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TO OUR STOCKHOLDERS

Program Highlights

The Office of Head Start (OHS) awarded funding to York County to provide Head Start services to 117 at-risk preschoolers and their families for the 2021-2022 school year. All Head Start grant recipients received funds from the OHS through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act. York County had the flexibility to determine what investments were needed to best support children and families while adhering to state and local guidance.

In FY22, York County used CRRSA and ARP funds to coordinate and implement activities to prevent, respond to, and prepare for COVID-19. York County was able to utilize funds to purchase supplies, equipment, and computer technology to address programmatic needs. Additionally, funds supported advertisement and recruitment efforts, the implementation of COVID-19 safeguards, and activities to provide training, educational instruction, and family support services in healthy and safe learning environments.

Community partners were instrumental in helping to maximize resources, training, and information offered to families and staff to aid them in overcoming barriers and hardships brought about by COVID-19. Donations and support were provided to York County Head Start by the York County Division of Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, Peninsula Foodbank, Virginia Career Works, York-Poquoson Department of Social Services, Zion United Methodist Church, Anthem Healthkeepers, Lion's Club, Olde Towne Medical Center, and St. Joan of Arc. The support received from community partners helped the division meet the needs of the program and families and afforded opportunities that wouldn't have been possible without their generous support.



*Christmas in July Shoe Drive sponsored by
Zion United Methodist Church.*



Operating Highlights

York County Head Start continued to provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and families at three locations within the County, e.g., Griffin-Yeates Center, Bethel Manor Head Start, and Yorktown Head Start. Center-based educational and family support services were offered to participants at all three locations five days per week, 161 days per year.

Despite challenges brought about by COVID-19, York County Head Start served 104 children and their families and had several significant accomplishments. For example, the division expanded its participation with the Peninsula Food Bank to include a School Market. The School Market helped increase children's access to healthy food through a monthly farmer's market-style fresh produce distribution. York County Head Start held monthly Yoga sessions for students facilitated by the program's Health Specialist. The division also hired a Family & Community Support Specialist to address families and staff's social and emotional well-being and mental health needs. The program did not offer a summer program to families. However, a summer screening event and two Summer Fun transition activities were held to help assess children's health and educational needs, minimize summer learning loss, and promote family involvement and positive parent-child interactions.

Mission:

To develop partnerships that promote quality opportunities for children's educational readiness, at all levels of ability, and to foster success for families and staff.



Looking Ahead

York County Head Start's outlook is bright, and the County is optimistic about plans for the future. York County is an expert in delivering high-quality early childhood education and fully integrated family services. York County intends to continue providing children and their families with a full range of integrated and intensive support services to help them prepare for school and beyond.

The program did not have any federal or state monitoring reviews. Nevertheless, the program will complete ongoing monitoring and quality improvement to ensure that a well-trained workforce provides services that help children and their families succeed in school and life.

The team will participate in the Virginia Department of Education's Unified Measurement and Improvement System, VBQ5 Practice Year 2, as a part of the program's ongoing quality improvement efforts. Trauma-informed care and becoming more trauma-informed will remain a focus of the mental health services and supports we offer to promote the social and emotional well-being of Head Start children, families, and staff.

As the program moves forward, we will continue to implement safeguards to minimize the spread of infectious diseases, especially preventing the spread of COVID-19. Experiences and lessons learned from COVID-19 will be used to ensure the continuity of care and services to Head Start families. Next fiscal year, FY23, will be Year 5 of the current Head Start project period. Head Start staff, governing body, parents, and community providers will work closely to complete the baseline grant application in preparation for starting a new 5-year project. Considering this, we will actively engage stakeholders in the strategic planning, community assessment, and self-assessment process to outline the program option and services that will best meet the needs of eligible and potentially eligible families and the community. We are a learning organization building a community of learners. We are looking to the future while learning and growing together.



Amber Richey
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DEMOGRAPHICS

Community Assessment Data

The Virginia Employment Commission's community profile¹ shows that York County was home to approximately 65,464 people in 2020, with about 7% of York County's population being children under the age of 5. Data from the program's 2021-2022 community assessment has identified the need for safe and affordable childcare, housing, and health within the County, all of which are services and resources offered through the Head Start program.

- ChildCare Aware's *2021 ChildCare Aware Needs Assessment*² highlighted that there are only eight childcare/preschool programs in York County, with only seven being regulated and licensed.
- The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Economic Data³ reports that York County's statistics indicate that approximately 4.9% of the population is below the poverty level (last updated March 11, 2021).
- About 27% of the households with children are single-parent households with children younger than 18 years of age (last updated March 11, 2021).
- Project Hope reports that the homeless student count for York County School Division's 2019-2020 school year was 146.
- Approximately 35% of the population does not have access to a large grocery store, and York County's housing affordability score is 34/100⁴. The housing median listing price is \$475,000, an increase of 36% from last year⁵.

