



Head Start Annual Report 2022-2023



The Guidance Center's Head Start program provides comprehensive services to Early Head Start and Preschool children and their families in 21 communities in the Downriver area and Southwestern Wayne County.

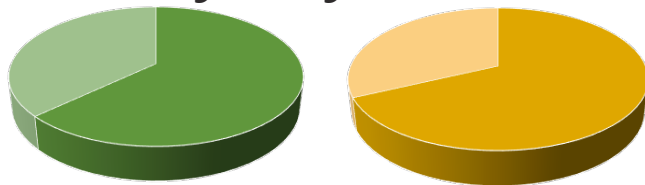
Enrollment Information

128 children transitioned to kindergarten at the end of the school year.



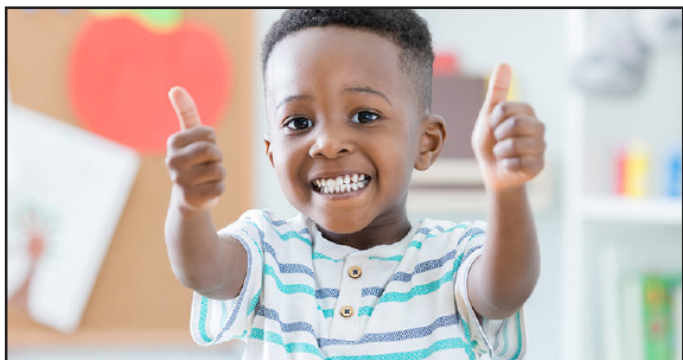
11 children transitioned from Early Head Start to Head Start.

Average Daily Attendance



Early Head Start: **60%** Head Start: **71%**

During 2022-23, Early Head Start enrolled 6 children with an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and Head Start enrolled 34 children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Most were children deemed eligible for special education services under speech and language impairment (SPLI), early childhood developmental delay (ECDD) and, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



During 2022/23 more than **97** total staff were employed in Early Head Start/Head Start program, with more than **30%** being former or current Early Head Start/Head Start parents.



73% Average monthly enrollment for Early Head Start/Head Start.

The Guidance Center served

118 Early Head Start & 400 Head Start

children throughout the program year, both income eligible and over income, with no more than 10% of the children being over income.

During 2022/23, services were provided at **6** sites in our community:

**Belleville-Owen
Lincoln Park
River Rouge
Romulus
Taylor-Fisher
Taylor-New Hope**



Collaboration Highlights

The program maintains a strong focus on collaboration. We rely on the generous support of local human service programs, businesses, city government, and 19 local educational agencies (school districts), service clubs, the faith-based community and other organizations for their partnerships which bring valuable resources and support to the program. With a comprehensive continuum of care, The Guidance Center internal programs also provide valuable support, both within the Center for Early Childhood as well as with other Guidance Center Programs.

This year, our program collaborated with Western Wayne Family Health Centers, the Mobile Dentist Smiles Program and the Wayne County Health Department Hearing and

Vision to host five Summer Health Screenings at our sites where 92 of our families participated to complete their children's health and educational screenings before the start of the 2022-23 program year.

Our program partnered with local donors and community organizations to provide "Adopt-a-Family" holiday assistance to 9 of our Early Head Start/Head Start families with the highest needs during the holiday season. The families who were selected to participate were provided with food, personal care items, clothing, shoes, toys and so much more.

This year our program partnered with Wayne Metro to implement the SEEDings for College Program. This program assisted families in starting child savings accounts to

put aside funds for their children's college education. Throughout the 2022-23 program year, 147 accounts were open.

During the 22-23 program year, we partnered with PEDALS (positive emotional development and learning skills) which provides various levels of support to all of our Head Start teachers using a consulting and coaching model. PEDALS concentrates on improving the social and emotional skills of our children using five components which includes the Second Step social and emotional early childhood education curriculum, coaching in the Head Start classrooms, screening tools and connections to child and teacher support, data evaluation for improvement and sustainability planning.

Art in the Park

On Saturday, October 1, 2022 over 200 adults and children joined The Guidance Center's Nurture the Future, Early Head Start and Head Start Program at Thorn Park in Brownstown for our first Art in the Park Event. Families has lots of FUN decorating pumpkins, playing with bubbles and chalk, listening to Beverly the Music Lady, getting their faces painted and enjoying lunch.



Health Information

As the COVID-19 restrictions began to decrease, we centered our focus on helping families establish a connection with medical and dental homes. We continued to work with community organizations such as Western Wayne Family Health Centers, Wayne County Health Department Hearing and Vision, Mobile Dentist and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) to provide additional support for our children and families.

Head Start Students: 445

25% received physicals
22% received dental care
93% received immunizations



Head Start
Medical
Homes:
423 (95%)



Head Start
Medical
Insurance:
423 (95%)

Early Head Start Students: 102

49% received well-child exams
34% received oral care
94% received immunizations



Early Head
Start Medical
Homes:
90 (88%)



Early Head
Start Medical
Insurance:
90 (88%)

Parent Engagement Highlights

Family Engagement is a core component of our program and offers a wide variety of opportunities throughout the year. We now implement an in-person and virtual family engagement strategy to help serve all of our staff, children and families which allows them to actively participate in our program in a variety of ways.



