



# Denver Great Kids Head Start Briefing

Health & Safety Committee

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# Agenda

- Head Start History
- Denver Great Kids Head Start Structure
- Financial Breakdown
- Program Outcomes
- Questions

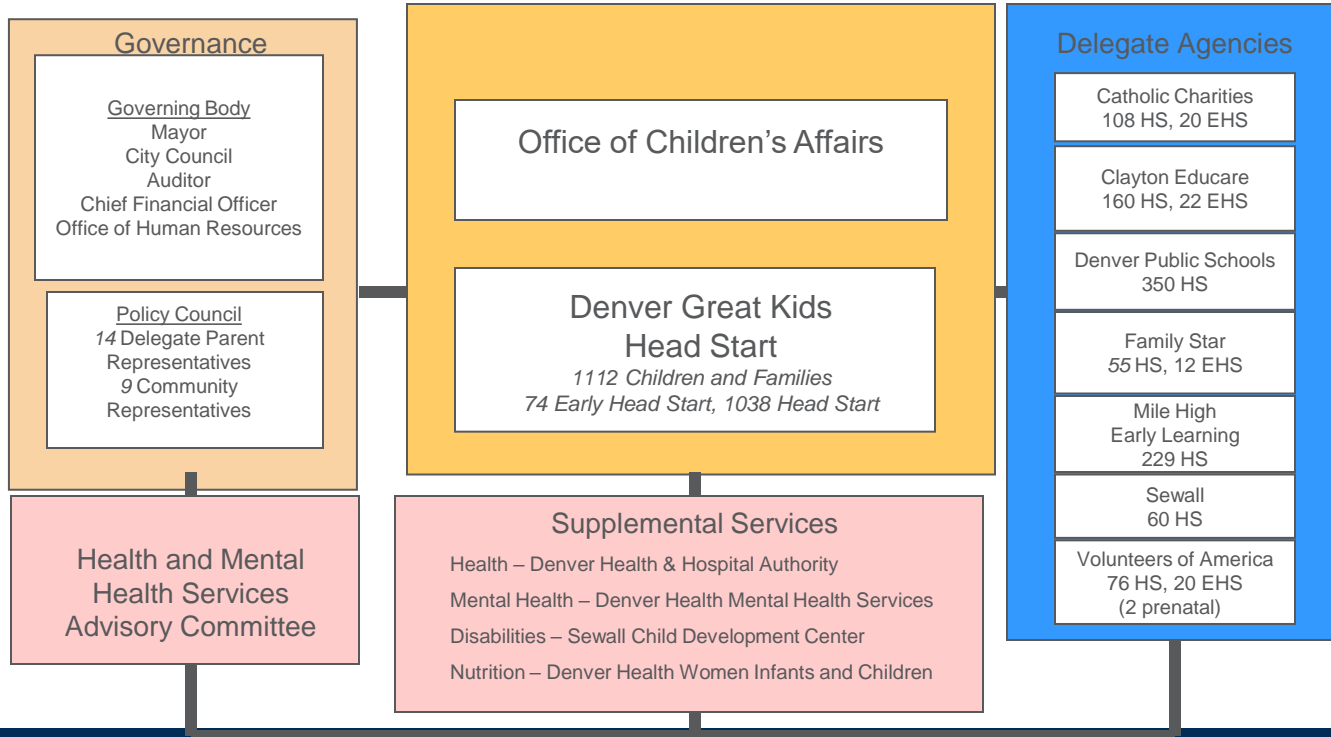


# Head Start History

- 1965 Project Head Start launches
- 1978 Head Start Act expands program to full day/full year
- Builds on two-generational approach by building on family engagement
- 30 million kids served nationally since inception
- The City and County of Denver becomes a Head Start agency in 1997
- Since its inception – DGKHS has served over 35,000 families



# Organizational Structure



# Shared Decision-Making

## Governing Body

- Role Fiscal and Legal Oversight
- Members:
  - Mayor
  - Chief Financial Officer
  - City Auditor
  - Office of Human Resources
  - Member of City Council

## Policy Council

- Role Programmatic Direction and Strategic Guidance
- Members:
  - 14 Parent Representatives from Delegate Agencies
  - 9 Community Representatives

# Delegate Agencies



# Vendor Services

- Health
- Disability Services
- Education
- Family Services









# OCA's Role

- Administer the funds and ensure fiscal accountability
- Develop goals for the entire program, providing direction for the seven delegate agencies.
- Monitor all content areas: Health, Disabilities, Education, Family Services, and Management Systems
- Ensure consistent implementation of Head Start Performance Standards
- Ensure continuous improvement by providing parent and staff training
- Staff conduct regular monitoring visits in all Head Start classrooms
  - 88 classrooms
  - 31 centers

