

23-24 ANNUAL REPORT



GENESEEE COUNTY

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



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Head Start Director

With almost 60 years of experience, Genesee County Community Action Resource Department (GCCARD) Head Start Program is a proven leader in early childhood education and family development. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for expecting parents, children from birth to five years of age, and families as a whole. The data and experiences shared in this annual report will emphasize our ongoing work in collaboration with additional funding sources, school districts, community and agency partners, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, the Parent Policy Council, and Head Start staff and families. Continued efforts will further enhance the success and well-being of Genesee County children and families.

Gratitude is extended to all and keep up the good work!

99% Parents overall impression of our program was good/excellent.

98% Made progress or achieved their goals.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION

Mott Community College celebrated 100 years of service by organizing a parent engagement event on September 23, 2023. Mott Early Head Start parents were able to enjoy activities, walking in a parade, socializing with each other and playing games.

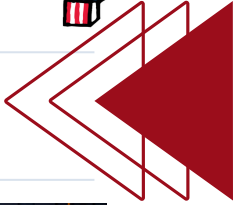


VISION

Believing in the worth of all people, Head Start will work in partnership with families to support the achievement of their goals and their children’s educational attainment.

MISSION

Head Start is a family focused birth through five program that promotes school readiness, advocates, supports and provides comprehensive quality services for children and families through school, community and family partnerships.



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MOTHERS DAY TEA



The Fenton Head Start classroom celebrated mothers on May 8, 2024 in a very special way. Mother's, children and teachers enjoyed trying different types of tea, taking pictures in the photo booth, looking at classroom photo albums and spending quality time together. Parents were able to build relationships with other families in the classroom. The event ended with children singing "you are my sunshine" and presenting their moms with an "all about my mom" gift.

PARENT POLICY COUNCIL

Policy Council members were elected from the Beecher EHS, Mott EHS, and Grantee Programs to represent the total Genesee County HS/EHS Program. They met monthly and shared in the decision-making process regarding quality programming for themselves and their children. Members were also involved in the following committees: personnel, budget, program evaluation and assessment, grant development, school readiness, and bylaws. Thanks to the Policy Council Members and special appreciation to the Policy Council Officers.

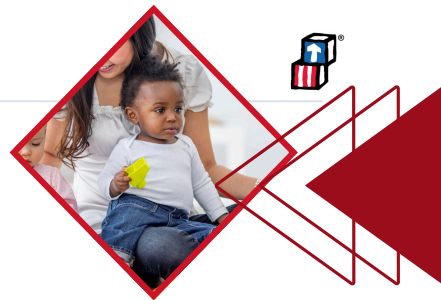
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CHILD OVERVIEW

98%

Had insurance at end of year

99%

Had a medical home

84%

Obtained dental exams/dental care

85%

Obtained complete physicals

97%

Had up-to-date immunizations

186

Children transitioned to kindergarten



FAMILY OVERVIEW

812

Families Served

318

Received emergency intervention

114

Received housing assistance

233

Received mental health services

1,027

Volunteered

275

Received education on health consequences and tobacco use

811

Received parenting and health education

292

Males involved in the program

ENROLLMENT OVERVIEW

744

Funded Enrollment

930

Actual Enrollment

AVERAGE MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

102%

Head Start

78%

Expansion

99%

Early Head Start





GOOD OL' TIME AT CROSSROADS VILLAGE & HUCKLEBERRY RAILROAD

On Friday, May 31, 2024, about 830 children and families attended our end of the year parent engagement event at Crossroads Village! Staff, children and families got to tour the historic homes, shops, and trades buildings that date back to the days of Thomas Edison and Sojourner Truth. They participated in a magic show in the Colwell Opera House and got to see a wide variety of demonstrations by local artisans. Through interpretive methods, such as role playing, craftsmen projected to our families an understanding of the people who lived in this area in the post-Civil War era, including their origins, education, skills, values, social customs, and the many tasks and problems that comprised daily living. Many children enjoyed their first train ride - a 40-minute historical journey behind the authentic Baldwin steam locomotive that took them along the shores of Mott Lake, down a stretch of the historic Pere Marquette roadbed, and back into the heart of Crossroads Village. In addition, many local community service agencies attended with us and provided valuable information for the families about the services that they provide.