Data shows a strong need for head Start services for at-risk children and families residing in York County. The County's local county government makes excellent investments in the Head Start program, and it is anticipated that the County will continue to do so in the coming year.

¹ Virginia Community Profile retrieved from https://virginiaworks.com/_docs/Local-Area-Profiles_Old/5104000199.pdf

² Retrieved from <https://stage.worklifesystems.com/virginia?county=York>

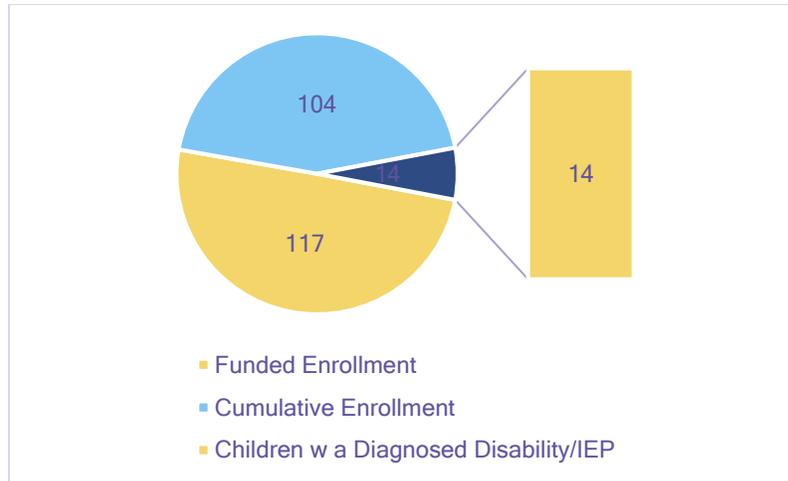
³ Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis retrieved from <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/categories/30335>

⁴ Retrieved from <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/virginia/york-county>

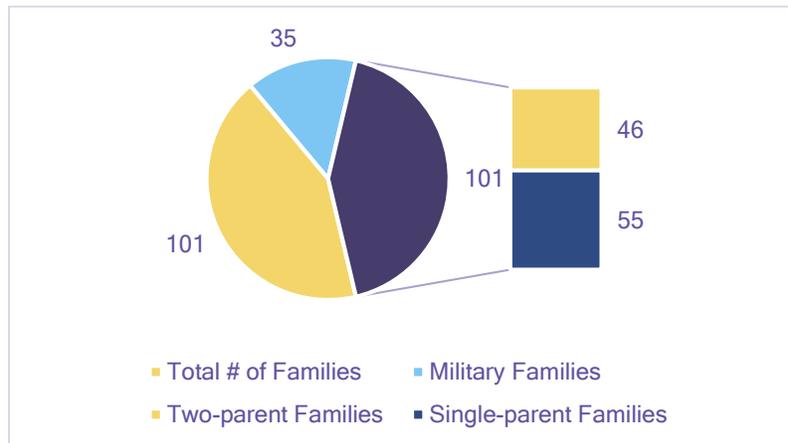
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2021-2022 Head Start Enrollment Data

