# Denver Great Kids Head Start Briefing

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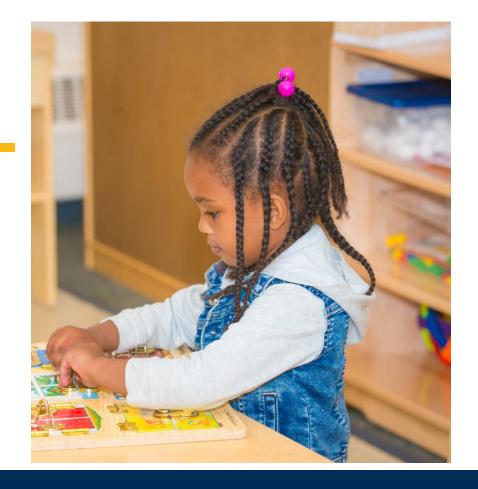
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### Agenda

- 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 1996
- Since it's inception DGKHS has served over 35,000 families







#### Organizational Structure

#### Governance

Governing Body Mayor

City Council
Auditor
Chief Financial Officer
Executive Director of OHR

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













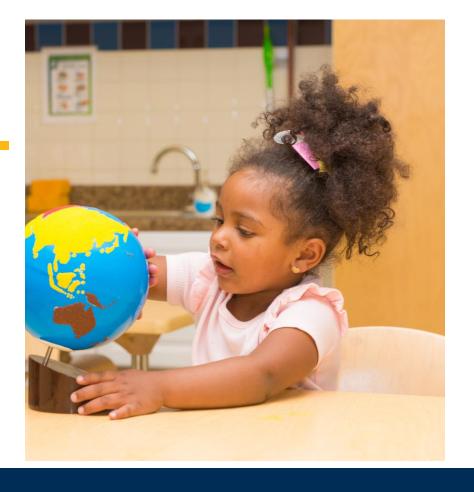






### **Vendor Services**

- Health
- Disability Services
- Education
- Family Services

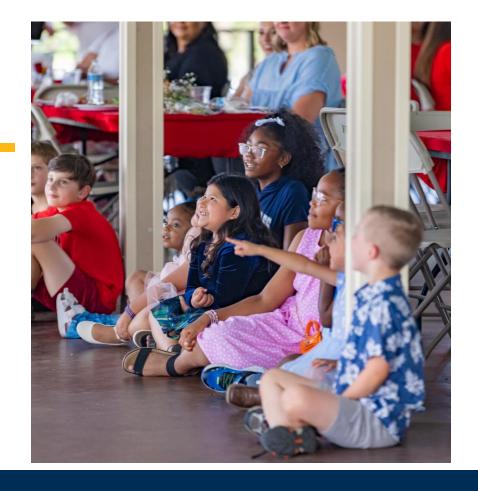






# Five by Five Program

- Access to cultural Experiences
- 23 cultural partners
- Support professional development for providers
- ~79,000 total visits to Fiveby-Five sites in 2025





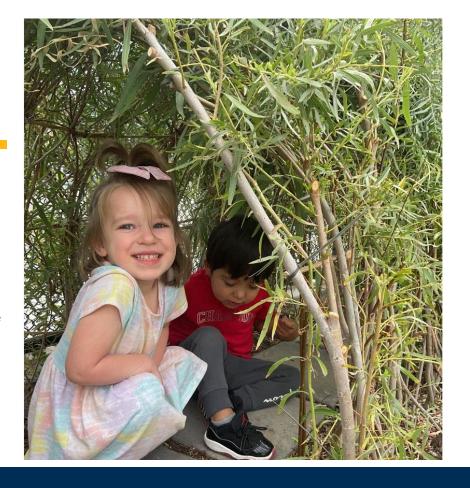


### OCA's Role

- 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

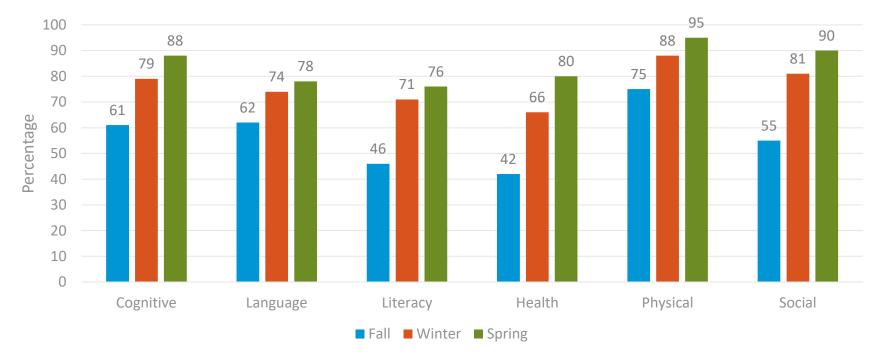
Total Grant Amount	\$14,464,060.00
Amount Contracted to Delegates (7 contracts)	\$11,070,036.00
Amount Contracted to Vendors (11 contracts)	\$1,486,883.00
City Personnel Costs	\$1,487,501.00
Operational Costs	\$419,640.00







### Child Outcomes: 2024-2025

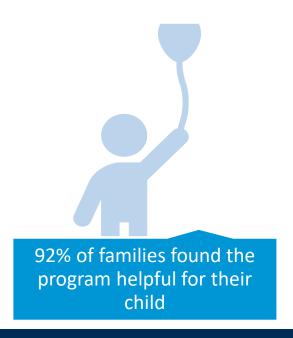






### Family Outcome Survey



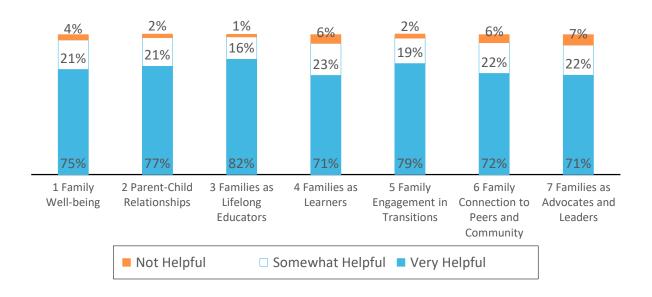






#### How Much Did the Program Help You and Your Family

Percentage by Response







# Questions

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