









2023–24 Head Start Mosaic Early Learning Annual Report

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Infusing joy into all areas of development.



Education is the first and most important step to a better future for children in our community. We are proud to offer a high quality, year-round early childhood educational experience that supports positive child outcomes.

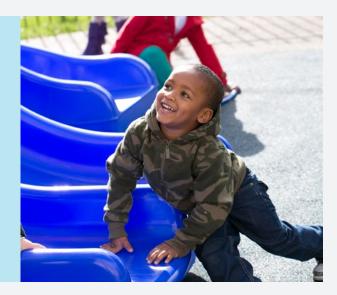
The Head Start program at Center For Family Services promotes school readiness and maximizes opportunities for preschool children and their families to reach their full potential.

Nurturing

a love of learning.



Increasing opportunities for success through play.



Our preschool program nurtures children in all aspects of development: social, emotional, cognitive, and physical. We support children in meeting and exceeding developmental expectations in all areas.

We encourage as much learning as possible to prepare children for kindergarten and set them on a path to grade level reading. Early learning is the foundation for long-term success in school and in life. Our talented teachers emphasize learning through play and engage children in creative activities. Education, health, nutrition, and social services create a network of support for every child and family.

Ensuring a strong foundation

for a lifetime of learning.



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Supporting parents

as their child's first and best teacher.



Our work is rooted in the philosophy that healthy communities start with healthy families. Family engagement is central to our mission of ensuring all children are ready for school. We support parents as their child's primary teacher and nurturer. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their child's classroom. We guide and prepare parents to advocate for themselves and for their child's long-term success in school.

Our teachers and family service advocates encourage parent involvement and offer parents opportunities for growth, so they can identify their own strengths, needs, and interests. Our two generation approach focuses on supporting both child and parent with the tools and resources for success.

Providing opportunities for families

to join in classroom activities.



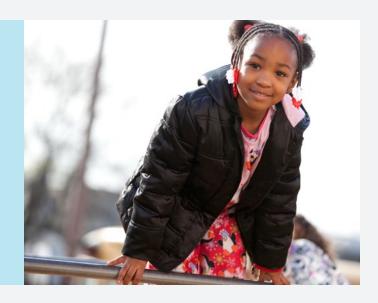
Offering
healthy meals
served family
style.



Health and wellness play and important role in a child's development. Children are provided with a healthy and nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack each day. Children enjoy mealtimes, which are served family style with new food choices introduced on a regular basis and mealtime discussions that involve input from the teachers and all the children.

Opportunities for daily physical exercise add to each child's overall healthy development. Our Family Service Advocates encourage parents to invest in their child's future by adopting healthy choices in their homes.

Providing
60 minutes
of exercise
every day
for healthy
development.



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Outcome numbers.

Last year, our Mosaic Early Learning Head Start programs served:

<u>442</u>

preschool children and their families, of which **192** were located in Camden County and **250** in Burlington County.

Of the families we served:	Camden County	Burlington County	
Income at or below poverty line	40	104	
Receiving public assistance	108	63	
Income between 100% and 130% of the poverty line	11	23	
Experiencing homelessness	6	11	
Living in foster care	1	2	
Enrolled as over income	17	14	



Our average monthly enrollment for Head Start was **72%** in Camden County, **52%** in Burlington County and **43%** for Early Head Start in Burlington County.



99% of children were connected to medical exams, and



91% of children were connected to dental exams in Burlington County.



82% of children were connected to medical exams, and



76% of children were connected to dental exams in Camden County.

370 students

were connected to a primary medical home, an increase of 12% compared to the number of students enrolled at the start of the year.

60 mins

Children were engaged in 60 minutes of physical fitness activities each day.

350 children

were connected to a primary dental home, an increase of 32% as compared to the start of the year.

804
home visits

Head Start teachers and family service advocates completed 804 home visits with families last year.

1647
participants

Throughout the 2023-2024 program year, 1647 parents/guardians/family members participated in parent engagement opportunities, including parent-teacher conferences, home visits, and special events.

86% of children

On average 86% of children are experiencing expected or greater then expected growth in all development areas.

Financial report.

Total All Expenses

Public & Private Support	FY 22 / 23	FY 23 / 24
Public and Private Funds Received	Actual	Proposed
US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families Camden Board of Education / Abbott Collingswood District Edgewater Park District Lumberton District Mount Holly District Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) / USDA NJ Dept. of Human Services NJ Dept. of State / AmeriCorps Camden County - Blackwood Camden Promise Neighborhood	10,897,309 893,980 160,000 243,000 240,377 223,511 372,458 87,182 0 330,387 25,000	12,056,844 1,298,340 248,580 270,000 343,980 255,450 842,387 56,353 10,326 370,430
Total All Sources	\$13,473,204	\$15,752,690
Expenses		
Personnel Fringe Benefits Travel Equipment Supplies Contractual Other Costs Indirect Costs	6,259,246 1,687,481 40,891 0 503,625 631,122 3,199,881 1,135,311	8,308,692 2,232,249 61,500 362,410 475,421 778,596 2,309,437 1,224,385

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