



Head Start/Early Head Start

Board Report – August 2025

General:

- All staff attended pre-service training days:
 - One day covered policies and procedures, professional communication, and Narcan administration training
 - One day was a wellness day where staff had a choice of activities to enjoy that would fill their cup going into the new program year and build relationships with their colleagues

Education:

- All education staff attended pre-service trainings – topics included:
 - Active Supervision
 - Building Your Bounce (Resiliency training)
 - Behavior Has Meaning
 - Working with children with neurodivergent disabilities
- Early Childhood Specialists reviewed and revised some Child Development and Disabilities policies – presented changes at Policy Council
 - Approved for implementation
- Early Childhood Specialists developed new materials/study bins to go along with the curriculum to enhance teaching and learning
- A Demonstration Classroom will be implemented at the Genesee site this year
 - One Early Childhood Specialist (now called a Developmentally Appropriate Practice Coach) will run the room with another teacher and teacher assistant
 - New staff and existing staff that need some additional guidance/training will spend time in this demonstration room – will have opportunities to meet with the DAP Coach for reflection and feedback

Health:

- All Head Start staff attended Narcan training provided by the Prevention Network
 - Prevention Network will be providing all HS sites with Narcan and emergency storage boxes
 - All free of charge to the program
- All new OCFS Health Care plans have been reviewed and signed-off on for the new program year

Disabilities/Mental Health:

- Child Behavior Specialist is continuing to work with our Mental Health Consultant
 - One family was able to receive MH services in person all summer and one family was seen virtually
 - Sent two new referrals
- Working with one classroom for the first 6 weeks of school to pilot some new Conscious Discipline strategies (Conscious discipline is our social/emotional curriculum)
- Disabilities Coordinator attended some site orientations to explain the referral process to families
- Disabilities Coordinator is working to obtain all IEP's and IFSP's for the new program year and get them entered into the database to ensure accuracy

Family and Community:

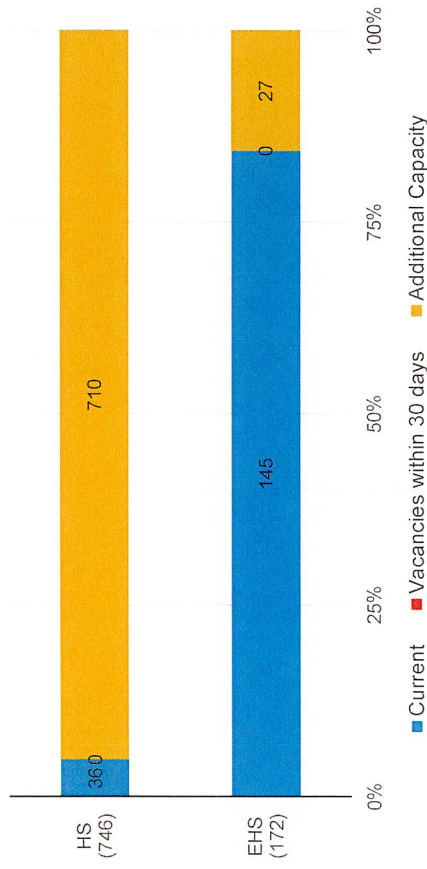
- Family Workers are completing final registration and assisting with site orientations to get children and families ready to start on the first day of school
- Family workers and intake workers attended several training days, covering a range of topics:
 - Policies and procedures
 - Parent Curriculum for Conscious Discipline
 - DSS
 - Parent Interest Survey
 - Parent Engagement
 - Data entry into GoEngage
 - SCSD Registration
- Parent Engagement Site Events:
 - Elmcrest – African Drum Workshop
 - Sumner – Same Book activities with EHS families

Nutrition:

