



**YORK COUNTY
CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025**

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**ABOUT
YORK COUNTY HEAD START
2024-2025 PROGRAM YEAR**

York County (County) is a Head Start grant recipient agency that provides quality education and family support services to children ages three to five and their families in York County. During FY25, York County offered center-based Head Start services to young preschoolers and their families at its three locations: Griffin-Yeates Center, Bethel Manor Head Start, and Yorktown Head Start. Full-day early education and care were offered to families for 6.5 hours per day, 5 days a week, for 160 days per year.

Federal, state, local county funds, and donations from community partners are used to operate the County's Head Start program. Through the generous donations of community partnerships like the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, the Kiwanis Club of Grafton, William & Mary's AmeriCorps program, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, Abundant Life Partners, the York County Housing Division, and the Virginia Department of Health, York County Head Start was able to fulfill its mission. As a governmental entity, York County provides a wide range of municipal services, including general government administration, judicial services, public safety, management services, education, social services, public works, community development, and community services.

Throughout the year, the County operated, maintained, and implemented effective systems to provide quality services to Head Start program participants. The program received a monitoring review for its Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) services, which are overseen by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The program was found to be compliant in the programmatic and fiscal components of our Food Services program. The program received notice from the Administration for Children and Families that it has successfully concluded the 12-month plan to reduce under-enrollment. *The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024*, was also a great success as the County of York was found to be compliant in meeting Government Auditing Standards.

Both the Policy Council and the Board of Supervisors played an active role in developing and approving Head Start's operating budget. The budget period for FY25 started on July 1, 2024, and ended on June 30, 2025, the last period for Year 2 of the 03CH012257 grant award. Moving forward to FY26, the County will initiate a new grant project period, continuing its commitment to providing programming for low-income, at-risk children and their families that promotes school readiness, lifelong learning, advocacy, self-sufficiency, family support, and overall well-being.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

York County Head Start (YCHS) provides comprehensive, high-quality early childhood services to at-risk and low-income families in York County, Virginia. For the 2024-2025 school year, York County was funded to serve 87 children. The primary challenge was connected to staffing shortages. Despite challenges, York County continued to make progress toward fulfilling its mission and achieving program goals.

2024-2025 Demographics

Funded Enrollment: 87 Children

Total # of Children Served: 101

Total # of Families Served: 93

***Percentage of Children Served with a
Diagnosed Disability: 15%***

Percentage of Dual Language Learners: 14%

***76% of our enrollees demonstrated economic
challenges***

***Family Services supported 88% of our
families with emergencies and crises.***

***Percentage of Families Experiencing
Homelessness: 5%***

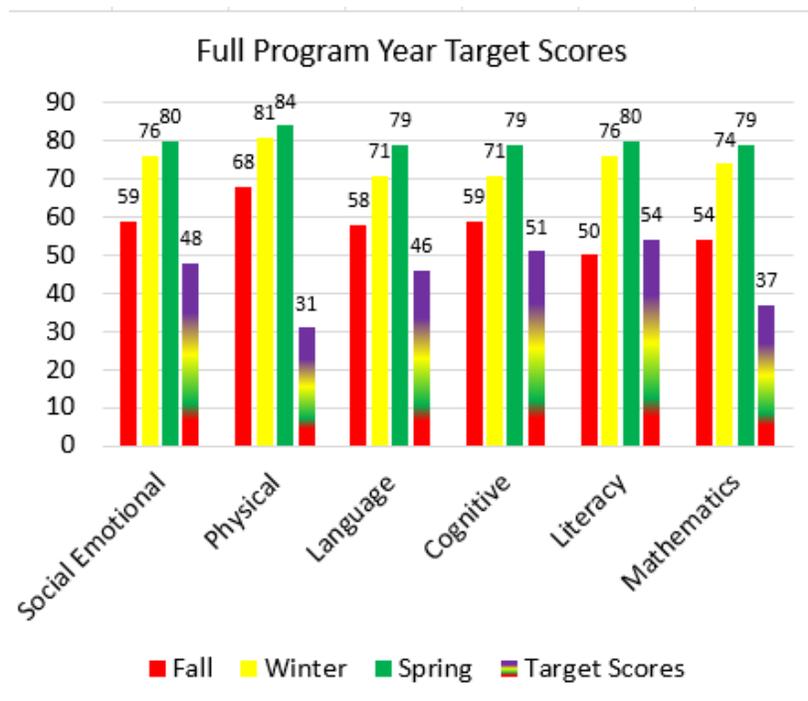
Percentage of Families in Foster Care: 2%

2024-2025 Outcomes

York County Head Start strives to prepare children for school and lifelong learning by providing comprehensive services that support their health, wellness, and physical development. During the 2024-2025 program year, the Division coordinated and provided nutritious meals, mental health support, and health, dental, lead, and developmental screenings for students, while connecting their families with necessary medical, educational, and family support services.

