



Head Start Preschool/Early Head Start

Board Report –July 2026

Education:

- Child Development, Health, and Nutrition teams held a “Back to Basics” training with all Early Head Start staff
 - Focused on many things, such as setting up the classroom environment, routines, and family-style dining, to name a few
- Early Childhood Specialists did a training with Early Head Start staff on Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) online format for lesson planning and conducting studies
- Child Development team finalized the School Readiness Goals for this program year
 - Covers the five domains from the Early Learning Outcomes Framework and also data from child outcomes in TSG

Health:

- All Lion’s Club vision screenings has been scheduled for the fall
- Gebbie Speech, Language, and Hearing clinics on hold for now as they look to hire for the position our contact recently vacated
- Summer staff worked on preparing for final registration with families
- Confirmed that monthly virtual Narcan training will resume in October for new staff

Disabilities/Mental Health:

- Disabilities Coordinator and Child Behavior Specialist continue their coursework through Georgetown University to become certified mental health consultants
- Disabilities Coordinator has been working with the Onondaga Health Department to obtain new IFSP’s as many have reached their 6 month review period or are expiring
- Child Behavior Specialist met with the SU MFT members to debrief on the partnership this year and work on streamlining the onboarding process moving forward
 - Goal would be to shorten wait times for Head Start families in need of their services

Family and Community:

- Team members are working on pre-service training for family and intake workers
 - Vera House and DSS will have a representative at the training day to share information

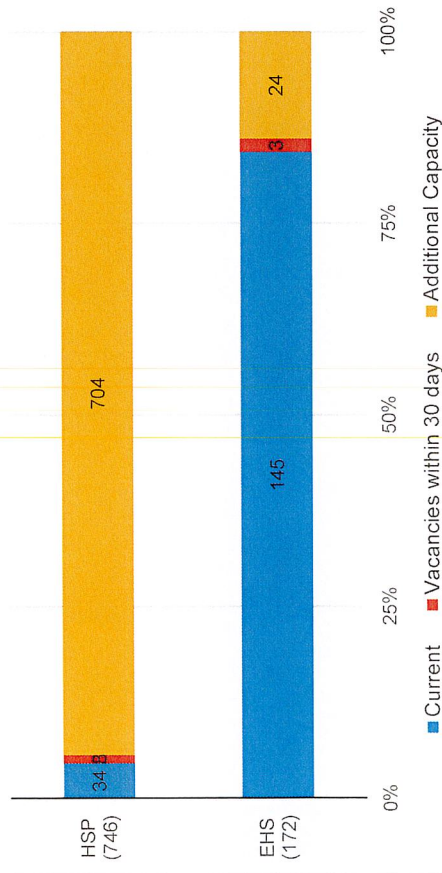
- Partnership Coordinator and Family & Community Support Specialist have been working with the Data Storyteller on tracking engagement outcomes within our database, GoEngage
- Family & Community Support Specialist attended a FOCUS Syracuse forum on transportation
 - Learned some new information from Centro that could benefit our families

Nutrition:

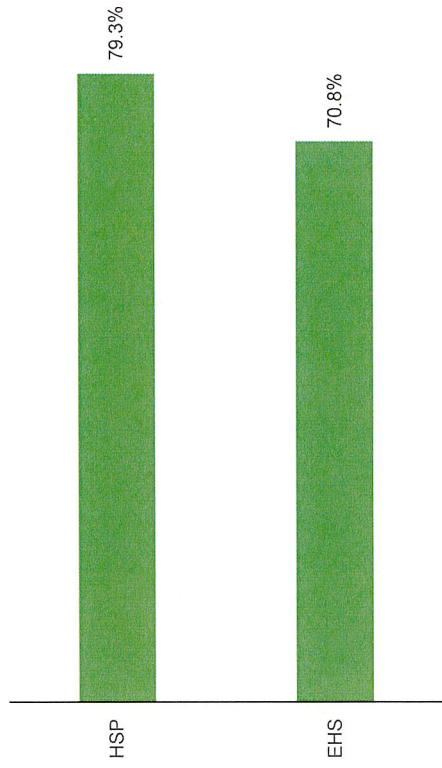
- Work continues on refining the special diet process currently in place while also working to incorporate a more efficient tool
- Children with a “pork free” diet removed from special diet list/numbers since we do not serve pork in our program

