

Annual Report

Program Year 2023-24



Serving the Community Since 1965

I am proud to share with you our Annual Report for 2023-24. It captures our activities and accomplishments that support a child's learning for school readiness and a lifetime of academic success.

This report highlights the great work of our Head Start and Early Head Start staff and what they are doing for children and families in Santa Clara and San Benito Counties.

Please visit us at www.myheadstart.org

Thank you,



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Our Children

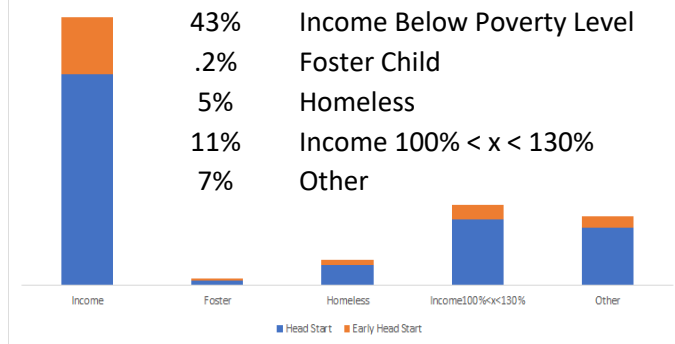
The purpose of the Head Start Program is to “break the cycle of poverty, providing preschool children of low-income families with a comprehensive program to meet their emotional, social, health, nutritional and psychological needs.”...the Office of the Administration for Children & Families