ROYAL BALL

The Royal Ball was held February 23, 2024 at the West Flint Church of the Nazarene. We had a variety of activities including a crown-making station, a DJ who donated his time and kept the families dancing, and many gross and fine motor activities including bowling, fishing, jump-powered ball launchers, and so much more! Many of our staff dressed up as popular characters and performed meet and greets with children and family members, posing for pictures, etc. Many of our community partners attended the event and gave parents information about the services they provide. A parent committee meeting was provided which included information about how to help children develop fine and gross motor skills which was donated to our program by Special Olympics Michigan. Our health coordinators were onsite and provided needed health screenings and also referred families who needed a doctor or dentist to local Medicaid-accepting offices. We had an amazing turnout of about 489 children and families, who all left with a new book to read, lots of information, and happy memories.



FAMILY FIELD DAY AND COLOR RUN

On May 21, 2024, the Westwood Heights Head Start and Early Head Start parents came out to enjoy a morning full of outside field day activities. They were able to play tug-of-war, have sack races, dancing wands, color run, parachute play, yard Jenga, sticker art, water and sand play, painting with plungers, bubbles, bean bag toss, hula hoops, connect four and obstacle courses. 67 parents and children enjoyed the morning spending quality time together and building relationships with other families in the program.





READ WITH ME DAD EVENT

On May 16, 2024, Mott EHS held a father engagement event where fathers could interact with their children and each other. Fathers were able to engage with their children with storybooks and story props. Each family received a child chair, a storyboard, and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" book. Fathers and children had a great time!



POTTERY AT IT'S FINEST

Beecher EHS families visited Fired Up Ceramics on January 18, 2024. Children were able to explore colors, build fine motor skills and stimulate creativity and imagination while painting Disney characters. Children socially engaged with peers and families were exposed to new community connections during the event. 21 families participated.



A SUPER ADVENTURE



337 children and families attended the Super Adventure Day parent engagement event on April 26, 2024. This parent requested event included a parent education meeting on Yoga and Pilates movement with a certified Yoga and Pilates instructor who also has a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education and dressed up as the super-flexible Elastigirl (Mrs. Incredible). Yoga mats were furnished by our partnership with Michigan's Special Olympics. Each family was able to participate in a wide variety of super hero themed, child-friendly activities which included: dramatic play, math, literacy, science, gross and fine motor opportunities. The families were also offered hearing, vision, lead and hemoglobin screenings as well as car seat safety training. The event also had many community resources available to assist families with a wide variety of services. Children took a super hero book home to extend their learning at home.

MUSICAL ENLIGHTENMENT

We were very fortunate to continue our collaboration with the Flint Institute of Music this year. Mr. Glenn visited 11 of our preschool classrooms, for one hour each week, to have music lessons over a five-week period. The students and teachers enjoyed spending time exploring instruments and moving their bodies.



MATH MYSTERY

On October 16, 2023, Mott EHS held a math event for families to become more familiar and comfortable with math.



Jan Herriman worked with families to create parent friendly math activities to work on at home. Parents were able to see how easy it is to create these games at home. Each family received a math box that had materials and manipulatives to keep at home.

ORCHARD FESTIVITIES

Eighty-two Beecher EHS families visited Flushing Farms and Montrose Orchards to enjoy community connections. Families were engaged in feeding farm animals, taking hay rides and cozying up to a warm fire. Students stretched large muscles by climbing hay bales and walking the corn maze. Each child picked the perfect pumpkin to take home and received a harvest snack and book.





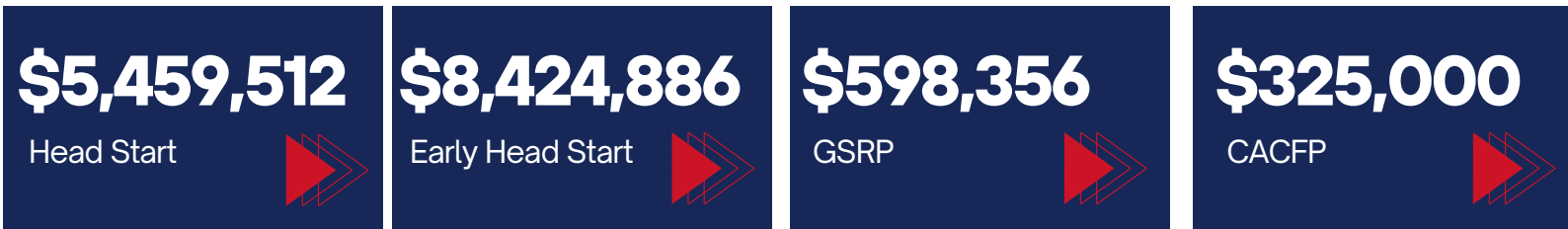
REVIEWS FROM THE SECRETARY (ACF)