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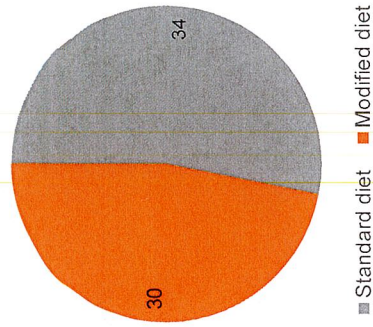
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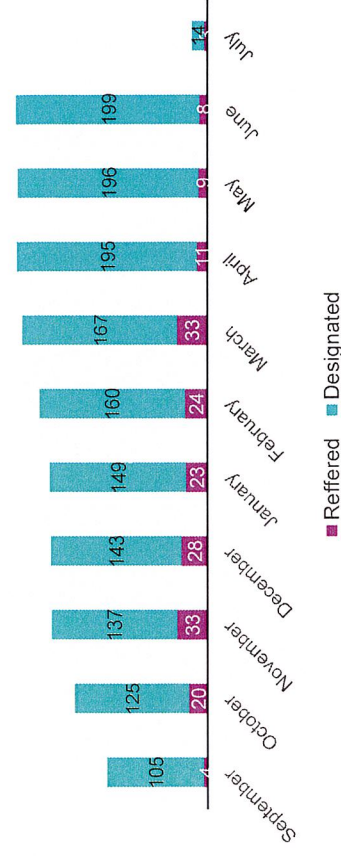
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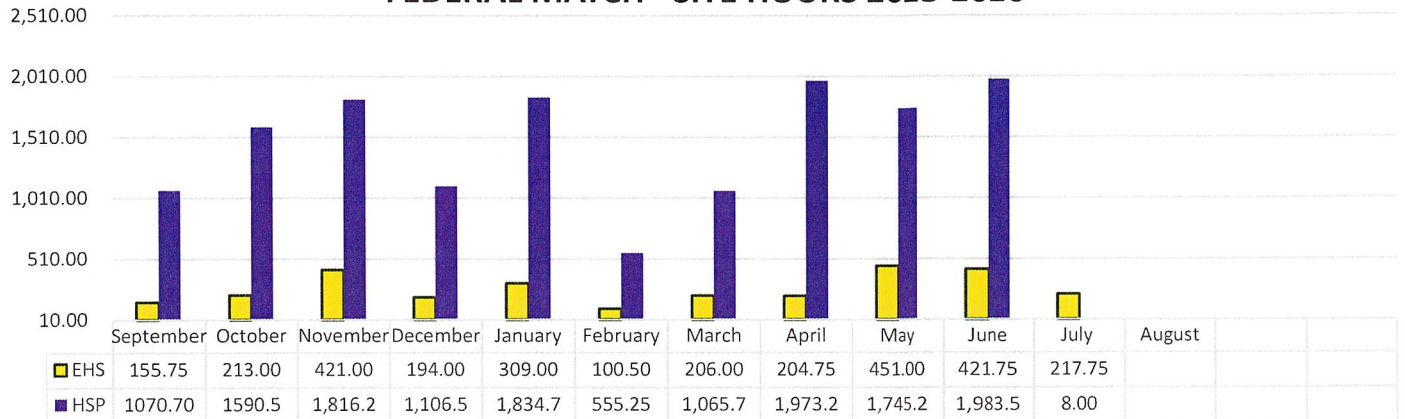
Number Of Children Served Meals in July



Number Of HSP/EHS Children With Disabilities



FEDERAL MATCH - SITE HOURS 2025-2026



Applications / Referrals / On Wait List 2025 - 2026

