

Board of Supervisors
Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
December 11, 2018
Fairfax County Head Start Updates



- **Early Head Start Expansion Grant Proposal**

The County submitted an Early Head Start Expansion grant on November 28, 2018. If awarded, the grant would enable the County to serve an additional thirty-two children, ages birth to three years, and help to alleviate the waiting list for services in the southern part of the County. It is anticipated that grant awards will be announced by the federal Office of Head Start in February, 2019.

- **Early Head Start Family Child Care Option Enrollment**

The Early Head Start Family Child Care Option continues to be under enrolled, due in part to the requirement that families meet dual eligibility in Early Head Start and the Child Care Assistance and Referral program. Funded enrollment for family child care is 152 children for the grantee and the program is under enrolled by 25 children. Program staff are developing a proposal for the federal Office of Head Start regarding revising the option and reprogramming funding for the grant.

- **Program Governance Training**

Federal regulations require that the Board of Supervisors, as the Head Start grantee governing body, receive training to support their oversight of the federal Head Start/Early Head Start program (Head Start Act of 2007, 642(d)(3)). At an upcoming HHHS meeting, the required training will be provided.

- **Waiting List**

All center-based and home-based programs are fully enrolled with a waiting list of 345 Head Start and Early Head Start children (234 Head Start, 111 Early Head Start).