

**Board of Supervisors
Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
September 17, 2019**

Head Start/Early Head Start Updates



1. Federal Program Information Report (PIR) Summary PY 2018-2019 (attached)

2. Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant Disabilities Waiver

Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.14 (b) (1) states: A program must ensure at least 10 percent of its total funded enrollment is filled by children eligible for services under IDEA, unless the responsible Health and Human Services official grants a waiver.

- The program will be applying for a waiver from the requirement that 10 percent of enrollment includes children with disabilities. The program has served less than 10 percent of children with disabilities over the past two years. A waiver for this requirement would preclude the program from receiving a deficiency.

3. Designation Renewal System HS/EHS

- In the DRS, grantees in good standing do not need to *competitively* apply for funding.
 - Head Start/Early Head Start Grant 03CH010411: Five-year application due April 2020
 - Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant 03HP000205: Second year renewal application due April 2020

4. Head Start Awareness Month

- Board of Supervisors Proclamation and Head Start Policy Council reception are scheduled for October 15, 2019.

5. Enrollment

- All programs are fully enrolled.
- Waiting list: 271 children (Head Start – 167, Early Head Start – 104)



Fairfax County Office for Children Head Start & Early Head Start Program

Program Information Report (PIR) Summary

Program Year 2018-2019

The Office of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) provides comprehensive data on the services, staff, children, and families served by Head Start and Early Head Start programs nationwide. All grantees and delegates are required to submit Program Information Reports. The PIR data are compiled for use at the federal, regional, state, and local levels.

This report includes information on the children who participate in Fairfax County's **federally funded** Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) programs and will be used for goal planning in the 2019-2020 program year.

ENROLLMENT

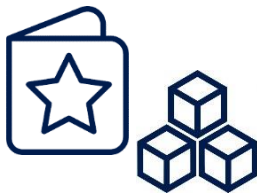


The program is funded to serve 734 children and pregnant women in Head Start and Early Head Start. The total number served in PY 2018-2019 was **879**.

73 percent of families speak a language other than English at home.

- 44% speak Spanish
- 16% speak a Middle Eastern/ South Asian language
- 9% speak an African language
- 3% speak another language

EDUCATION SERVICES



The program implements curricula and developmental assessment tools that are scientifically valid and reliable and are aligned with the public schools Program of Studies.

The program uses CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) to assess effective teacher-child interactions.

In the fall of 2019, **266** children transitioned from Head Start into kindergarten.

Eighty-seven percent of newly enrolled children were screened within 45 days for developmental, sensory, and behavioral concerns.

FAMILY SERVICES



One hundred percent of families participated in health and parenting education.

One hundred ninety-nine families needed and received emergency/crisis intervention, such as food, clothing or shelter.

DISABILITIES



Children with disabilities comprised **10%** of enrollment in HS/EHS grant #03CH010411, and **6%** in EHS-CCP grant #03HP0003.

Fifty-five HS/EHS children served had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and **29** EHS children had an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).

HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH



Ninety-six percent of all children were current on immunizations and **89%** were up-to-date on the schedule of preventative and primary health care per the state's Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule.

Seventy-nine children (9%) were referred for and received services from a mental health professional.

NUTRITION



Thirty-five percent of children in Head Start (ages 3-5) were identified as not being within the healthy weight category, which included children who were identified as underweight, overweight, and obese.

Nutritionists provided nutrition education, healthy food resources to address food insecurity, and information on the benefits of increased physical activity.

Fairfax County Head Start/Early Head Start Program Information Reports were officially submitted to the Head Start Enterprise System on August 29, 2019.