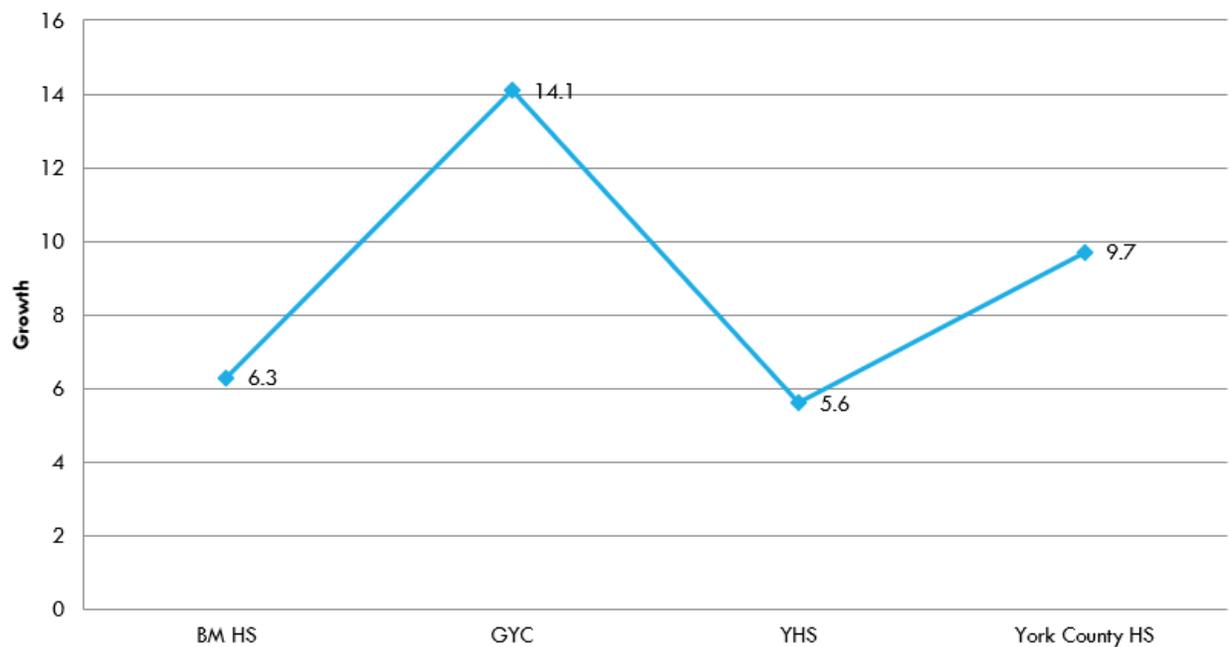
Child Education Outcomes

Children's developmental skills are assessed at three checkpoints each school year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). Our students' skills are assessed utilizing the Teaching Strategies Gold developmental assessment. Below is an overview of our students' scores for the 2024-2025 school year. York County Head Start children made gains in all areas of development from the first checkpoint at the beginning of the school year to the last checkpoint. Literacy reflected the most significant increase as the program ended the 2024-2025 school year. The growth demonstrated in the focal area is a reflection of the intentional programming and partnerships that led to increased reading comprehension and understanding among York County Head Start's students.