Our Children



1,217 Head Start
391 Early Head Start
1,608 Funded Enrollment

Our Eligibility

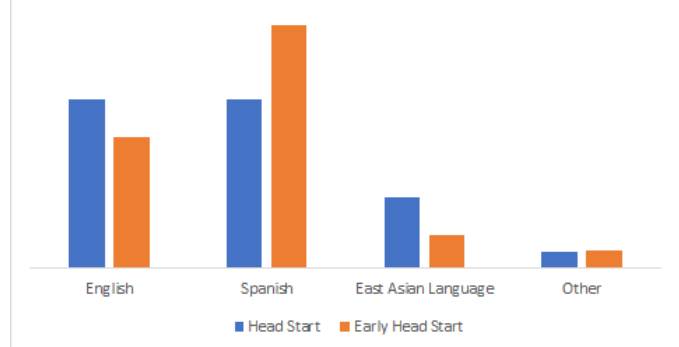


Cumulative Enrollment

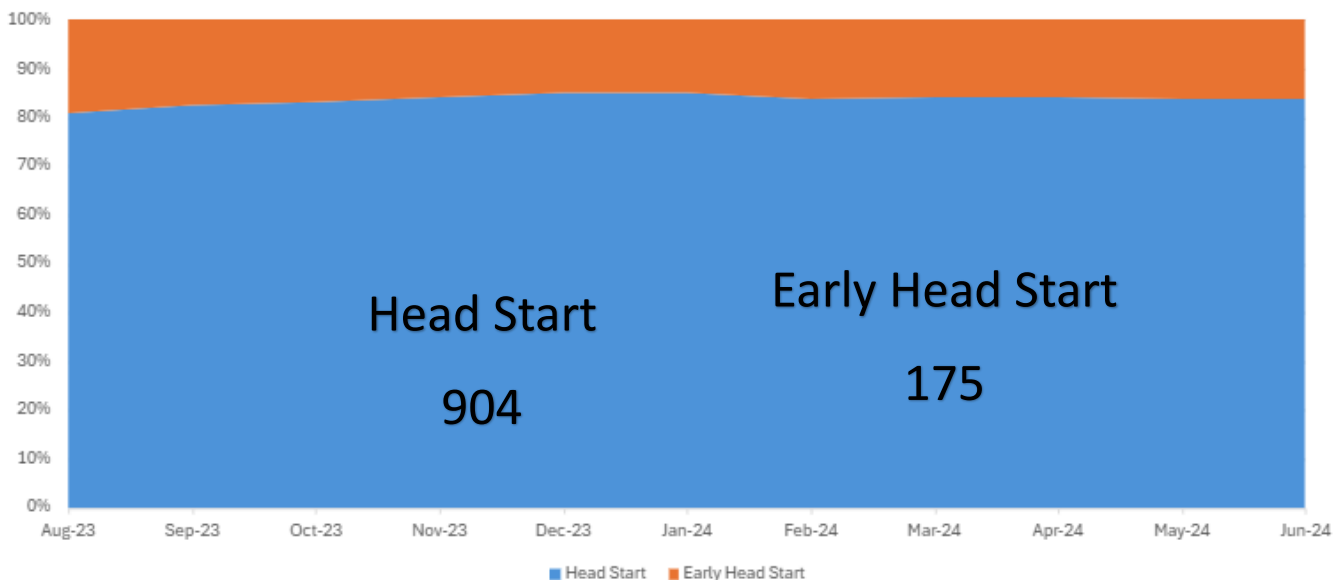


1,169 Head Start
323 Early Head Start
1,492 Cumulative Enrollment

Home Language



Average Monthly Attendance

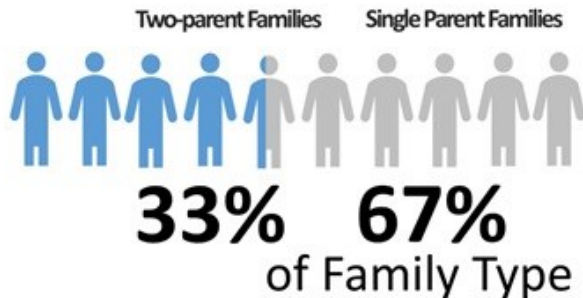


Head Start
904

Early Head Start
175

Our Families

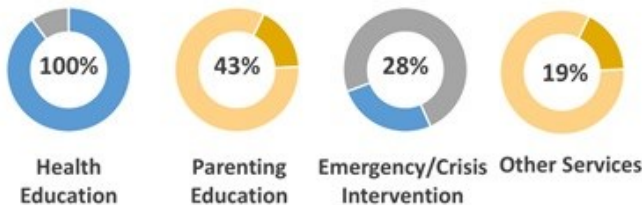
Our Early Learning Services (ELS) program serves a diverse range of families, with 33% being two-parent households and 67% being single-parent households. In the 2023-24 program year, 93% of families received at least one service, ensuring access to critical resources. As part of Head Start's mission, we strive to break the cycle of poverty by offering comprehensive support that meets the emotional, social, health, nutritional, and psychological needs of children and families.



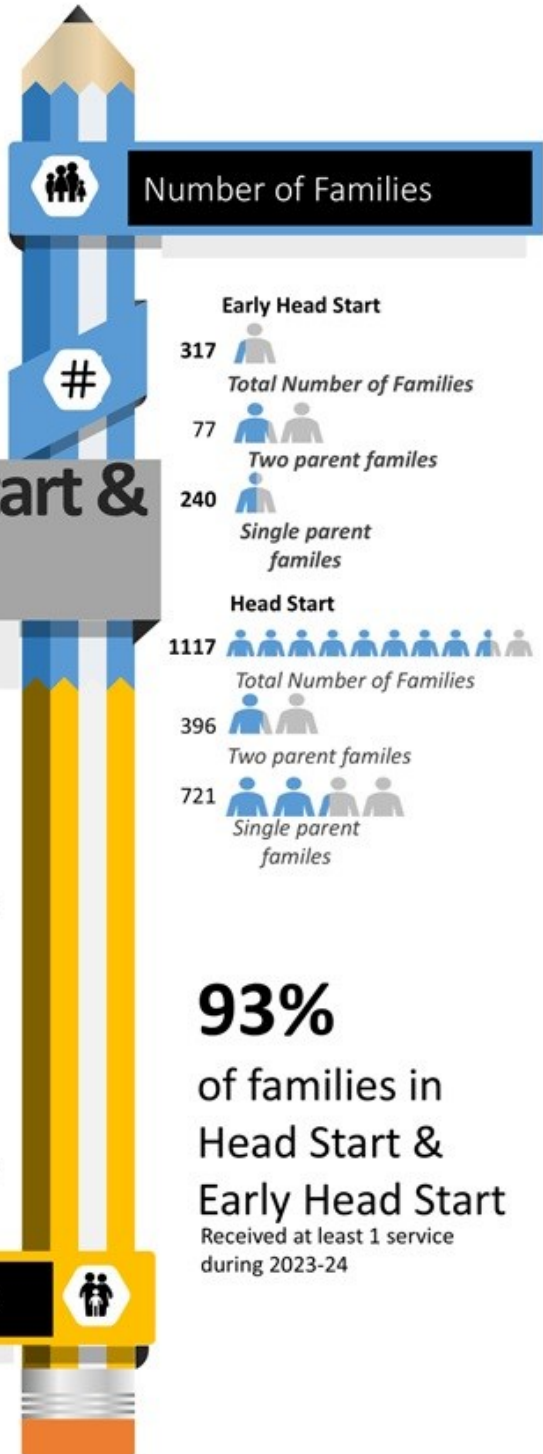
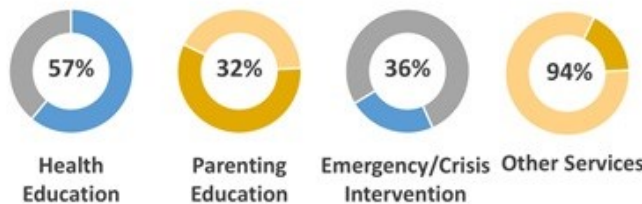
During the 2023-24 Program Term, there was a greater proportion of single parent families than two-parent.