Head Start Student Enrollment

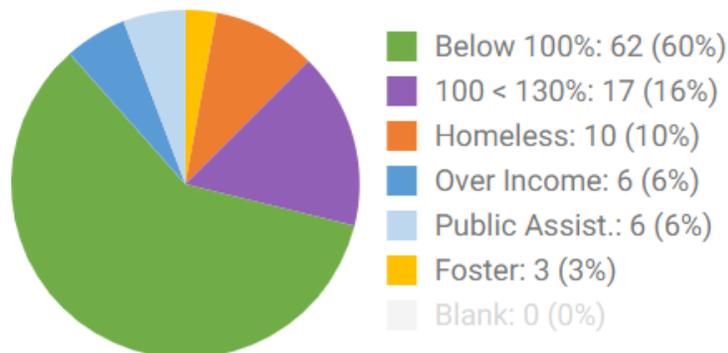


Head Start Families Served

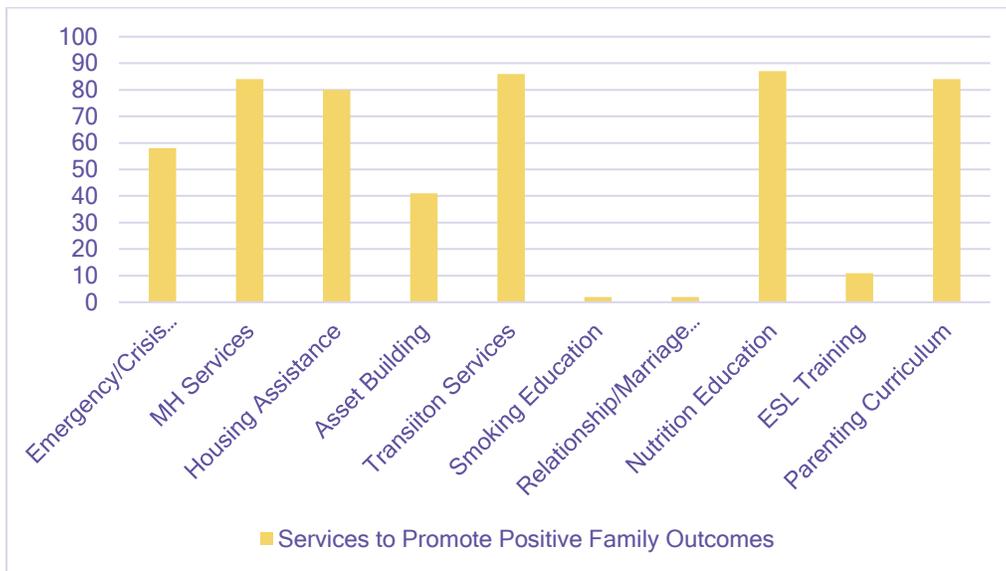
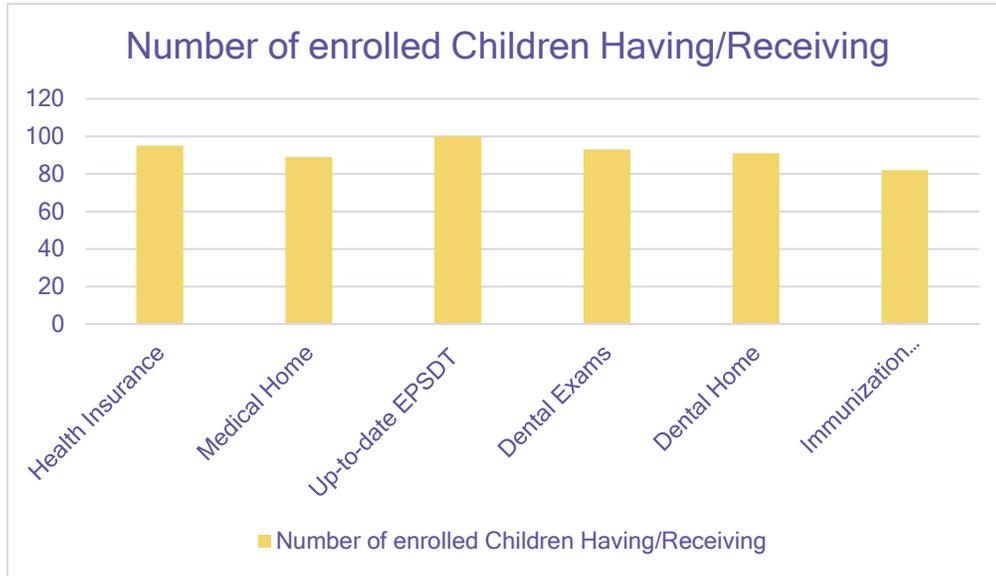


