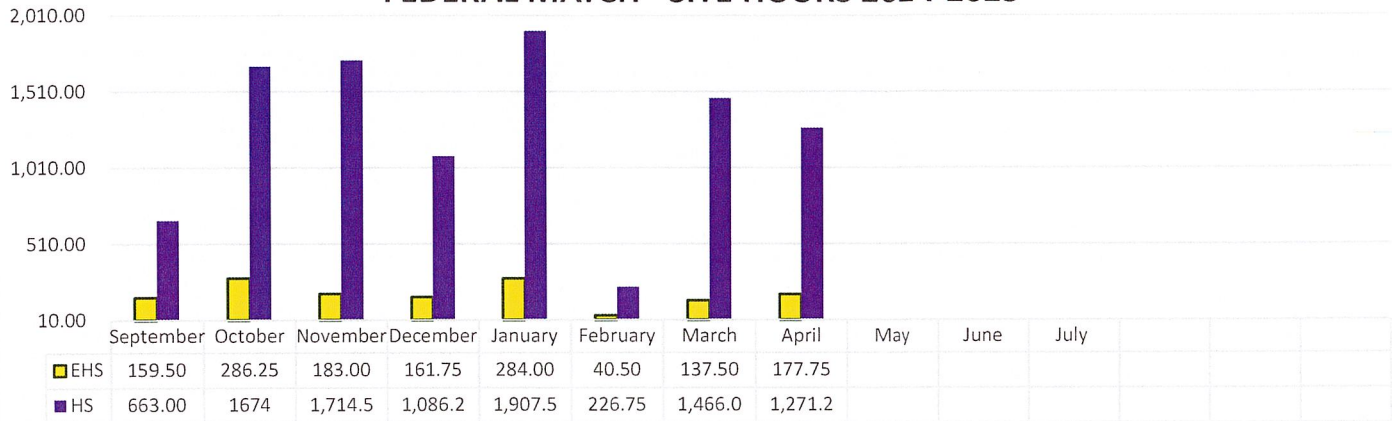
Number Of Children Served Meals in April



Number Of HS/EHS Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2024-2025



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2024 - 2025

