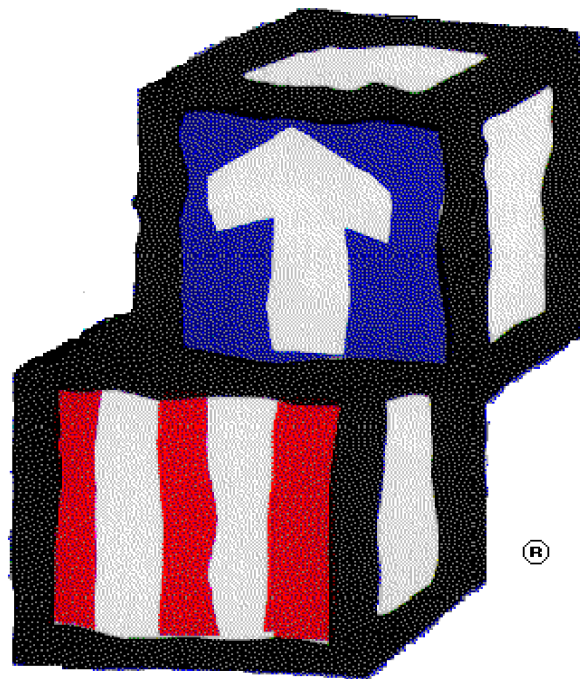




YMCA OF FREDERICK COUNTY

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT[®]
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FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Head Start Annual Report 2023-2024



The **Mission** of the YMCA of Frederick County Head Start program is to provide families of limited income with comprehensive services promoting school readiness and family engagement through a variety of partnerships to meet the needs of the Frederick Community.

Program Overview

The YMCA of Frederick County Head Start Program operated 8 full day classrooms in 5 centers during the 2023-2024 school year, serving 130 children. The program had 2 centers in the Housing Authority of the City of Frederick buildings (Bernard Brown and Lucas Village), 1 center in a City-owned facility (Staley), 1 center in a privately owned Child Care Center (the Carl and Norma Miller Children’s Center at Frederick Community College), and 2 centers within the the YMCA of Frederick County facilities (Y Arts Center and the Birth to Five Child Development Center Center).

The program was able to operate a summer enrichment program for 30 children (7 week session in 2 classrooms (YMCA Birth to Five Child Development Center) through supplemental grant funding received by the Maryland Department of Education.

Annual Financial Audit

Following the completion of the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit of the YMCA of Frederick County by RKL, LLP, the YMCA’s Board of Directors reviewed and approved the auditor’s Audit report of the Financial Statements along with reports on Internal Controls and Compliance. There were no findings.

Revenues & Expenditures

July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024

Head Start Grant.....	\$2,763,555
Head Start Covid Grant.....	\$16,415
MSDE.....	\$64,792
USDA/Child Care Food Program.....	\$119,283
Program Income Earned.....	\$36,079
In-kind	\$560,732

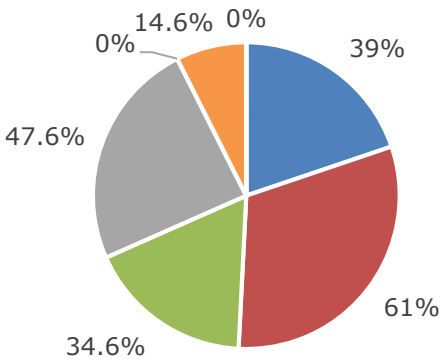
Total Revenues.....\$3,560,856

Personnel/Fringe.....	\$2,185,207
Supplies.....	\$158,986
Contracted Services.....	\$107,415
Other Operating Costs/Services.....	\$642,605
In-kind Services/Occupancy.....	\$466,643

Total Expenditures.....\$3,560,856

Our Population

Diversity
Race & Ethnicity of Enrolled
Children



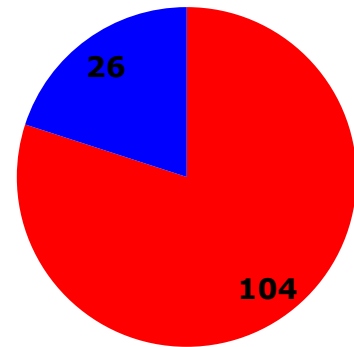
■ Hispanic or Latino
■ Non Hispanic

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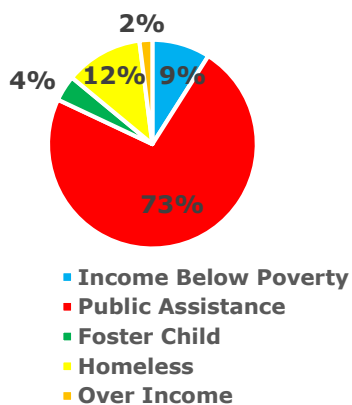
Age of Enrolled Children

