



Community Action of Orleans & Genesee

Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership

Annual Report

8/1/22 – 7/31/23

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~ Community Action of Orleans and Genesee Mission Statement ~

To provide services, with dignity and respect, that helps people become self-sufficient.

~ Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership Purpose ~

The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership promotes partnerships and resources to provide comprehensive, quality services in child care centers and group family day care sites for income-eligible families with infants and toddlers.

Program History:

In March 2015, Community Action was awarded 1 of 276 national grants to serve 72 children throughout Orleans, Genesee, and Eastern Niagara Counties for working families in need of child care. At the end of the start-up period (July 31, 2016), 7 staff members were hired and 10 partners were secured for 72 children.

Since then we have had very few changes. We now have 6 partners (all who were with us in 2016) and 58 child placements. Prior to COVID we had full-enrollment. Despite challenges of COVID we have maintained the same Partners, had few program staff changes and have been able maintain the value of the services at our Partner sites. As of 6/23 we are on a full-enrollment plan and feel confident we will be able to continue serving 58 children/families in the future.

This report covers the time period of 8/1/2022 – 7/31/2023, which aligns with our program/funding year and PIR reporting.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Poverty has increased with a higher concentration in Albion, Medina, and the southwest side of Batavia.

Disability rates have increased. Funding for and availability of Service Providers has decreased.

Both counties have lead levels that are higher than NY average.

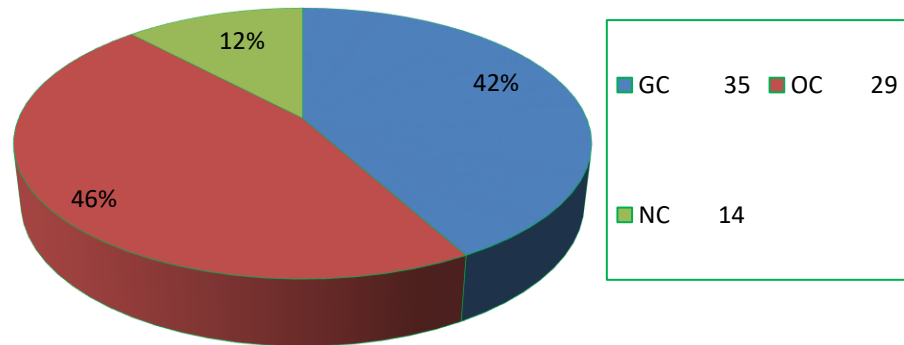
The impact of COVID for families and day care providers was very difficult. We assisted our Partners and families through the pandemic.

Housing in both Orleans and Genesee Counties is overcrowded, Section 8 housing has a long waiting list, and unsafe and unsanitary homes are on the rise.

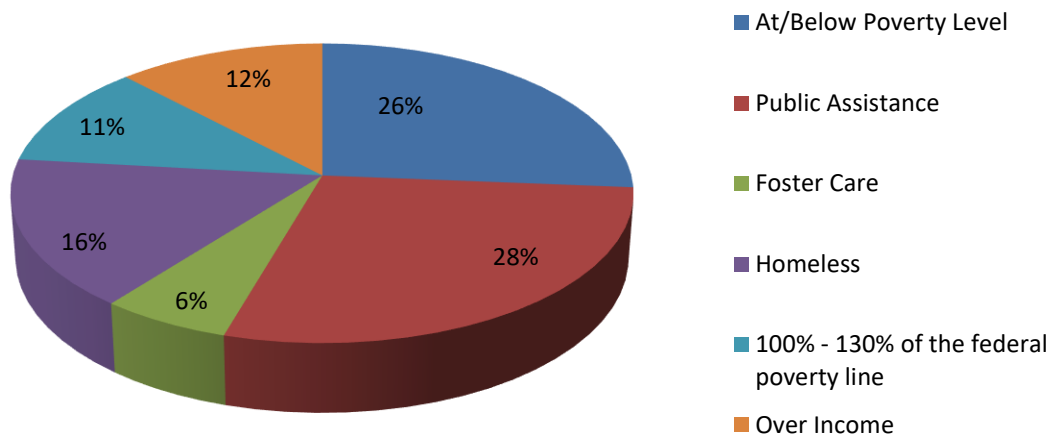
There is an area need for affordable child care in general and child care subsidy needs exceed the available funding, especially in Genesee County.