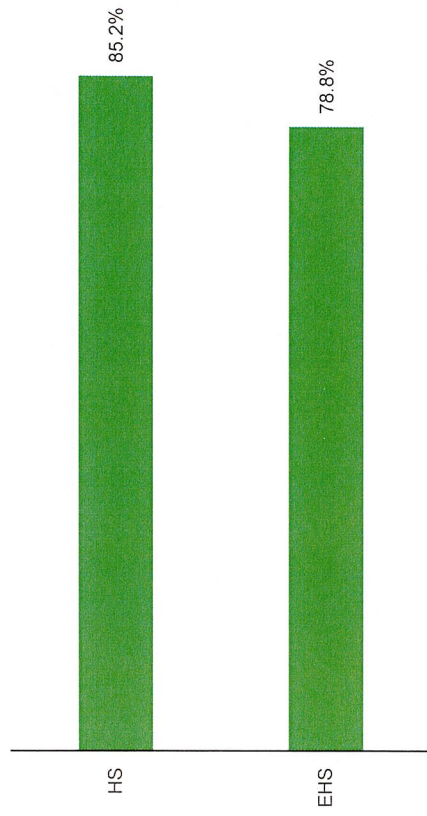
- Submitted application for the Office of Head Start One-Time Supplemental Nutrition Funds
 - New equipment, new dishes, database upgrade to support special diet management
- Interviewed and hired a Dietician candidate – currently awaiting background clearances from OCFS to be able to start

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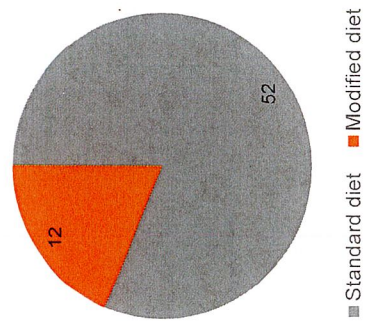
August Program Enrollment



August Program Attendance



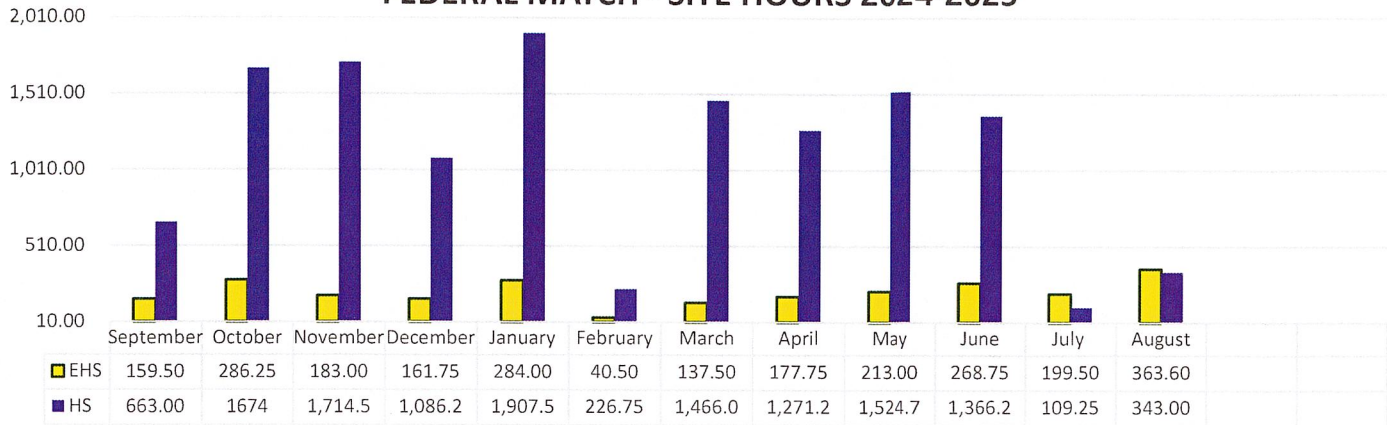
Number Of Children Served Meals in August



Number Of HS/EHS Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2024-2025



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2024 - 2025