Enrollment Demographics

Income Status

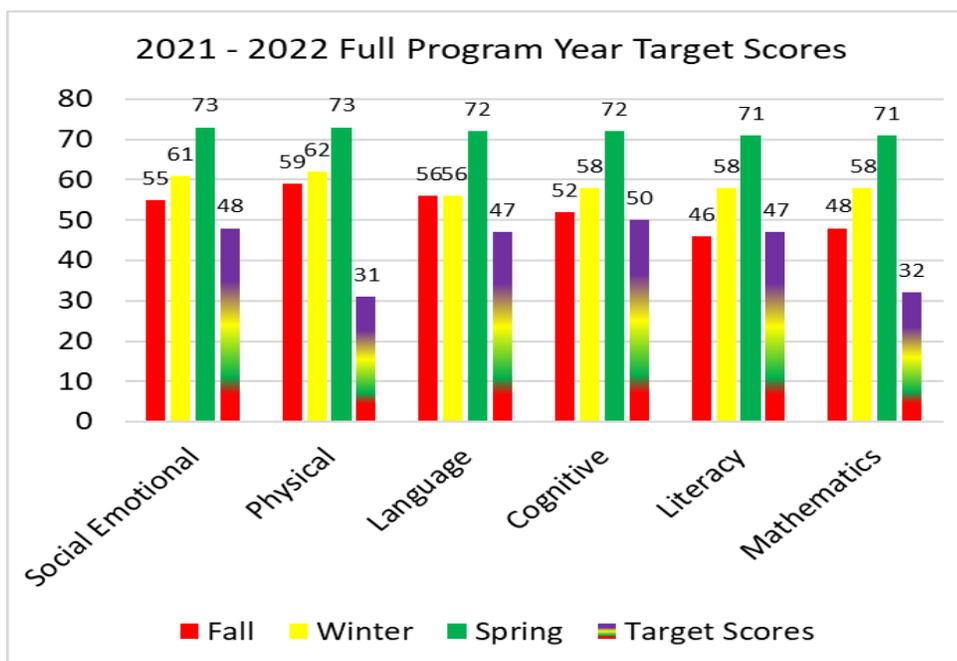


2021-2022 Child & Family Services



2021-2022 Child Outcomes

The overall program goal for the 2021-2022 program year was for 85% of children to meet or exceed the widely held expectations for their age, as established by the Teaching Strategies Gold developmental assessment. Children's developmental skills are assessed at three checkpoints each school year (e.g., Fall, Winter, and Spring). Below is an analysis of the average target scores of all children that met or exceeded the widely held expectations for their age for the three checkpoint periods. Based on the outcomes of aggregated data, York County Head Start children exceeded target scores in all areas. Additionally, children made gains in all areas of development from the first checkpoint at the beginning of the school year until the last checkpoint at the end of the school year.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

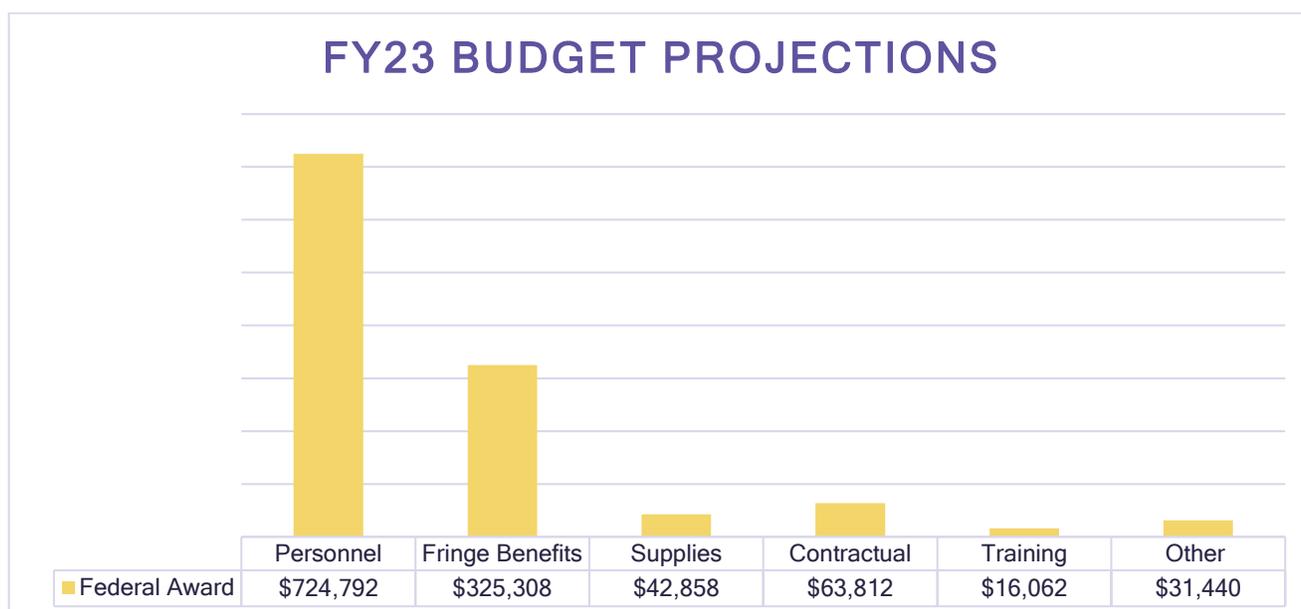
Statement of Financial Position

York County is a recipient agency of the Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children & Families Office of Head Start. For 2021-2022, the Office of Head Start awarded York County a total of \$1,379,476 to provide comprehensive early education and family support services to eligible children and families participating in the Head Start program. The County of York allocated \$409,409 of local funds to support the Head Start program above the 20% non-federal share requirement. CRRSA and ARP funds awarded in FY22 were used and will continue to be utilized to make program adaptations and modifications to support efforts to prevent, respond to, and prepare for COVID-19.

Revenue & Expenses

OHS Five-year Grant (7/1/2018-6/30/23)	FY22 Budget	FY22 Expenses	FY23 Budget
Federal Award	\$1,204,272	\$1,150,847	\$1,204,272
Non-federal Share	\$301,068	\$283,377	\$301,068
CRRSA	\$35,213	\$24,886	\$10,327
ARP	\$139,991	\$19,186	120,805

FY23 Budget Projections



Note: A copy of the most recent York County Head Start Annual Report, Head Start Federal Review, and Financial Audit may be obtained from the Administrative Office located at the Griffin-Yeates Center, 1490 Government Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185, or can be viewed online at <http://www.yorkcounty.gov>.