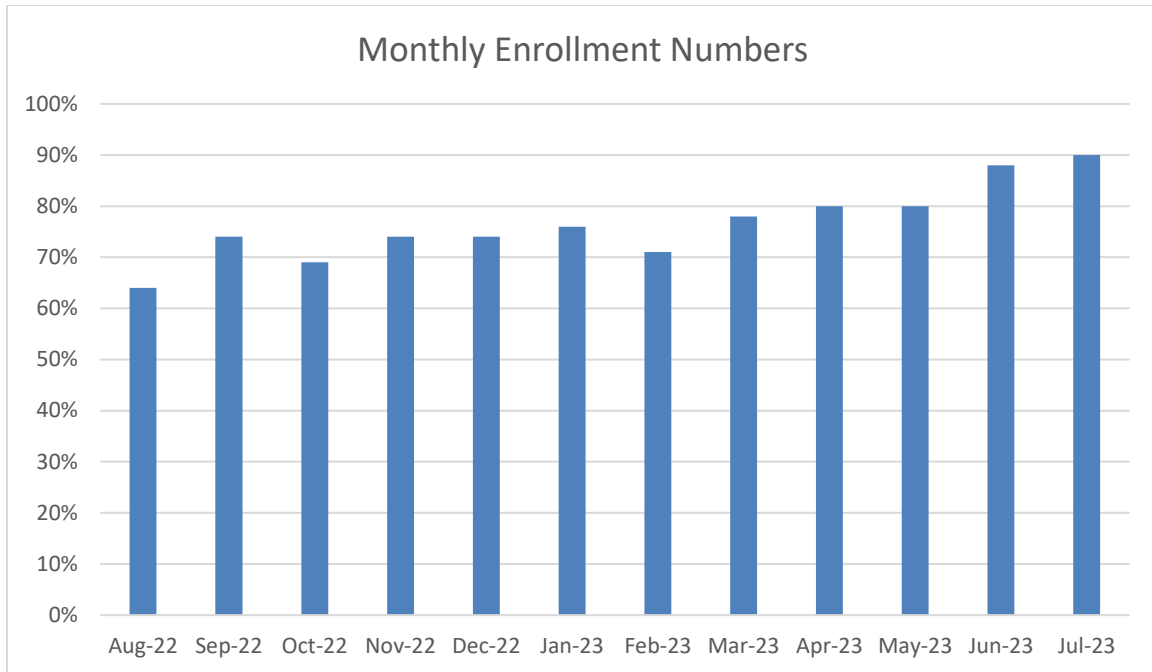
Enrollment Information

Children Served - 78 (Funded Enrollment 58)



