



## 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.



## **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 an 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.




# Outcome numbers.


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


**442** 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	<b>40</b>	<b>104</b>
Receiving public assistance	<b>108</b>	<b>63</b>
Income between 100% and 130% of the poverty line	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>
Experiencing homelessness	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
Living in foster care	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Enrolled as over income	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>

 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 than expected growth in all development areas.

# Financial report.

## 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	10,897,309	12,056,844
Camden Board of Education / Abbott	893,980	1,298,340
Collingswood District	160,000	248,580
Edgewater Park District	243,000	270,000
Lumberton District	240,377	343,980
Mount Holly District	223,511	255,450
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) / USDA	372,458	842,387
NJ Dept. of Human Services	87,182	56,353
NJ Dept. of State / AmeriCorps	0	10,326
Camden County – Blackwood	330,387	370,430
Camden Promise Neighborhood	25,000	0
<b>Total All Sources</b>	<b>\$13,473,204</b>	<b>\$15,752,690</b>

### Expenses

Personnel	6,259,246	8,308,692
Fringe Benefits	1,687,481	2,232,249
Travel	40,891	61,500
Equipment	0	362,410
Supplies	503,625	475,421
Contractual	631,122	778,596
Other Costs	3,199,881	2,309,437
Indirect Costs	1,135,311	1,224,385
<b>Total All Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,457,557</b>	<b>\$15,752,690</b>

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