



Head Start
2019–20 Annual Report

Infusing joy into all areas of development.



Education is the first and most important step to a better future for children in our community. We are proud to offer a high quality, year-round early childhood educational experience that supports positive child outcomes.

The Head Start program at Center For Family Services promotes school readiness and maximizes opportunities for preschool children and their families to reach their full potential.



Nurturing

a love of learning.

Increasing opportunities for **success through play.**



Our preschool program nurtures children in all aspects of development: social, emotional, cognitive, and physical. We support children in meeting and exceeding developmental expectations in all areas.

We encourage as much learning as possible to prepare children for kindergarten and set them on a path to grade level reading. Early learning is the foundation for long-term success in school and in life. Our talented teachers emphasize learning through play and engage children in creative activities. Education, health, nutrition, and social services create a network of support for every child and family.

Ensuring a strong foundation for a lifetime of learning.





Supporting parents

as their child's first and best teacher.

Our work is rooted in the philosophy that healthy communities start with healthy families. Family engagement is central to our mission of ensuring all children are ready for school. We support parents as their child's primary teacher and nurturer. Parents are encouraged to take an active role in their child's classroom. We guide and prepare parents to advocate for themselves and for their child's long-term success in school.

Our teachers and family service advocates encourage parent involvement and offer parents opportunities for growth, so they can identify their own strengths, needs, and interests. Our two generation approach focuses on supporting both child and parent with the tools and resources for success.



Providing opportunities for families

to join in classroom activities.

Offering healthy meals

served family style.



Health and wellness play an important role in a child's development. Children are provided with a healthy and nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack each day. Children enjoy mealtimes, which are served family style with new food choices introduced on a regular basis and mealtime discussions that involve input from the teachers and all the children.

Opportunities for daily physical exercise add to each child's overall healthy development. Our Family Service Advocates encourage parents to invest in their child's future by adopting healthy choices in their homes.

Providing **60 minutes of exercise** daily.

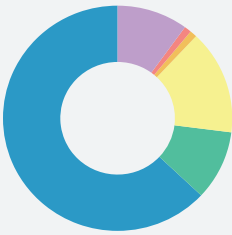


Outcome numbers.

Last year, we served:

681 preschool children, and **640** families in Camden City and County.

Of the families we served:



- 63%** Income at or below poverty line
- 10%** Receiving public assistance
- 15%** Income between 100% and 130% of the poverty line
- 1%** Experiencing homelessness
- 1%** Living in foster care
- 10%** Enrolled as over income



Our average monthly enrollment was **98%**.



84% of children were connected to medical exams.

60
mins

Children were engaged in 60 minutes of physical fitness activities each day.



78% of children were connected to dental exams.

66
students

were connected to a primary medical home, totaling 636 children, an increase of 12% from the 570 students enrolled at the start of the year.

138
children

were connected to dental care, totaling 504 children, up from 366 at the start of the year.

1,021
home visits

Our Teachers and Family Service Advocates completed 1,021 home visits with families last year.

219
parents

participated in parent engagement activities and parents served an average of 931 volunteer hours per month.

46%

On average **46%** of children are experiencing expected or greater than expected growth in all development areas.*

** Unable to be accurately tabulate due to incomplete assessments during Covid.*

Financial report.

Public & Private Support	FY 18 / 19	FY 19 / 20
Source of Public Funds Received		
US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families	9,541,759	9,214,629
Camden Board of Education / Abbott	1,899,752	2,193,345
Child and Adult Care Food Program / USDA	620,659	622,187
NJ Dept. of Human Services	57,905	127,263
NJ Dept. of State / AmeriCorps	226,754	258,180
Lindenwold Board of Education	474,000	472,500
Total	12,820,829	12,888,104
Source of Private Funds		
Campbell Soup	57,500	0
TD Bank	20,000	10,000
Other	786	0
Total	78,286	10,000
Total All Sources	12,899,115	12,898,104
Expenses		
Personnel	6,005,654	6,666,173
Fringe Benefits	1,620,084	1,833,037
Travel	48,207	53,650
Equipment	0	55,000
Supplies	536,255	259,000
Contractual	936,674	760,701
Other Costs	2,895,026	2,386,879
Indirect Costs	860,021	883,664
Total All Expenses	\$12,901,921	\$12,898,104

**The Head Start program at Center For Family Services is funded through an investment from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Head Start.*