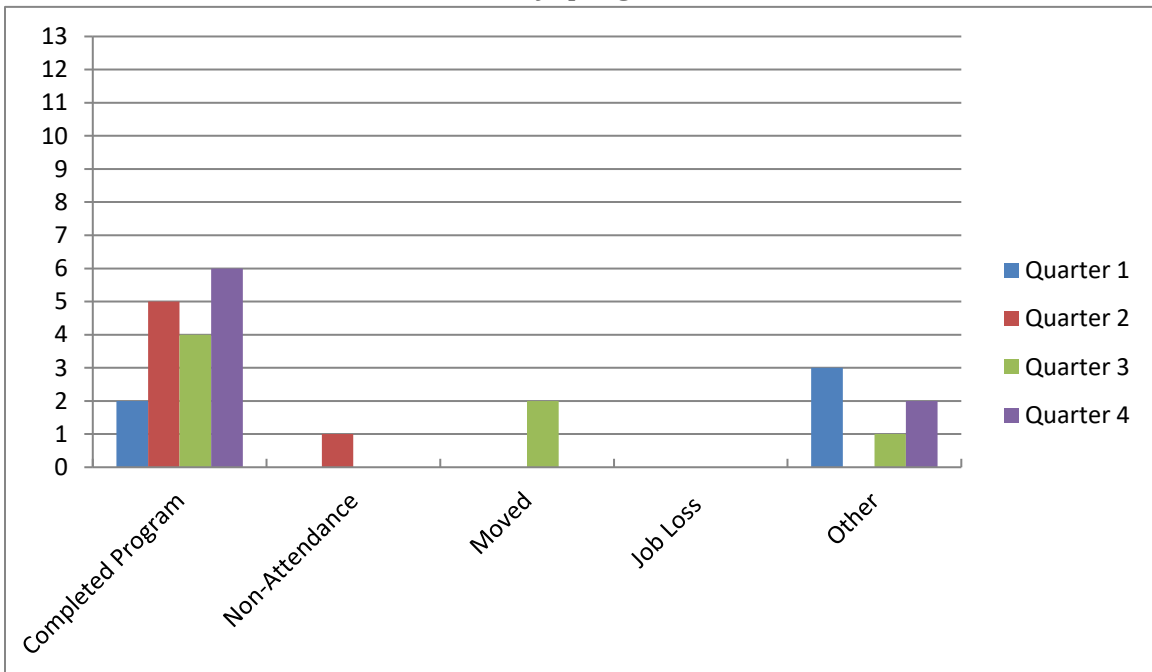
Eligibility





Child Turn-Over Analysis

26 total children left program in 2022-2023



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Partner Information (2022-2023 program year)

Orleans County:

Partner	Modality	Contracted Number	# of Children Served
Little Leapers	Day Care Center	14	20
P.Raising Kids	Day Care Center	12	9



Niagara County:

Partner	Modality	Contracted Number	# of Children Served
Kandyland Kids	Day Care Center	12	14



Genesee County:

Partner	Modality	Contracted Number	# of Children Served
Imagination Station	Day Care Center	8	14
Lucky Ducky	Day Care Center	8	14
Teddy Bear Day Care	Group Family Day Care	4	7





Health Information



100% of the 78 children had a medical home by end of enrollment



89 % of children were up-to-date on NYS-required immunizations at the end of program year

83% of children were lacking only voluntary HepA or Flu immunizations but still considered up to date for NYS

Of the 78 children served, 31% were up-to-date on well-baby checks by the end of the program year

At the end of the program year, so many were not up-to-date due to the continued impacts of COVID-19. Many families either had a difficult time getting children into an appointment or were delayed due to COVID concerns, setting them behind schedule.

Well-Baby



88% were screened for hearing and vision (10% were new and not able to be screened before 7/31 date;

31% were up to date on all well-baby checks. Difficulty obtaining all checks from Drs in our area- ex. some don't complete 30- month well-baby checks



52% of children had established dental homes

2022 - 2023 Program Year

8/1/2022 – 7/31/2023

Education Information:

Disabilities:

- 5 children (6%) served were diagnosed and receiving services through EI
- 6 children (7%) received referrals for EI and were on a waiting list for evaluation

