



# Head Start & Early Head Start

Annual Report 2024 - 2025

**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.

**Parent Statement:** "I thought my son would have a hard time transitioning into a new school but their inclusiveness creates a safe and nurturing environment. He has transitioned so well and loves coming into school every day. He was a shy kid around new people and now he is confident in engaging and interacting with new people. Mrs. Sandy is a phenomenal educator! She is passionate about her students. She is calm, patient, loving, and challenges the children in a safe manner. I'm so glad my son was able to have this great impact from teachers in his life. I am also grateful to have the opportunity to meet such an amazing team!"

## 584

Children served by Head Start & Early Head Start

## 98%

Average monthly funded enrollment

## 91.5%

Eligible children served

## 165

Children transitioned to Kindergarten

## 557

Parents/caregivers received services

### Revenue

Federal: \$10,174,228  
Donations: \$1,922,297  
Early Education & Care: \$1,813,520  
USDA: \$376,108  
Private Child Care: \$3,636  
Local: \$193,188  
**Total: \$14,482,977**

### Expenses

Personnel: \$10,174,228  
Payroll/Taxes/Fringe: \$2,002,507  
Supplies & Equipment: \$602,323  
Contractual: \$193,688  
Other: \$2,561,158  
In-Kind: \$2,673,673  
**Total: \$12,838,933**

### 2025 Financial Audit: No Findings

**Community Assessment Summary:** Fall River continues to be the community with the greatest need compared to the rest of our service area. 24% of Fall River is in poverty with 279 homeless children and 167 in foster care. With homeless numbers being high, affordable housing is not available; few homeless and women's shelters exist. There are no shelter resources for single dads. 54% speak English and 46% other languages. All local Preschools are at capacity. Food Insecurity is high and WIC enrollment is high. Opioid overdoses have decreased. 18 new affordable condominiums in Fall River will soon be ready. The unemployment rate is not significantly different from local towns. The Early Education Center in Fall River to open this fall. Fall River plans to build a new sensory-friendly playground.

## 584

Children received medical exams

## 334

Children received dental exams

