



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – May 2025

Education:

- An Early Childhood Specialist presented a parent workshop at Merrick on Conscious Discipline
 - Focused on the Brain State Model, breathing icons, and a pivot activity (a way to shift attention from undesired to desired behavior)
- Early Childhood Specialists have been working with Data Story Teller – looking at scores from the Fall and Spring CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System)
 - Noticed trend – classrooms that have had the teacher coached through the Practice Based Coaching cycle, or received technical support from either the Child Behavior Specialist or Disabilities Coordinator, aggregated scores showed improvement in Emotional Support and Classroom Organization

Health:

- All spring Chompers dental clinics have been completed
- Scheduling is already underway for fall hearing, vision, and dental clinics
- Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee met – 23 people in attendance
 - Main speaker was from David's Refuge (respite care for families)
 - Head Start families have the opportunity to apply for the services available

Disabilities/Mental Health:

- We have now received all up-to-date IEP/IFSP's from the Health Department – this has been a challenge due to a few key staffing changes there and in the Early Intervention office
- Disabilities Coordinator continues to tour facilities with families for children that qualify for alternative placement (Special Class in an Integrated Setting – SCIS classrooms)
- Child Behavior Specialist attended a 3-day virtual training – Be Healthy, Be Well
 - Focused on mental health of the entire program and how to best utilize a mental health consultant
 - Will look into this with others on the team about what we may be able to change moving forward to better serve our employees and families

Family and Community:

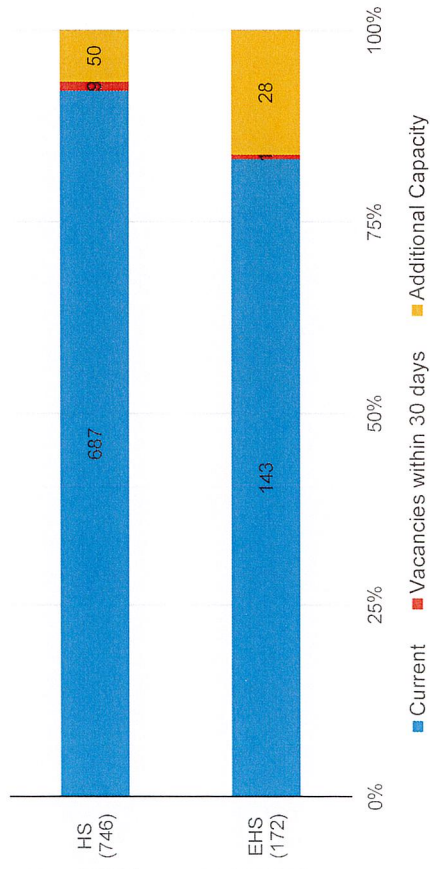
- The Family & Community Support Specialist presented Kindergarten Readiness workshops at Baldwinsville, Genesee, James St., and Sumner
- The Fatherhood with PEACE group will be graduating this month after completing the entire 12 week session – using the 24:7 Dad PM curriculum
- The Thriving Moms group graduated at the end of May
 - Going to be offering a parenting class via Zoom with Reach CNY
- Several sites held parent engagement events – a few are listed below
 - Genesee – Tie Dye Center Event
 - HYO and Grant – Summer safety lessons
 - Liverpool – Bubble Man
 - Sumner – Spring Fling Center Event

Nutrition:

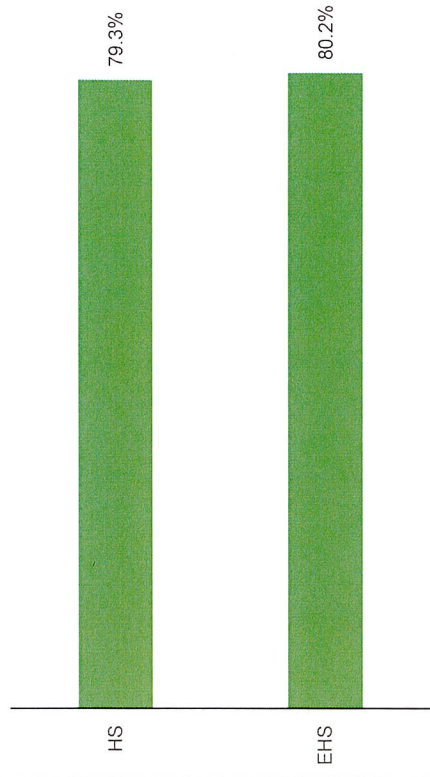
- Discussed ideas for expanding Dietetic Intern experiences with Professors from Syracuse University
- Working with GoEngage to develop tools to help assist in special diet management
 - Goal is to reduce staff time, labor, and manual data entry

