

# Head Start & Early Head Start

Annual Report - 2018 - 2019

The first 5 years in a child's life are essential to their future development, health, and overall happiness at home, school, and in daily life.

Head Start and Early Head Start strive to make normally expensive early education and care obtainable for any family.

## Transition to Kindergarten

207 children were transitioned to Kindergarten. This program serves 8 separate school districts and hosts kindergarten registration activities at the Head Start Aldrich site for the Fall River School Department which serves 85% of our families. Each district also offers "Ready for Kindergarten" workshops at all Head Start sites. School readiness activities are worked on all throughout the year. Each child has an individualized Transition Plan to ensure they begin kindergarten with the skills necessary to succeed.

## Family Engagement

All centers conduct monthly parent meetings discussing school readiness goals, parent concerns, and planning group activities. Each parent committee elects a Delegate and an Alternate to sit on the Policy Council. The Policy Council meets monthly to approve the hiring of staff and to review and approve budgets, policies and grant submissions. Special Family Engagement events are held at each center on a regular basis, centered on themes being taught in the classrooms. In addition, family members are always invited to join in on field trips, volunteer in all capacities throughout the program, visit their child's classroom any time, and participate in workshops, parenting education groups, committee meetings, parent/staff conferences, etc. Each family receives a minimum of 4 home visits per year.



## Revenue

Funding Sources	Grant Period May 2018 - April 2019
Federal	\$4,802,497
Donations/In-Kind	\$1,806,577
Early Education & Care	\$386,019
USDA	\$255,046
Private Child Care	\$166,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,416,347</b>



**1055**

Children &  
Families Served



**94%**

Of Eligible  
Children Served

## Expenses

**86.91%** Average Monthly  
Funded Enrollment

**94%** Received  
Medical Exams

**92%** Received  
Dental Exams

**100%** OHS Compliance  
2019 Review

**No Findings** 2019 Annual  
Financial Audit

Expense Category	Grant Period May 2018 - April 2019
Personnel	\$3,229,098
Fringe	\$1,236,603
Travel	\$90,197
Supplies & Equipment	\$334,073
Contractual	\$77,368
Other	\$608,176
Non-Federal	\$1,787,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,362,682</b>



*"Head Start has truly been a blessing in our lives. They have helped to prepare my children for kindergarten and have been a huge support system to our family."*

**Beatrice Napert**  
HS Policy Council Vice Chair