The 2023-2024 program year was not inclusive of any monitoring events, as they were completed earlier in the five-year grant cycle. We have our CLASS and Focus Area 2 Review Event coming up in 2024-2025.

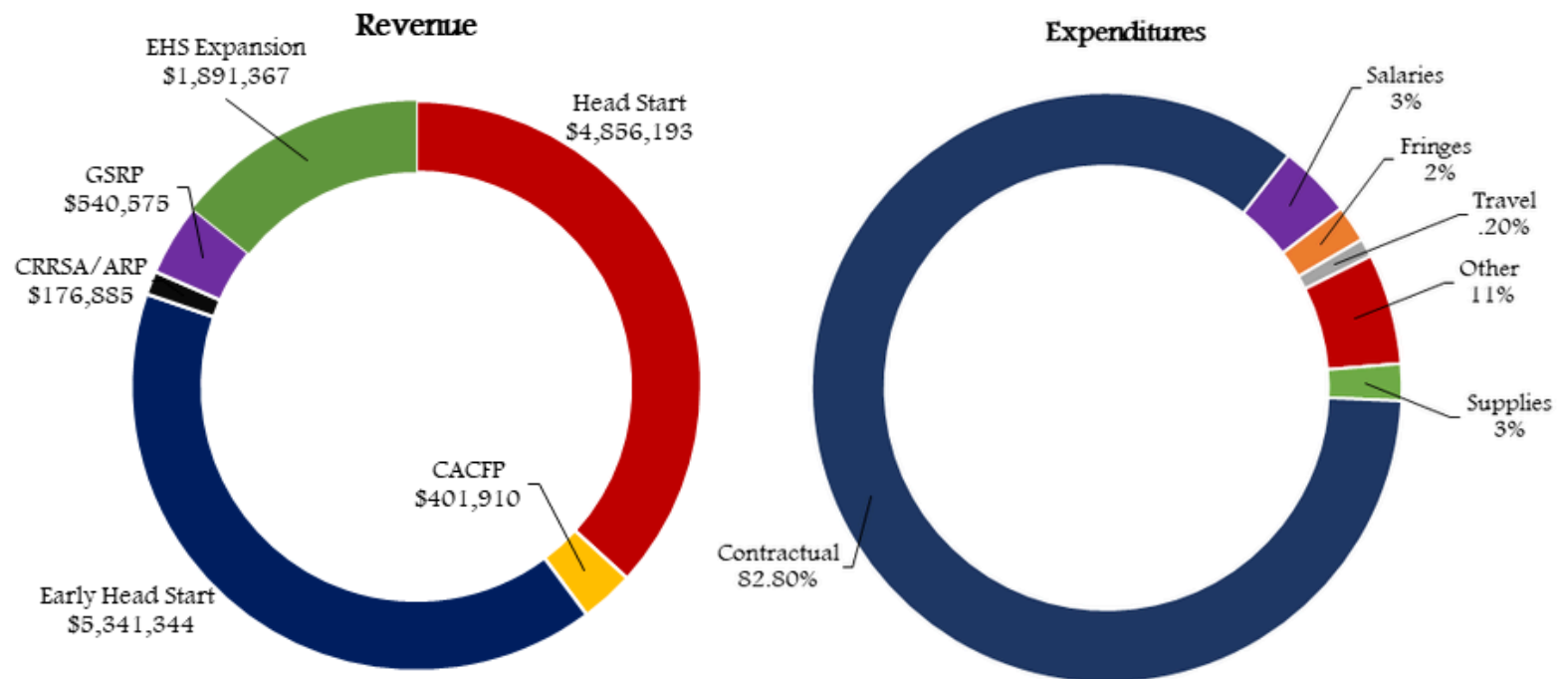
AUDIT FINDINGS

GCCARD Head Start audit was completed by Plante Moran, PLLC on June 26, 2024. There were no findings related to Head Start.