Parents participated in virtual parent committees at their individual sites, working together to

plan events and programming for their children. At the agency level, parents from all the parent committees along with members of the community served on the virtual Policy Council. The council functions as a shared decision-making group. In consultation with staff, the council helped with program planning to develop budgets, set short term goals, establish and revise policies and procedures which had an impact on a number of core program functions.

506 volunteers gave their time, with 468 being Early Head Start and Head Start parents.

72% of families worked on their family goals.

This year we continued to implement **ReadyRosie**, a researched based parenting curriculum, family engagement and early learning resource that supports child development and parenting skills. ReadyRosie harnesses the power of video and mobile technology to empower families and schools to work together to

promote school readiness. The program provides short model moment videos for families with simple, quick and fun activities which are rooted in the learning goals for children. We connected more than 400 families to the ReadyRosie system, with 324 of those families actively using the program throughout the year. Our families completed a total of 9,941 videos which provides us with 15 minutes of in-kind per video. We have accrued 2,485.28 hours of in-kind with a return of \$57,057.31.

184 Fathers/father figures engaged in program activities.

Each year, our program partners with The Guidance Center's **Family Literacy Program** funded by PNC Bank to provide free family literacy events at our Head Start sites. This program year, 4 literacy events were held at the Southgate, Romulus, Lincoln Park, and Taylor sites where each family in attendance received free books and a literacy activity bag to take home. These events also allowed our families to come together for an afternoon of activities, crafts, snacks, raffles & resources.

Throughout the 2022-23 program year, we partnered with TGC's Nurture the Future program to host several workshops, trainings and family engagement events. Our large family events included **Art in the Park, DinomYTE Dads, Book Give-a-way, and Family Fun Day** which provided our families with fun age appropriate activities, crafts, food, books, resources and give-a-ways. We also hosted several workshops and trainings covering topics such as gun safety, self-care, children's developmental milestones and kindergarten readiness.

Nutrition Information

Our program works very hard to serve meals to our children that are diverse, nutritious and colorful. Realizing children cannot learn on an empty stomach, we sought to serve fresh fruits and vegetables in season.

We provided:



27,854

Breakfasts



31,020

Lunches



28,053

Snacks



School Readiness Highlights

- During the 2022-23 program year, the Online COR Advantage system was used to aggregate The Guidance Center Early Head Start and Head Start child outcome scores. The COR Advantage assessments are conducted three times per school year.
- Our Early Head Start and Head Start Teaching Staff continued to use the COR Advantage to assess the gains made by the children from Time 1 marking period to Time 3 marking period. Gains were made in each of the domains measured with the most significant gains in Physical Development and Health (Gross Motor) and Approaches to Learning.
- During the 2022-23 program year, we hosted a virtual Developmental Workshop Series Milestones Matter which included 3 workshops different workshops with the first two focusing on child development from ages birth to 36 months and the preschool years ages 3 to 6. Families received information on their child's development and activities they can do at home to support their child's learning while enrolled in our program. For the last workshop focused on Kindergarten Readiness and Transitions. We partnered with the River Rouge School District to provide families with information about how they can prepare their children for kindergarten, a typical day in a kindergarten classroom and what they can do at home to support their child's successful transition.

Family Fun Day

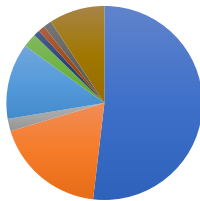
We had lots of fun on June 8, 2023 when over 300 adults and children joined The Guidance Center's Nurture the Future program along with The Guidance Center's Early Head Start & Head Start and Taylor Community Library at Heritage Park in Taylor.

Families enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the park, crafts, bubble fun, a free book and giveaways, community resources, and dinner provided by Norm's Catering. It was a fun summertime evening event!



Head Start Financial Information

Head Start/Early Head Start Budget PY 22-23



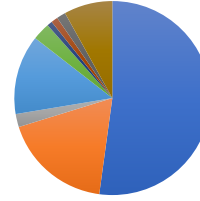
Salaries / Contractual - \$4,618,930	Fringe Benefits - \$1,645,438
Supplies - \$183,463	Equipment - \$0
Occupancy - \$1,127,232	Food - \$205,871
Other Expenses - \$90,119	Training - \$97,033
Insurance / Legal / Audit - \$122,608	COVID Funds - \$818,831

Total Head Start / Early Head Start Budget: \$8,909,525

Head Start Program (Federal Funds): \$7,884,823
 Head Start COVID (Federal Funds)*: \$818,831
 USDA Child Food Program - CACFP (Federal Funds): \$205,871

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Head Start/Early Head Start Expenditures PY 22-23



Salaries / Contractual - \$4,586,287	Fringe Benefits - \$1,586,619
Supplies - \$191,857	Equipment - \$0
Occupancy - \$1,164,553	Food - \$256,913
Other Expenses - \$75,976	Training - \$97,033
Insurance / Legal / Audit - \$131,454	COVID Expenditures - \$705,672

Total Head Start / Early Head Start Expenditures: \$8,796,366

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**HS COVID Funds carry over to 6/30/23*

Per TGC Financial Audit FY 20-21 (Most recent Audit Report)

Received an Unqualified Opinion for FY ending 9/30/22

Total Assets @ 9/30/22: \$26,385,262 | Total Liabilities @ 9/30/22: \$3,166,989 | Net Assets @ 9/30/22: \$23,218,273

The Guidance Center audit of fiscal year 21/22 was completed on January 17, 2023 and was good with an unmodified opinion.

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