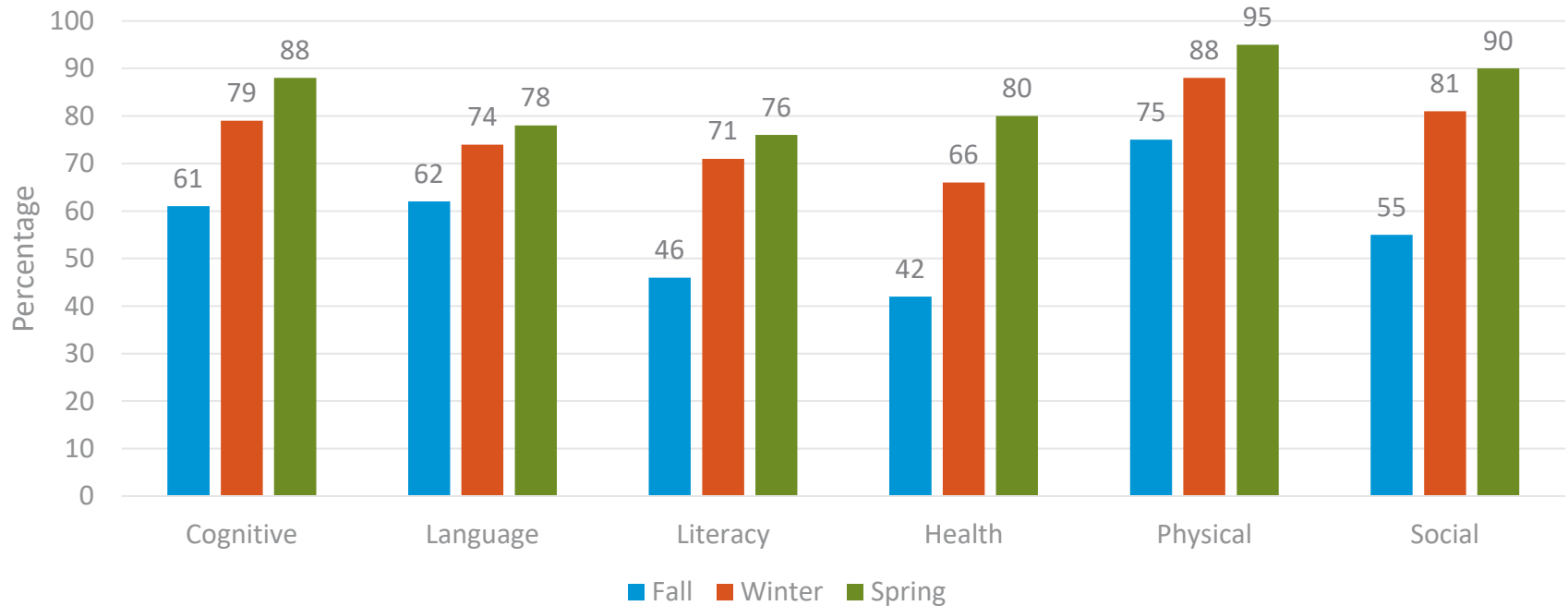


# Financial Breakdown

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|--|-----------------|
| Total Grant Amount                           | \$14,464,060.00 |
| Amount Contracted to Delegates (7 contracts) | \$11,070,036.00 |
| Amount Contracted to Vendors (11 contracts)  | \$1,486,883.00  |
| City Personnel Costs                         | \$1,487,501.00  |
| Operational Costs                            | \$419,640.00    |



# Child Outcomes: 2024-2025



# Family Outcome Survey



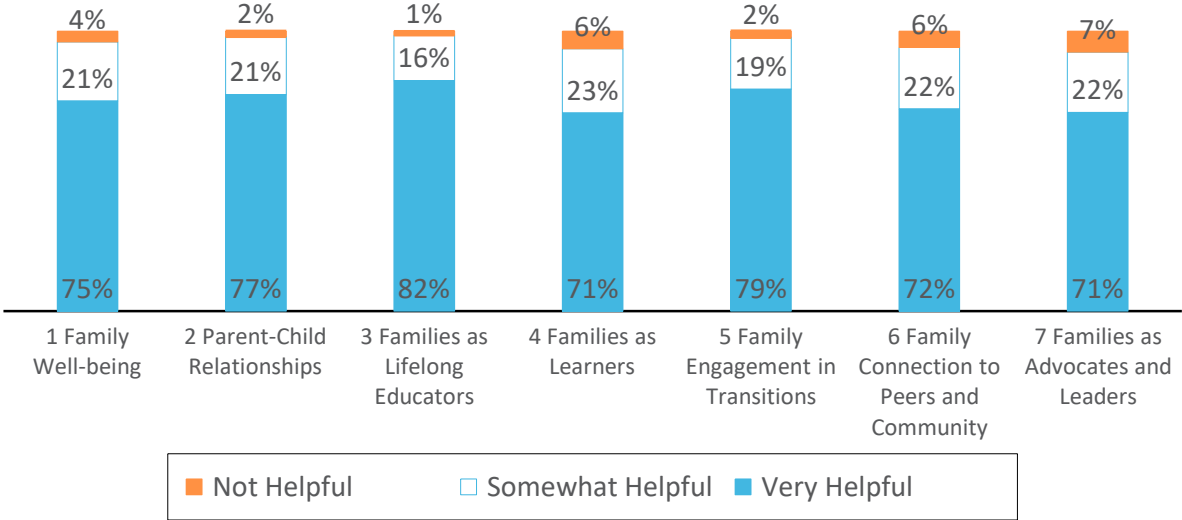
88% of families found the program helpful



92% of families found the program helpful for their child

# How Much Did the Program Help You and Your Family

Percentage by Response



# Questions

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