Families in Head Start & Early Head Start

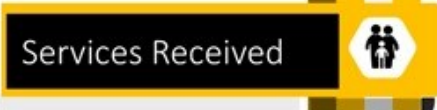
Early Head Start



Head Start



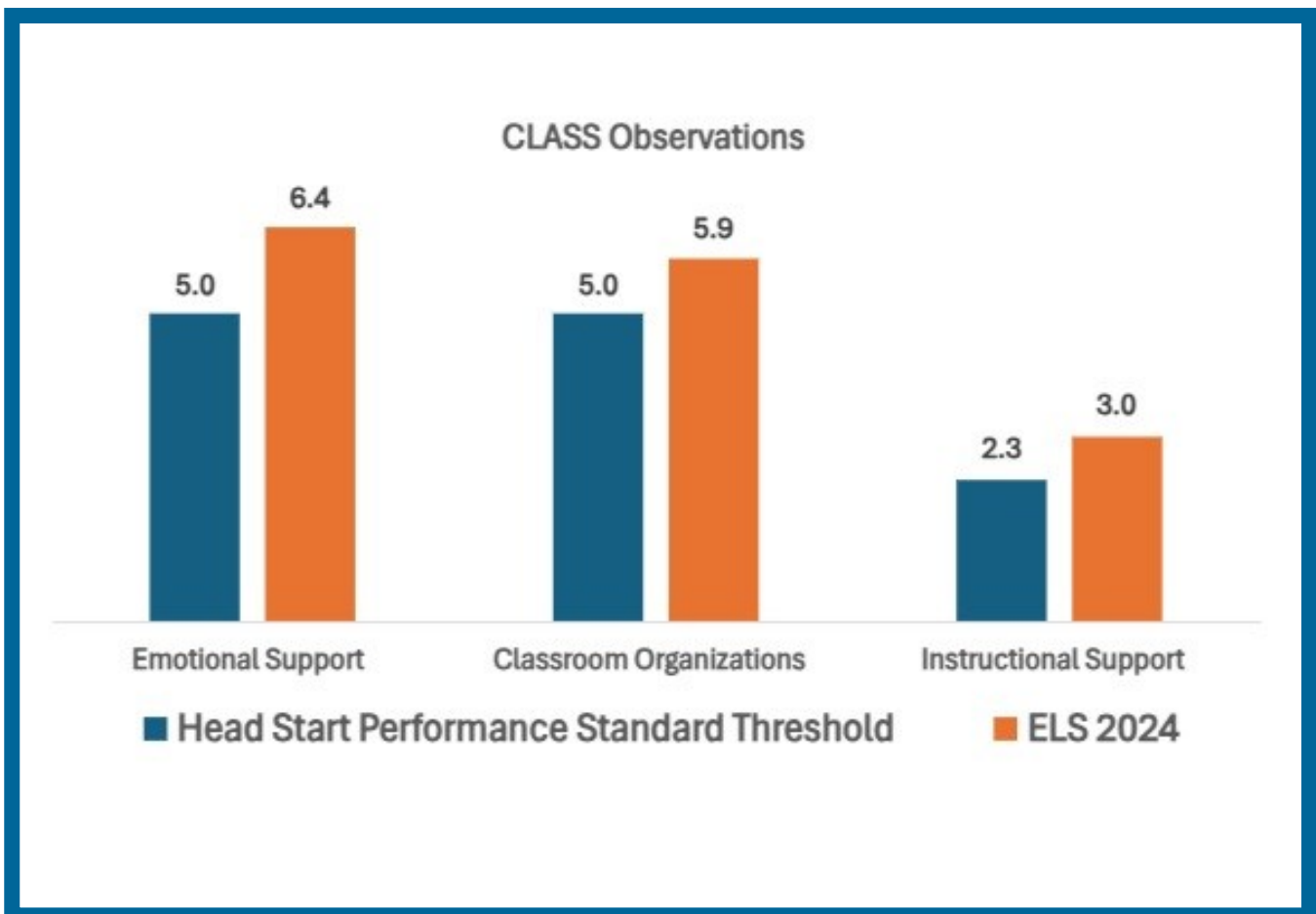
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High Quality Education