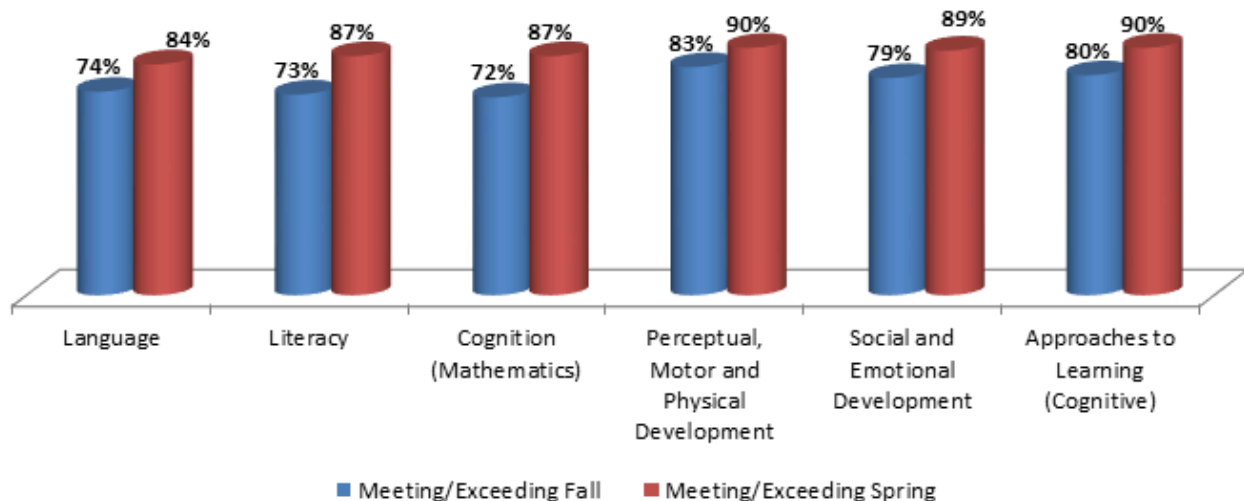
PROPOSED BUDGET (24-25)



23-24 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES



SCHOOL READINESS GOALS



Approaches to Learning (Cognition)

- Solves Problems. (11c). HSELOF: IT-C11/P-SCI 4

Social and Emotional Development

Children will develop a healthy sense of self concepts, practice self regulations and will be able to establish and maintain positive relationships with adults and peers.

- Balances needs and rights of self and others (3a). HSELOF: IT-SE 5/P-SE 4
- Solves social problems (3b). HSELOF: IT-SE 3/P-SE 1
- Takes care of own needs appropriately (1c). HSELOF: IT-SE 12/P-SE 10

Language and Literacy

Children will move along the continuum of emerging literacy and will develop competence as listeners, speakers, readers, writers, and viewers.

- Engages in conversations of at least three exchanges. (10a). HSELOF: IT-LC 4/P-LC 4
- Uses social rules of language. (10b). HSELOF: IT-LC 4/P-LC 4
- Notices and discriminates rhyme (15a). HSELOF: IT-LC 9/P-LIT 1
- Interacts during read alouds and book conversations. (18a). HSELOF: IT-LC 13/P-LIT 6
- Writes to convey meaning. (19b). HSELOF: IT-LC 13/P-LIT 6

Perceptual, Motor and Physical Development

Children will develop overall physical growth including muscle control, fine and gross motor development and the acquisition of the self-help skills. Children will gain knowledge of healthy practices.

- Uses fingers and hands. (7a). HSELOF: IT-PMP 6/P-PMP 3
- Demonstrates gross motor manipulative skills. (6). HSELOF: IT-PMP 4/P-PMP 2

Cognition (Mathematics)

Children will develop math knowledge in part through active participation and exploration of the world around them. Children need opportunities to expand their knowledge through a variety of hands on experiences.

- Counts. (20a). HSELOF: IT-C 8/P-MATH 1
- Quantifies. (20b). HSELOF: IT-C8/P-MATH 3
- Understands spatial relationships. (21a). HSELOF: IT-C9-P-MATH 10
- Demonstrates knowledge of patterns. (23). HSELOF: IT-C 10/P-MATH 7

