



FY 2021

ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY

Growing

Learning



Together

President's Message

Dear Friends,

In 2021 our agency, along with a resilient community, restructured our daily routines in order to come together “in-person” and resume our “hands on” approach to fulfill our **mission of empowering children and families to develop positive skills to meet life’s challenges.**

While we managed to sustain program efforts during the height of the pandemic in 2020, in 2021 we faced the daunting challenge of normalizing life in a pandemic to return to what we do best, working face to face with our children and families and engaging community partners.

With the assurance of a mission driven and dedicated staff, the guidance of a supportive agency board, the uplifting strength of community belief in our agency and the confidence of our clients we safely re-opened our doors to receive students in our buildings daily and our home visiting staff re-tooled their approach to safely conduct home visits with families.

Today our mission flourishes because of all of the committed and caring individuals noted above.



Last year we focused on the challenges of the pandemic. This year we set a focus on the blessings and grace which kept us all safe, healthy and able to continue our great mission of service to this community.

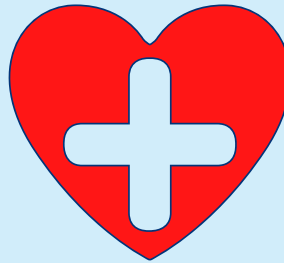
As you review this year’s report, I hope that you are filled with that same sense of resiliency and grace, while knowing that your support provides for these wonderful blessings to our communities’ most deserving children and families.

Many thanks!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gene A. Howell".

Gene A. Howell, MPA
President and CEO

BUILDING STRONG FAMILIES



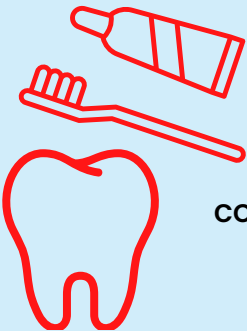
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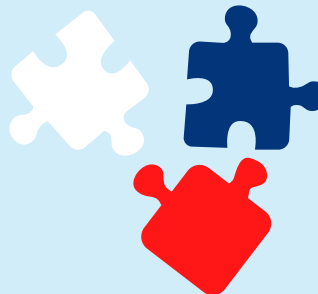
66
families
received job
training



27
parents advanced
their education
level



475
children had
continuous access to
dental care



97
children were
identified with
special needs



38
pregnant women
were served by
Early Head Start

August 2021 – August 2022 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Total Children Served: 763

HEAD START PROGRAM

- 476 Children, ages 3–5
- 444 Families served
- 149 Two parent family households
- 295 Single parent families



- On average 87% of our funded enrollment opportunities for children were filled at any given time



- 79% (378/476) Enrolled children completed a medical exam
- 73% (346/476) Enrolled children completed a dental exam

EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM



- 287 Children served, ages birth to 3
- 38 Pregnant moms served
- 249 Families served



- 112 Two parent family households
- 137 Single parent family households

- On average 71% of our funded enrollment opportunities for children were filled at any given time



- 75% (214 of 287) Enrolled children completed a medical exam
- 92% (101 of 110) Enrolled children, age 2 and up completed a dental exam.

- 58% (167 of 287) of all EHS children who are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventative and primary oral health care according to the relevant state's EPSDT schedule

Only children ages 2 and older are recommended to have a dental exam.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Over 62%
(118 of 189)
of children going
to kindergarten
met widely held
developmental
expectations

62%
(330 out of 536)
of all enrolled
children, birth to 5
years old met or
exceeded
age-appropriate
developmental
milestones

74%
of the 763 enrolled
children were up to
date with Illinois
EPSDT
(early, periodic screening
and diagnostic testing)