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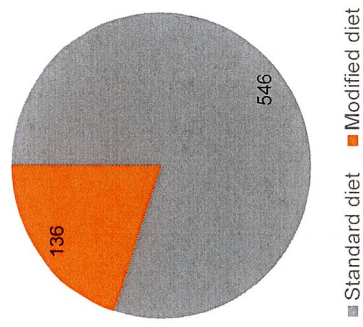
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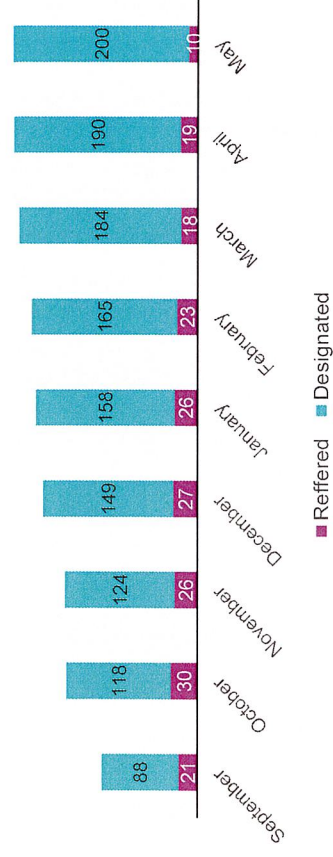
May Program Attendance



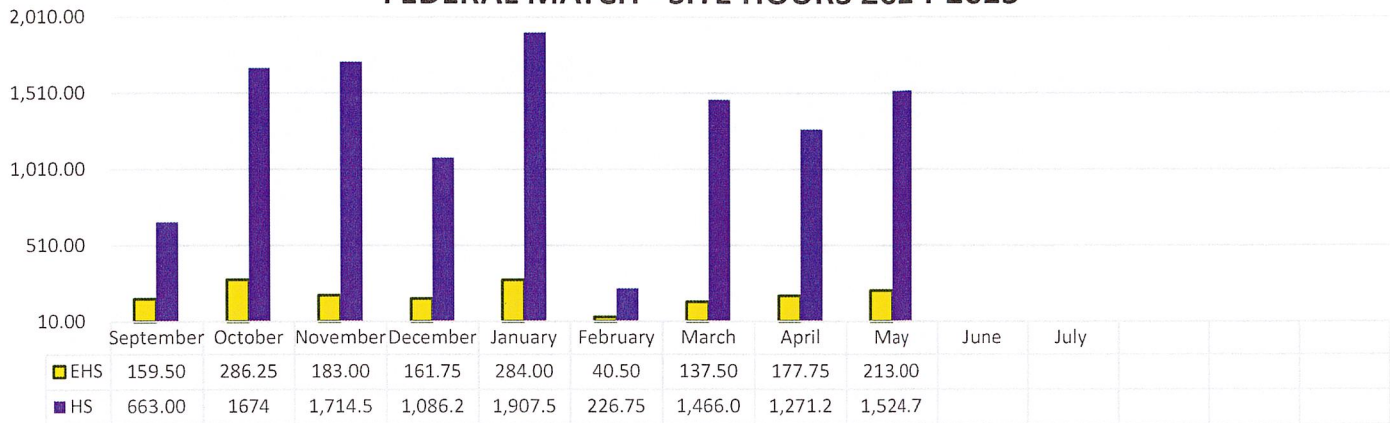
Number Of Children Served Meals in May



Number Of HS/EHS Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2024-2025



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2024 - 2025