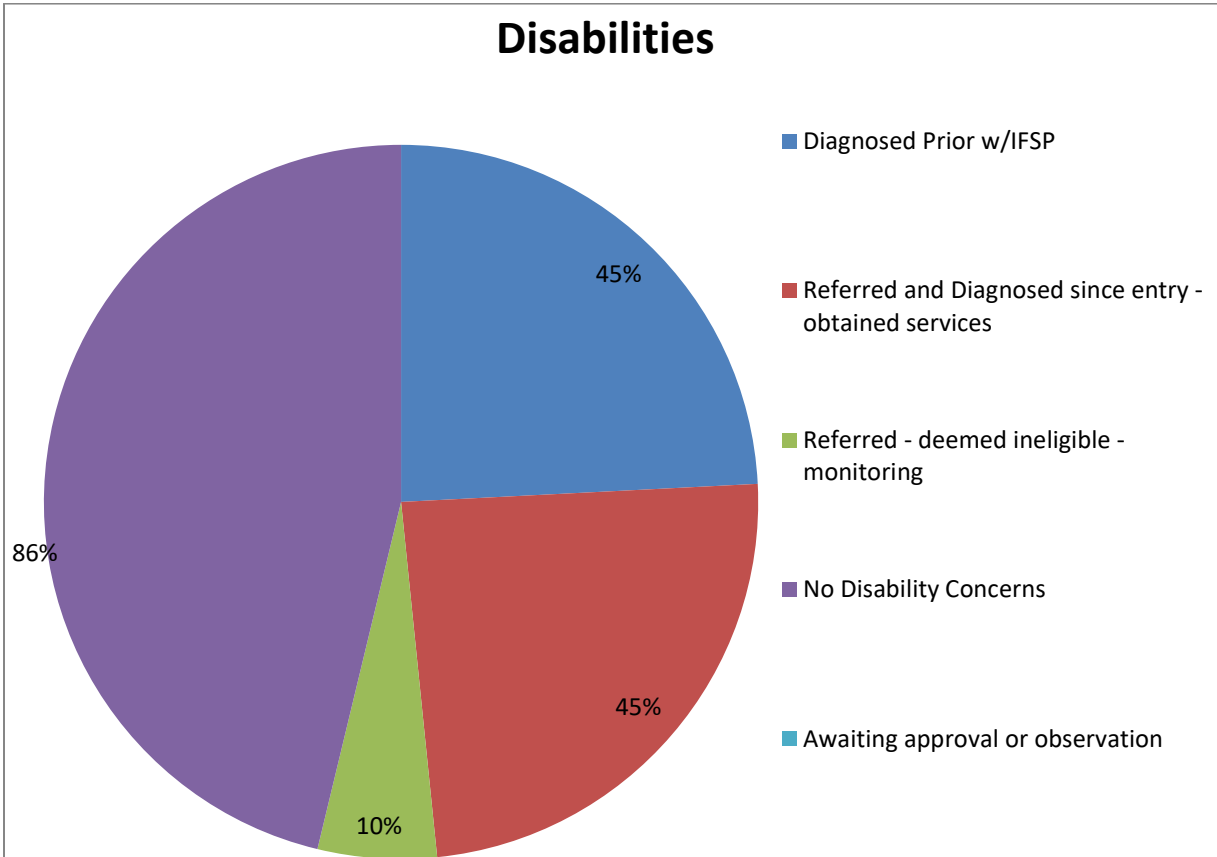
Teaching Strategies Gold Assessments

% of children meeting/exceeding widely held expectations

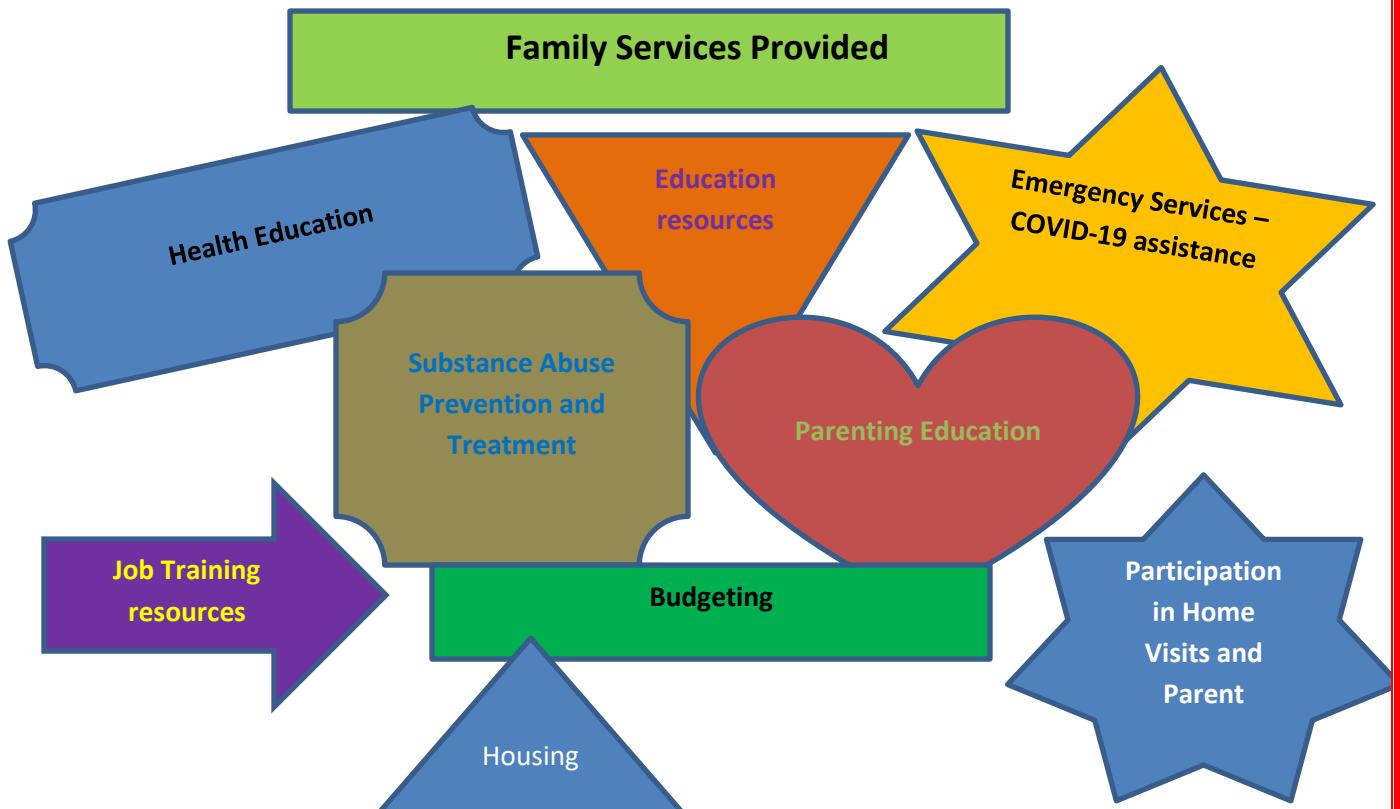
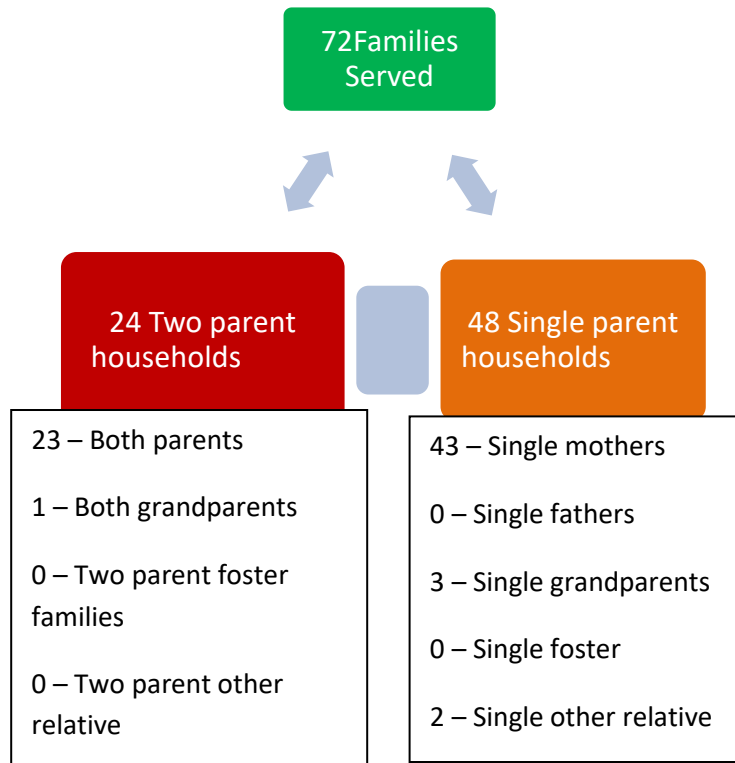
At the end of the Spring 2023 assessment*