■ 3 yr olds
■ 4 yr olds



This was the second year of enrollment for 9% of the 4-year-olds

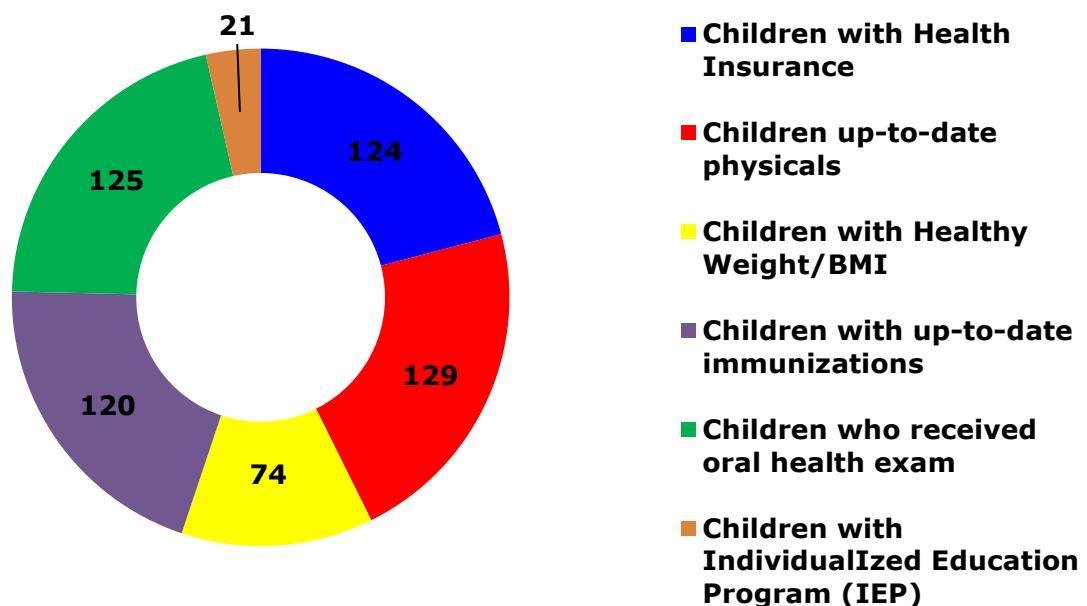
Income Status - Enrolled Participants



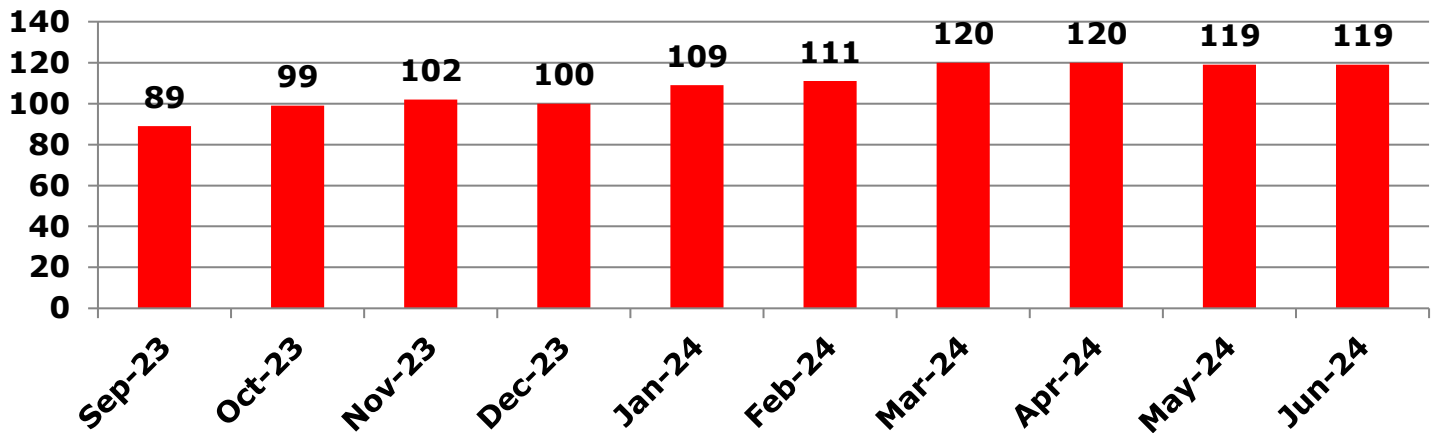
Parent & Community Involvement

The YMCA of Frederick County Head Start encourages all enrolled families to be involved in all aspects of the program. Parents participate in Parent meetings and Policy Council, and various training opportunities throughout the year, including: Financial Wellness/Budgeting, Fire prevention, Grief and Loss Caregiver Support, Safe Toys for Young Children, Emergency Preparedness, Nutrition & Wellness, and Dental Health. The program also utilizes the Ready Rosie Parent Engagement Curriculum.

Child Health Services



Average Monthly Enrollment (funded enrollment = 242)



Preparing Children for Kindergarten

The YMCA of Frederick County Head Start program's vision is to strengthen our diverse community by empowering families, staff, and partners to successfully advocate for children and families to reach their fullest potential for a better future. An essential component in assisting us in meeting this call to action is our efforts to prepare children for kindergarten.

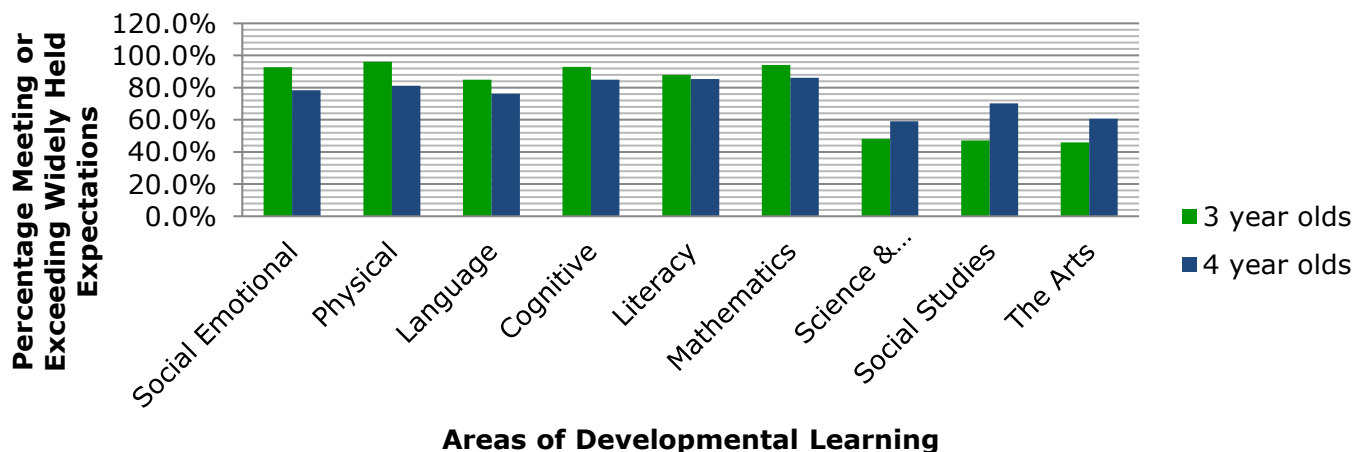
We utilize the Creative Curriculum for Pre-School, which encompasses all areas of child development and early learning, and is aligned with the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, the Maryland State Department of Education Early Learning Standards, and Frederick County Public Schools' Pre-K Standards. We individualize instruction so that all children grow and develop while in our program.

Teachers receive regular feedback on their effectiveness using the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool and the Teaching Strategies Fidelity tool. All classroom staff have a professional development plan that indicates performance goals and strategies to successfully attain them that is reviewed at monthly supervision meetings.

Teachers regularly observe our children to measure their development, and are assessed at three checkpoints throughout the school year using the Teaching Strategies GOLD, an observational assessment that clearly links to our curriculum and lesson planning.

Head Start teachers support families with their child's transition to kindergarten through collaboratively developing a written transition plan that is reflective of their individual child's strengths and needs.

Child Assessment Data



*Child Assessment data shown is at the completion of Spring Checkpoint, May 2024