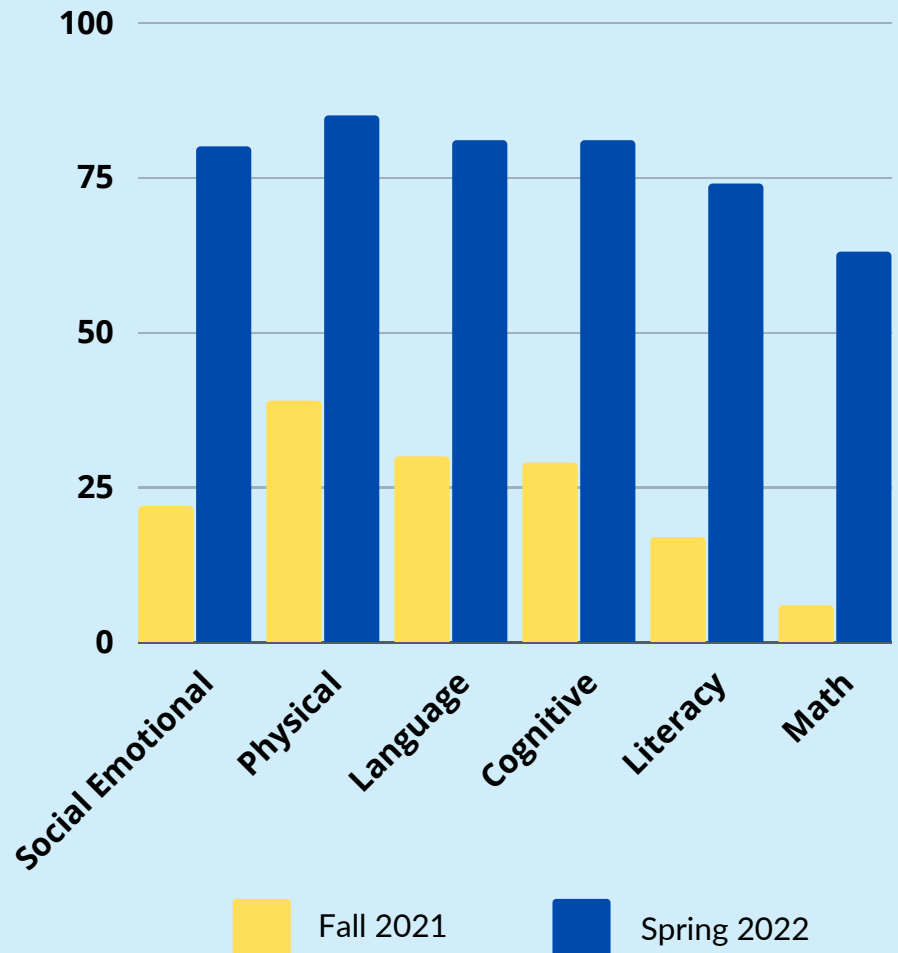


100%
of enrolled families
received guidance in
positive parenting and
co-parenting skills

91%
of the 693 families
enrolled were
connected with at
least one
community service
resource

LEARNING OUTCOMES BY THE NUMBERS

Gains Made by Children Going to Kindergarten



The percentage of children served that has a learning disability as represented by an:

Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

38% Head Start Home Based

10% Head Start Part Day classes

13% Head Start Full Day classes

Individual Family Services Plan (IFSP)

11% Early Head Start (all Home Based)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

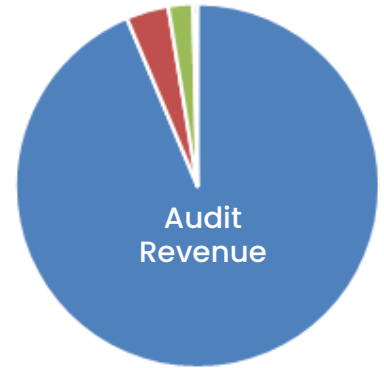
Year Ended December 31, 2021

Head Start and Early Head Start are federally funded child development programs for qualifying children under age five. Created in 1965, the federal Office of Head Start awards grants to local nonprofit organizations, such as Riverbend Head Start and Family Services, to operate programs in their communities.

