Denver Great Kids Head Start Briefing

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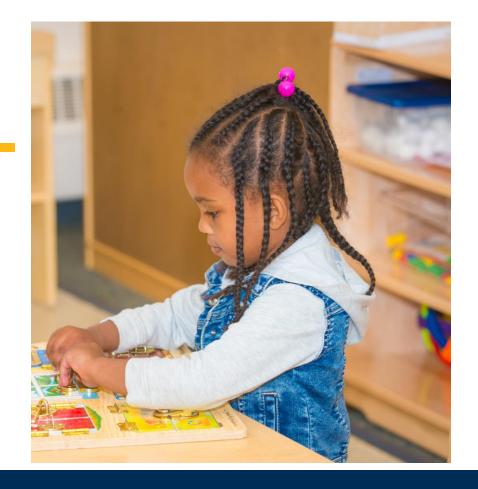
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Agenda

- 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 it's inception DGKHS has served over 35,000 families







Organizational Structure

Governance

Governing Body Mayor

City Council
Auditor
Chief Financial Officer
Office of Human Resources

Policy Council
14 Delegate Parent
Representatives
9 Community
Representatives

Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee Office of Children's Affairs

Denver Great Kids Head Start

1112 Children and Families 74 Early Head Start, 1038 Head Start

Supplemental Services

Health - Denver Health & Hospital Authority

Mental Health – Denver Health Mental Health Services

Disabilities – Sewall Child Development Center

Nutrition - Denver Health Women Infants and Children

Delegate Agencie

Catholic Charities 108 HS, 20 EHS

Clayton Educare 160 HS, 22 EHS

Denver Public Schools 350 HS

> Family Star 55 HS, 12 EHS

Mile High Early Learning 229 HS

> Sewall 60 HS

Volunteers of America 76 HS, 20 EHS (2 prenatal)





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 fromDelegate Agencies9 Community Representatives





Delegate Agencies















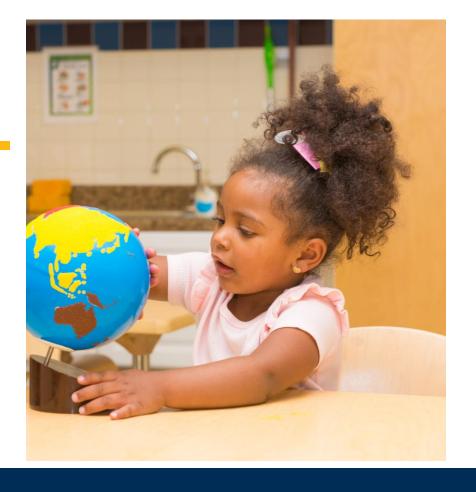






Vendor Services

- Health
- Disability Services
- Education
- Family Services







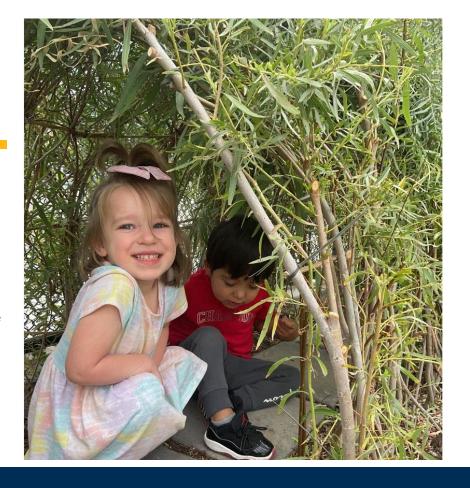


OCA's Role

- 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

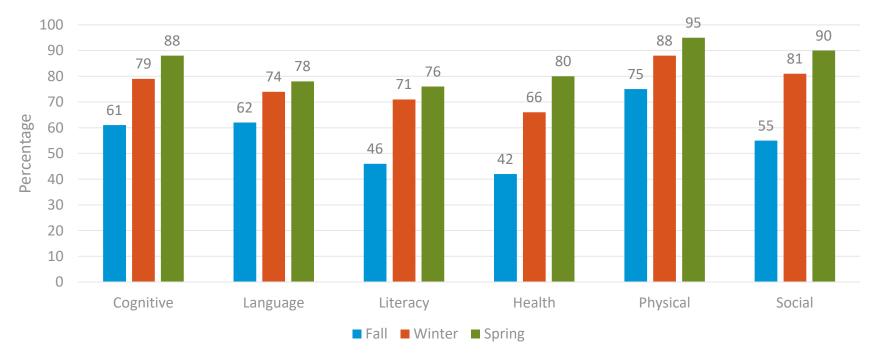
Total Grant Amount	\$14,464,060.00
Amount Contracted to Delegates (7 contracts)	\$11,070,036.00
Amount Contracted to Vendors (11 contracts)	\$1,486,883.00
City Personnel Costs	\$1,487,501.00
Operational Costs	\$419,640.00







Child Outcomes: 2024-2025

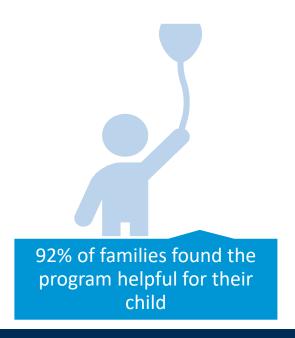






Family Outcome Survey



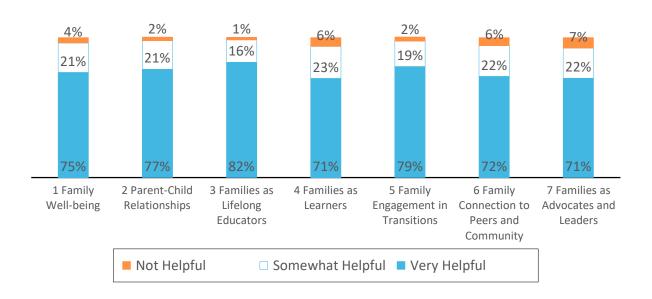






How Much Did the Program Help You and Your Family

Percentage by Response







Questions

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