

Board of Supervisors
Health, Housing and Human Services Committee
May 14, 2019
Fairfax County Head Start Updates



Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Submissions

- The HS/EHS grant renewal and the EHS Child Care Partnership grant application were both submitted in April 2019. The HS/EHS renewal year is for the fourth year of the five-year grant and the EHS Child Care Partnership grant was an application for a new five-year grant cycle.
- Early Head Start Expansion grant request for South County, submitted in November 2018, was not awarded.

Annual Board of Supervisors Approval of Required Documents

Staff will present a Board Item on June 25, 2019 to request approval of the Policy Council Bylaws and the program's annual Self-Assessment Report as required by federal regulations.

- **Bylaws**
 - The Office of the County Attorney has reviewed the bylaws that were last approved by the Board of Supervisors and the Policy Council in June/July 2018. OCA made one change to reflect the statutory definition of "meeting" which was revised last year in the Virginia Code.
- **Self-Assessment**
 - Staff has completed the 2019 program self-assessment. The self-assessment process engages families and community stakeholders and supports the continuous improvement of service delivery.
 - Results were compiled and finalized into a Self-Assessment Report, which outlines strengths and the areas to be addressed, as well as any actions taken to address them.
 - The report indicates a high quality program. As the Board is aware, there is one area of non-compliance regarding under-enrollment in the Early Head Start family child care option.
 - The 2019 Self-Assessment Report Summary was shared with the Policy Council on April 25, 2019.

Enrollment

- All Head Start programs are fully enrolled; the Early Head Start family child care program is currently enrolling. There is a waiting list of 386 Head Start/Early Head Start children (288 HS/98 EHS).