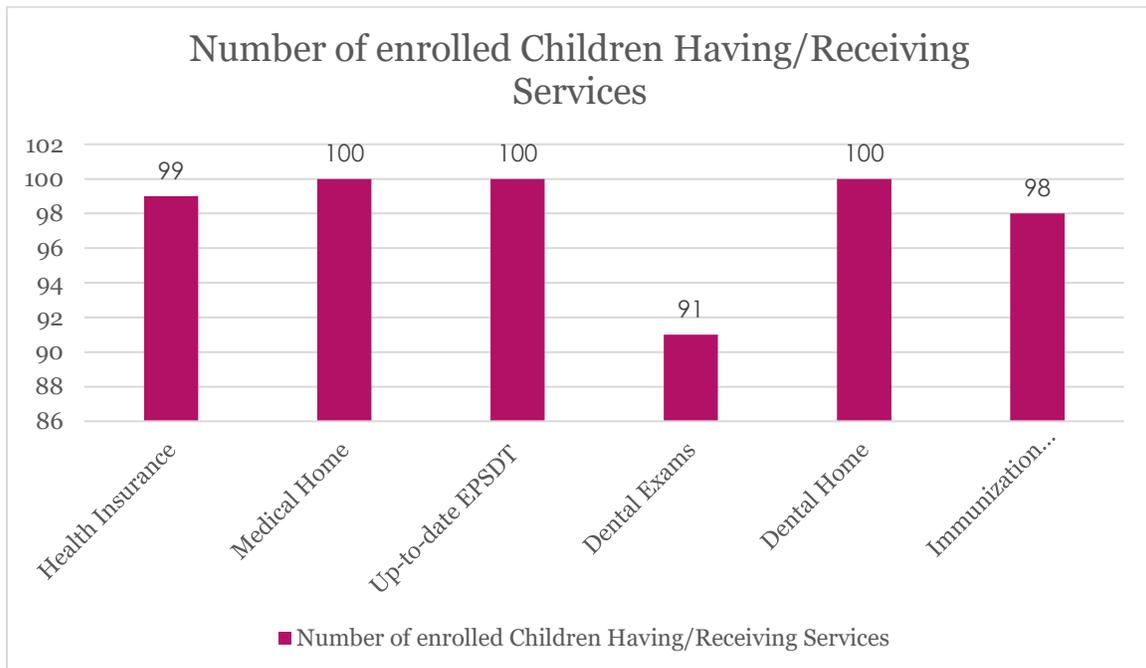
Family Outcomes

To obtain and evaluate family outcomes data each school year, all Head Start families are assessed utilizing the Family Needs Assessment three times a year (e.g., Preliminary, Midyear, and Endyear). The program utilizes information from the Family Needs Assessment to identify the needs of families, evaluate the effectiveness of approaches used to support their well-being, and assist in building the capacity of families to help their child's school readiness. As demonstrated in the chart below, enrolled families made the highest gains in the areas of nurturing relationships, school readiness, and leadership advocacy. The families at the Griffin-Yeates center demonstrated the most gains in the aforementioned areas. Growth opportunities for families were reflected in the areas of Promoting Primary Language, Transportation, Education, Training, and Life Goals.



Child Health Outcomes

Head Start staff work with parents and local health providers to complete screenings, child observations, and family education to address students' health and nutritional needs. Parents are empowered to be involved in all aspects of their child's health. As demonstrated in the chart below, we were able to ensure that children were connected to dental and medical homes, received their immunizations, and maintained their health insurance. The program's partnership with Olde Town Medical and Dental Center played an instrumental role in connecting students and families with appropriate medical and dental care.



FY25 Activities and Accomplishments

York County Head Start completed several activities with our families, students, and staff during the 2024-2025 school year. Some of our activities included:

- Developed a pilot program with Abundant Life Partners that provided the program's classrooms with social-emotional/mental health support from qualified providers.
- Initiated a program with the William & Mary AmeriCorps program that provided our students and families with increased access to literacy and social-emotional resources and instruction in the classroom.
- A Fall Festival was held in October 2024. This evening event provided families with multiple opportunities to play with their children, and families were invited to attend a puppet show on-site that highlighted the importance of kindness and inclusion.
- The program's Family Services Coordinator, Health & Nutrition Coordinator, and Director were selected and participated in a Staff Wellness Institute, promoted by the Office of Head Start in January 2025.
- The Family Services and Health & Nutrition team completed certifications in Adult Mental Health First Aid in April 2025.
- In April 2025, to help prepare our families for the transition to Kindergarten, students were able to visit and explore a Kindergarten classroom at their local school.
- In May 2025, we celebrated students' participation in the program at our annual Stepping Up ceremonies for all York County Head Start sites.