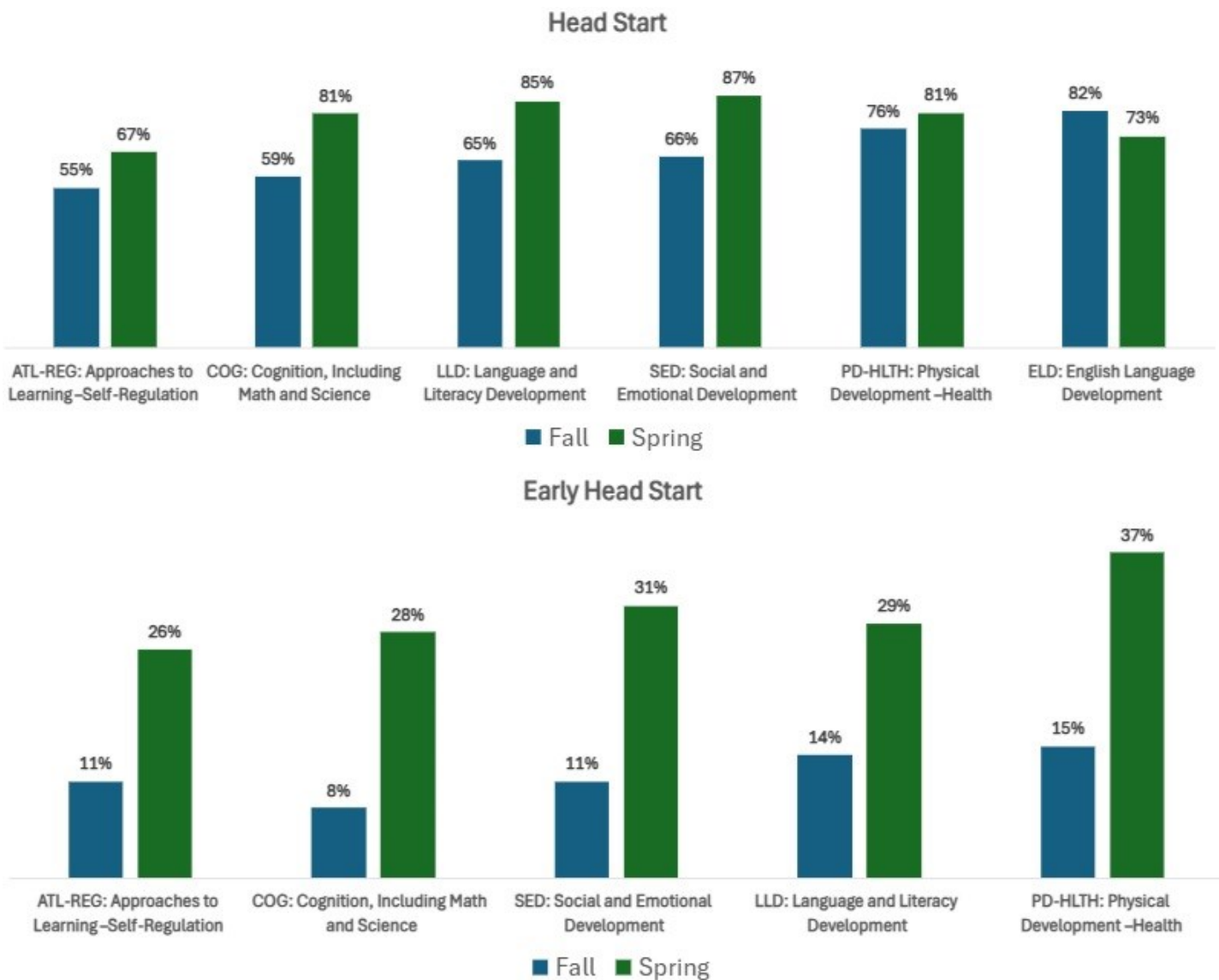
Our goal is to provide children with an educational experience that will give them the skills and confidence necessary to be prepared to succeed today and serve as a foundation for success in kindergarten and beyond.

We build the capacity within our staff to create and deliver a high-quality educational experience as well as creating monitoring systems geared towards continuous quality improvement.



Developmental Progress

In Head Start, children demonstrated notable growth in cognition (59% to 81%), language and literacy (65% to 85%), and social-emotional development (66% to 87%). Early Head Start children also made steady improvements, with cognition increasing from 8% to 28% and social-emotional development rising from 11% to 31%. These gains highlight the effectiveness of ELS early childhood programs in fostering essential skills for school readiness.



