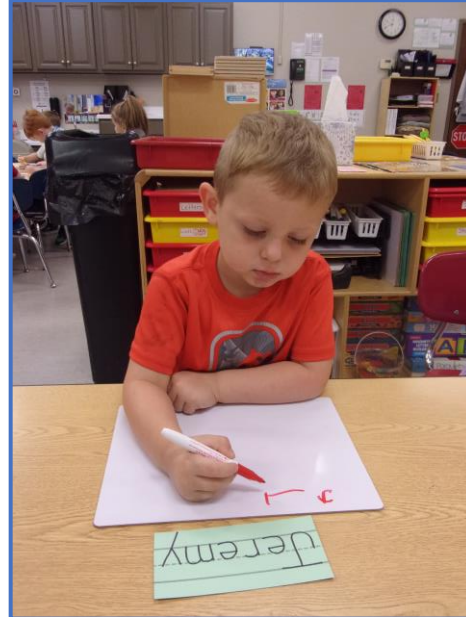


# Pace Head Start and Early Head Start Annual Report 2022-23



"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin

## Preparing Children for School

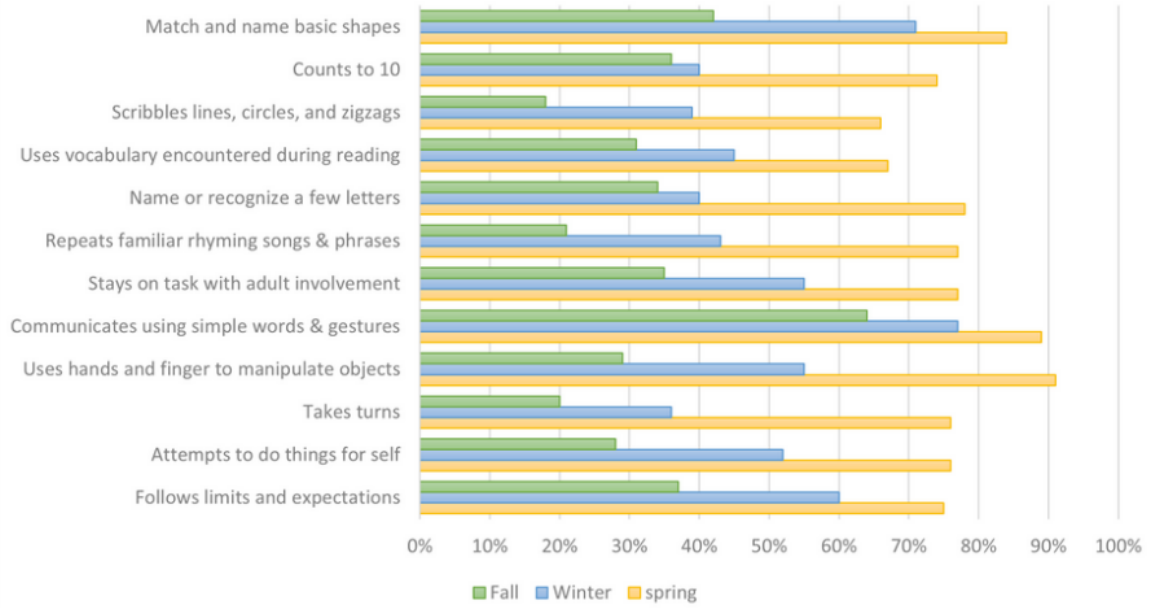
At least three times a year child-level assessment data is aggregated and analyzed. Pace has established **12 school readiness goals** based on input from kindergarten teachers, parents, and Health Services Advisory committee members. Learning is accomplished through large and small group activities using play and hands on experience. The following data represents kindergarten-bound children's progress in achieving school readiness goals. Early Head Start (EHS) data reflects children transitioning to Head Start or other pre-schools. Activities are planned and *individualized* based on children's *developmental levels*.

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We Provide Support Services that Improve the Community & Encourage Self-Reliance



### HS Transitioning Children Meeting School Readiness Goals



### EHS Transitioning Children Meeting School Readiness Goals



# Enrollment Data

Funded Enrollment = 294 Head Start: 69 Early Head Start and 32 Early Head Start Expansion Children. Our Early Head Start Expansion grant funds our center based EHS slots.



Our average monthly funded enrollment was maintained at 94%. We requested and received an enrollment reduction; although despite the reduction, we could not maintain full enrollment due to an ongoing staffing shortage.

1817 = # of income eligible children in our service area

459 = # of children served during this school year

25% = eligible children served by Pace Head Start and Early Head Start

## Disabilities

We are committed to serving families of children with disabilities. In fact, at least 10% of our funded enrollment must be children with IEPs (Individual Education Plan) or IFSPs (Individual Family Support Plan).

Total Number of Children with IEPs (Head Start)	63
Total Number of Children with IFSPs (Early Head Start)	25
Percentage of Funded Enrollment with Documented Disabilities	22.3%

## Health- Medical and Dental Exams

Head Start strives to help families keep their children on schedule for physical and dental examinations. Health information is provided through lessons, family events, and newsletters. Dental kits, were sent home regularly with our children, that included toothbrushes and toothpaste. We also assist families in obtaining health insurance and medical/dental providers. By the end of the school year a majority of our children had health insurance- Head Start at 99% while Early Head Start and Early Head Start Expansion families were both at 100%.

	Physical Exams Completed at the end of the year	Immunizations Up to Date
Head Start	93%	96%
Early Head Start	85%	91% or had a waiver
Early Head Start Expansion	92%	85%

56 % of the Head Start children received preventative dental care with 87% getting continuous accessible dental care.

# Family Engagement and Community Assessment

We continuously receive/review data. Our recently updated community assessment revealed that we are in a rural, low-income area, and our community is relatively unchanging. Our demographic information shows that we are predominantly Caucasian and English speaking.

We understand that family engagement is key to a child's success. After some of the challenges of COVID-19, we began having parents volunteer in our classrooms again. This not only helped us, but gave the parents an opportunity to learn new skills for the workforce. In addition, we referred families to community resources to increase their education.

Our staff actively support families to achieve goals through the family partnership process. Families met **393** goals with our staff and **414** referrals were given. **52** of our families gained employment during the school year!



Community members also volunteered in our classrooms with programs like SuperMENTors - where male volunteers read to our children and then the book is provided for each child to increase their home libraries.

## Audits

Following the 2022 audit; Comer, Nowling & Associates issued an unqualified opinion with **no findings** or significant deficiencies.

### 2021 Finance and Budgets

#### Audited Revenue & Expenditures

- Grant – \$4,642,735
- COVID Funds - \$85,768
- ARPA - \$358,490
- CACFP/USDA - \$209,680
- In-Kind & Interest - \$563,437

Following the 2023 Focus Area One (FA1) monitoring review, the Office of Head Start determined our program meets requirements of all applicable HSPPS, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. All performance measures in all content areas were found compliant.

## How can you help?

We need the support of the community to provide services. Parents and community members can volunteer in various capacities and are a vital piece of our program. Our federal grant provides support for 80% of our program and the remaining 20% (over \$1,000,000) must be collected locally as in-kind donations. In-kind donations can be your time, services, supplies, or financial support. To learn how you can help improve the lives of children and families while improving your community, please contact Deb Reynolds, 812-882-7927 ext. 121