*25 out of 81 children served in 2022-2023 received all three assessments





Family Engagement



Budget/Expense Report

8/1/2022 – 7/31/2023

	Expenses	Budget	% of Budget Used	Reason for variance
Total Revenues	\$972,152	\$1,014,479		
Salaries/Wages	\$181,478	\$244,606	74%	Staff vacancies
Total Finge	\$37,650	\$55,073	68%	Staff vacancy
Total Supplies and Other Direct Costs	\$61,209	\$87,088	70%	Program supplies(diapers, Training, curriculum, parent fund, partner items,) other supplies, occupancy, and all other catrgories Underspending in general due to underenrollment
Total Contractual	\$576,869	\$539,509	107%	Additional funds spent due to more parents needing subsidy and increased rates
Total Indirect Costs	\$114,946	\$88,203	130%	Agency approved rate of 9.5% changed to 13.6%
Total In-Kind	0	0	0.0%	Waiver due to COVID
Total Expenses	\$ 972,152	\$1,014,479	96%	

Program Successes for 2022-2023

- *Individualized CDA program based on staff needs and abilities
- *Assisted community committees in providing Partner trainings to day care staff to help better serve and educate those children waiting for Early Intervention/CPSE evaluations
- *Reinstated several in-person trainings for classroom staff; planning in place to extend further opportunities in 23-24 PY
- *Increased communication with families
- *Created and Implemented new Age-Out process for children preparing to transition out of program

Continuous Improvement for 2023-2024

- *Full Enrollment and Waiting List
- *Provide additional opportunities for family involvement and engagement – i.e. Parent Group and trainings
- *Continue to fully integrate Creative Curriculum at all sites (training available for new staff, as well as refreshers for veteran staff) trainings currently in progress
- *Provide additional training and support to partner staff to enter, analyze, and use collected assessment data – assessment training available after CC is completed
- *Continued advocacy to help families obtain child care subsidy – including obtaining and renewing, and turning verifications in on time