Medical and Dental Services

Head Start | Early Head Start

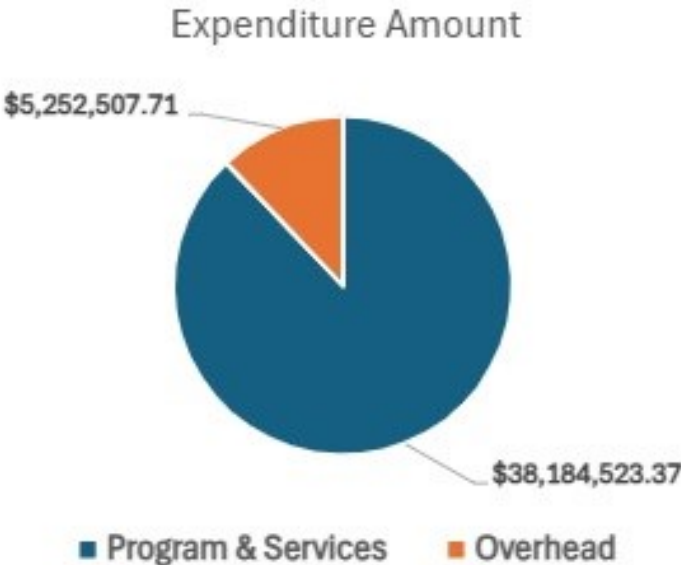
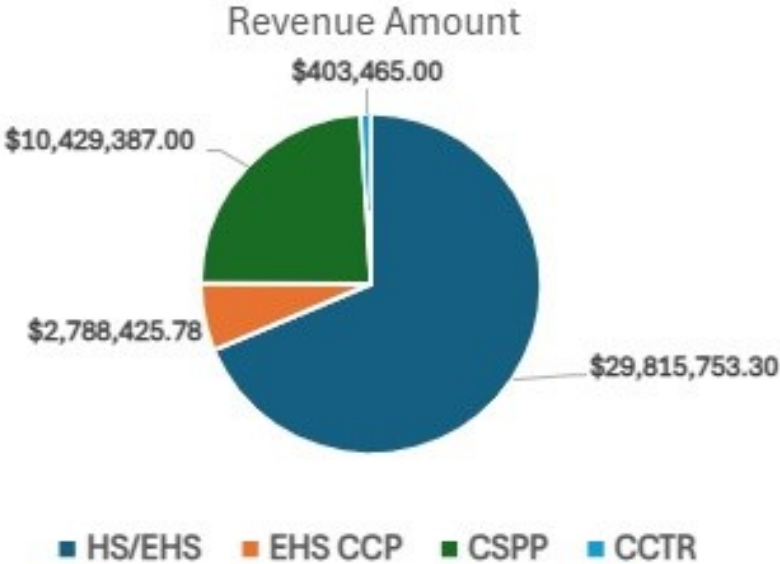
Our Head Start program continues to excel in supporting children's health and well-being, surpassing state and national averages in key areas. While 96% of ELS children are up to date on immunizations, aligning closely with national rates, ELS outperforms both state (72%) and national (76%) averages in ensuring children receive preventive and primary health care (87%). Additionally, 88% of children needing medical treatment received care, significantly higher than state (75%) and national (73%) rates. ELS Early Head Start exceeds state and national benchmarks in key health indicators, ensuring comprehensive care for the children it serves. All Early Head Start children have health insurance and a medical home, surpassing state (98%, 97%) and national (96%, 95%) rates. Immunization compliance stands at 100%, significantly higher than state (94%) and national (91%) averages. ELS remains committed to its mission of promoting the health and development of young children in low-income families.

Head Start	ELS	State	National
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date or exempt.	96%	99%	95%
Children up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care per the state's EPSDT schedule, at the end of enrollment year.	87%	72%	76%
Children diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment.	15%	18%	13%
Children who received medical treatment.	88%	75%	73%
Children completing professional dental exams.	87%	74%	71%

Early Head Start	ELS	State	National
Children with health insurance.	100%	98%	96%
Children with a medical home.	100%	97%	95%
Children with up-to-date immunizations or all possible immunizations to date or exempt.	100%	94%	91%
Children with a dental home.	98%	86%	80%
Children up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care per California's EPSDT schedule.	97%	61%	63%
Children diagnosed with a chronic condition needing medical treatment.	2%	10%	10%
Children who received medical treatment.	100%	78%	71%

Financial Report

Fiscal responsibility and transparency is a task that benefits ourselves, our county, and the communities we serve. The tables below describes the budgetary revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 2023 to June 2024.



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