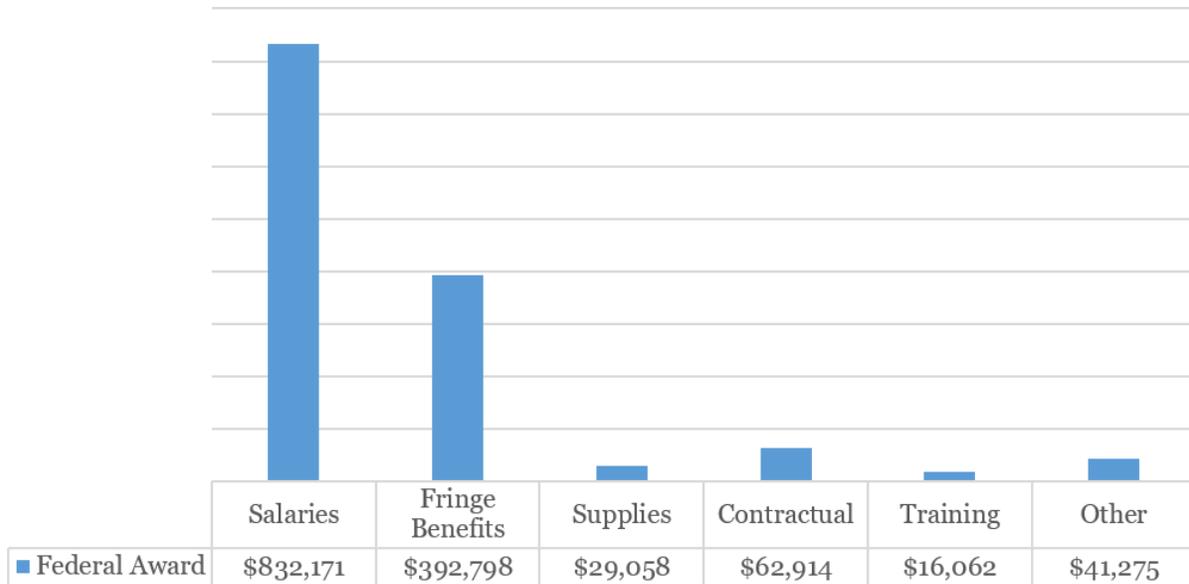
Financial Statement for FY25

York County is a recipient agency of the Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children & Families Office of Head Start. For 2024-2025, the Office of Head Start awarded York County \$1,374,853 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 local funds to support the Head Start program to meet the 20% required non-federal match.

REVENUE & EXPENSES

OHS Five-year Grant (7/1/2023-6/30/28)	FY25 Revenue	FY25 Expenses	FY26 Budget
Federal Award	\$1,374,853	\$1,374,940	\$1,374,278
Non-federal Share	\$344,405	\$344,405	\$343,570
Supplemental Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0

FY26 Budget Projections



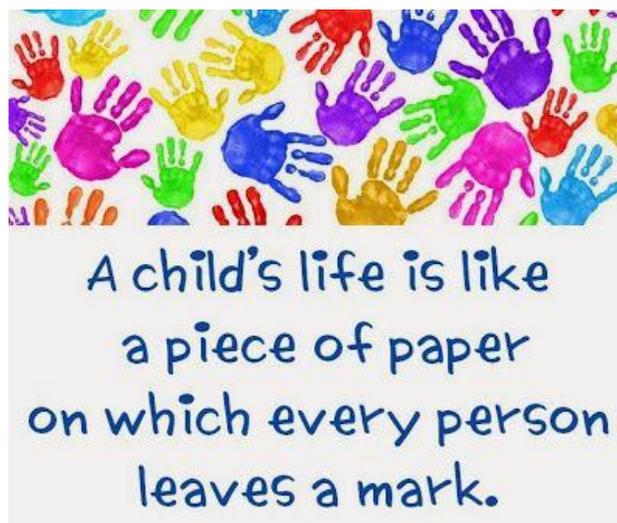
Looking Ahead: FY26!

The Office of Head Start requires all Head Start recipient agencies to conduct a thorough Community Assessment (CA) every five years and an annual update to identify needs in their catchment area. The CA is a compilation of data obtained from internal and external stakeholders, census data, community information, and other public data sources. Programs use information from the Community Assessment process to:

- Develop short and long-range goals.
- Guide program and service implementation.
- Identify recruitment needs and program locations.
- Determine recruitment and selection criteria.

The findings from our 2024–2025 Community Assessment have guided the development of our strategies and program plans as we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year. Moving forward, York County will focus on the following priorities in partnership with our community, children, and families:

- Develop strategies to engage dual language families as their population continues to grow in York County.
- Build our community partnerships to learn and gain access to resources that can be helpful to our families who demonstrate a need for affordable housing.
- Explore ways to enhance our support for families that need affordable childcare and preschool options.
- Deepen our relationship with community partners that specialize in social-emotional resources for students and families.



Thank You!

York County's Division of Children and Family Services/Head Start would like to thank York County's Board of Supervisors, Policy Council members, and Administration for their leadership and support. Because of their ongoing support of Head Start, York County is preparing preschoolers for elementary school by providing appropriate services, learning opportunities, and parent engagement for these young scholars and their families.

Note: A copy of the most recent York County Head Start Annual Report and Head Start Federal Review 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/headstart>.

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