



Head Start Preschool/Early Head Start

Board Report – December 2025

General:

- Many staff members watched a webinar presented by the Office of Head Start on what to expect during an FA1 Federal Review
 - Still awaiting the letter with our 45 day notice for the FA1 review for this year
 - Staff already working diligently to prepare for the review

Education:

- Two Early Childhood Specialists (ECS) are temporarily teaching in UPK rooms at Merrick to ensure that the classrooms stay open to provide the services that the children and families need
 - A teacher has been hired for one of the room and that ECS will resume her coaching duties in January
- Working with our Data Team to be able to enter CLASS scores into GoEngage database
 - Data has been inputted, but need company to make some changes so that the data can be analyzed within the database as well

Health:

- Lead testing clinics were completed at Sumner and Merrick sites
 - Merrick – 9 children tested
 - Sumner – 11 children tested
- Assistant Health Coordinator (AHC) is retiring on January 30, 2026
 - Interviewed and filled position – training will occur during the month of January before current AHC leaves

Disabilities/Mental Health:

- Mental Health Coordinator provided four parent group sessions at Genesee throughout November and December
- SU students are now cleared to begin working with our families
 - Meeting with referred families to provide therapy services
- Child Behavior Specialist and an Early Childhood Specialist provided training over two days to the Foster Grandparents
 - Provided information on the Head Start social-emotional curriculum, how we implement the curriculum in the classroom, and their role in supporting this

- Started developing training materials for the January 20th Staff Training Day

Family and Community:

- The Family and Community team assisted the agency with the Give-A-Holiday program
- Helping to prep space for the new GED and High School Diploma programs that will be starting soon at Sumner
 - Working with family workers to get parents enrolled

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