

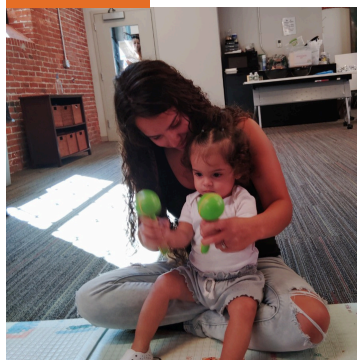


# ANNUAL REPORT

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HEALTH FEDERATION OF PHILADELPHIA  
EARLY HEAD START

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# INTRODUCTION

The 2025 program year was a powerful testament to the strength, dedication, and resilience of the Health Federation of Philadelphia's Early Head Start program. From December 2024 through November 2025, our team continued to deliver high-quality, comprehensive services to infants, toddlers, and families—even amid significant federal and system-level changes.

Through strong fiscal stewardship, responsive planning, and enhanced outreach efforts, the program exceeded its newly adjusted funded enrollment by late summer and strengthened internal systems that support long-term sustainability. These efforts ensured continuity of care and reinforced our commitment to accountability and excellence.

Most importantly, children and families thrived. Positive child development outcomes, especially gains in language, social-emotional, and cognitive development, reflect the deep partnerships between families and staff and the consistent quality of home-based services.

Family feedback and staff collaboration guided meaningful improvements throughout the year, strengthening engagement, communication, and program effectiveness.

This annual report celebrates a year of progress, partnership, and purpose. It highlights a program that met challenges with action, embraced opportunities for growth, and remained focused on what matters most: supporting families and ensuring every child has a strong, healthy beginning.

Early Head Start is a federally funded child development and family support program that focuses on school readiness for children birth to three.

The Health Federation of Philadelphia has been an Early Head Start grantee of the Office of Head Start since 1997.

We provide comprehensive services through the home-based option. These services include early childhood education, disabilities services (screening and referral), health tracking, nutrition assessment and education, parent education and family support via connection to community resources and mental health consultation.

#### Our mission

To support the growth and development of parents so they can support the growth and development of their child(ren)



## EHS Policy Council Retreat

## 2024-2025 FEDERAL REVIEW

In June 2025, the Office of Head Start (OHS) designated our Health Federation of Philadelphia Early Head Start program as chronically underenrolled, pursuant to Section 641A(h)(5) of the Head Start Act.

As a result, OHS determined that our Early Head Start program's base grant funding and enrollment levels must be reduced due to unsatisfactory progress toward achieving full enrollment over the past 12 months.

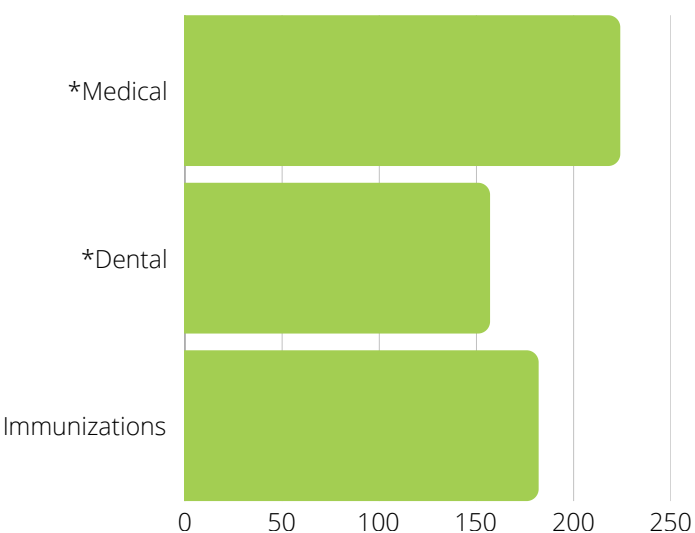
Our funded enrollment was reduced from 159 to 148.

### Program Information Report (PIR) 2024-25

## MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXAMS

The number of children who are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventative and primary health and dental care.

**Source: Program Information Report 2024-2025.**



\*This data reflects the number of medical records received from the primary care provider.

## Parent Involvement Activities

New Parent Orientation  
Policy Council  
Parent Committee  
Policy Council Retreat

PEP Talks (Parenting Education)  
Tea & Wellness  
Personal Care Pantry  
Chair Yoga/Meditation  
First Families Café  
WOAR Series

### Community Events

Community Baby Safety Shower  
Community Providers Networking  
Breakfast

## School Readiness Activities

- Education Home Visits
- Developmental Assessments
- Group Socializations in English and Spanish
- Transition Socialization
- First Book monthly book distribution

### In-person Trips to:

- Please Touch Museum
- Kith + Kin (play space)

### Family Engagement Events

- Spring has Sprung
- Spring into Summer
- Fall Into Fun
- Winter Wonderland



# Funds received Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025

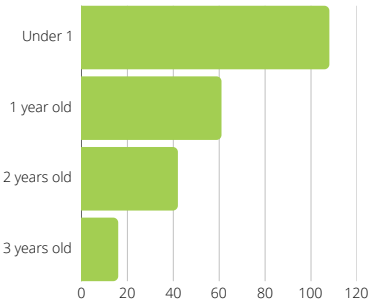
Funding Source: Office of Head Start

## FY25 Budget

Budget Category	Program Operations	Training & Technical Assistance	Non-Federal Share
Personnel	\$1,672,919	\$0	\$0
Fringe Benefits	\$535,334	\$0	\$0
Travel	\$0	\$32,085	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$55,436	\$0	\$8,527
Contractual	\$0	\$0	\$0
Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$382,978	\$22,030	\$719,115
Total Direct Charges	\$2,646,667	\$54,115	\$727,642
Indirect Charges	\$209,784	\$0	\$0
Total FY24	\$2,856,451	\$54,115	\$727,642

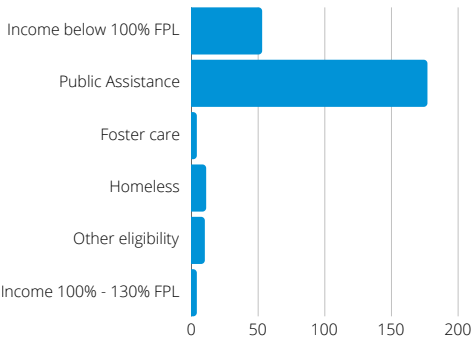
## ENROLLMENT

### Enrollment by age



Total cumulative enrollment 2024-2025  
Children = 227  
Prenatal = 32

### Enrollment by eligibility



### Average Monthly Enrollment

December 2024 -  
November 2025

100%

Based on the reduced funded enrollment