Head Start and Early Head Start FY 2021

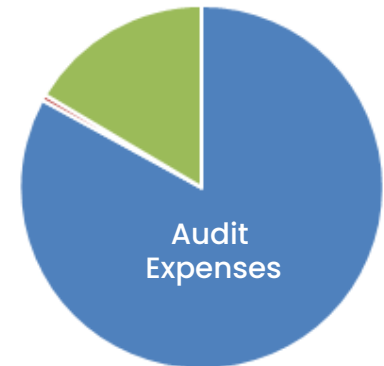
Audited Revenue: Public and Private Funds

Federal & State (Fees & Grants)	\$ 12,315,078	97.0%
Local In-Kind (Matching Funds)	\$ 495,740	2.5%
Contributions (including United Way)	\$ 289,237	2.6%
Other Income	\$ 48,283	0.2%
Total = Audited Revenue	\$ 13,148,338	100%



Audited Expenditures

Program Expenses	\$ 10,204,962	83.0%
Administrative Expenses	\$ 2,028,380	16.5%
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 64,527	0.5%
Total = Audited Expenditures	\$ 12,297,869	100%
Income in Excess of Expenses	\$ 158,292	



Beginning Net Assets	\$ 2,759,561
Ending Net Assets	\$ 3,589,682
Total Liabilities	\$ 830,121
Total Net Liabilities + Assets =	\$ 7,179,364

The most recent financial audit was completed by CPA firm, C.J. Schlosser & Company, LLC. in Alton, Illinois in May 18, 2022 without any questioned costs. The board of Directors approved the financial audit on May 25, 2022.

2022 Proposed Budget

Proposed Revenue: Public and Private Funds

Federal & State (Fees & Grants)	\$ 11,524,193	98%
Contributions (including United Way)	\$ 194,260	2%
Other Income	\$ 3,850	0%
Total Proposed Revenue =	\$ 11,722,303	100%

Proposed Expenditures

Programmatic Expenses	\$ 9,801,860	84%
Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,855,872	16%
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 34,611	0%
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 11,692,343	100%



Donors Help Educate Children



85% of every unrestricted dollar you donate goes towards operating reserves, helping fill the greatest need whenever it arises.




PNC Bank partnership continues to serve our children through their Grow Up Great curriculum and activities. In 2021, PNC donated over \$3,000 unrestricted funds to support operating reserves, program needs and additionally donated iPads, iPad cases and iTunes gift cards to assist with academic programming in the classroom.

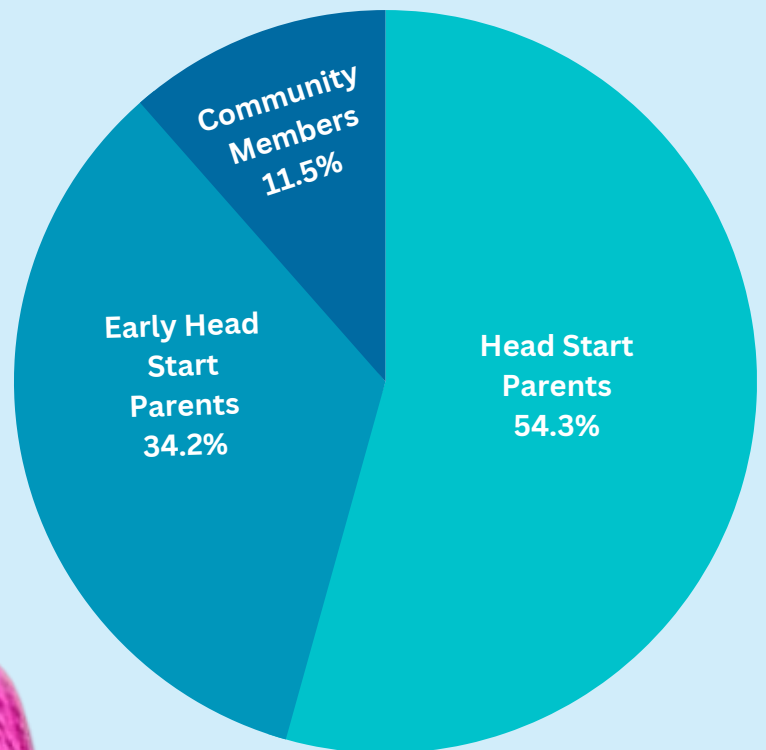
VOLUNTEERISM

31,469 Hours 
402 Head Start Parents Volunteered

60,939 Hours 
253 Early Head Start Parents Volunteered

2,639 Hours 
85 Community Members Volunteered

95,047 Hours 
846 Total Volunteers



DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS MAKE QUALITY EDUCATION POSSIBLE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requires a local match for our Head Start grant. Thank you for your donations, grants, discounted services and volunteerism which helped us meet our match in 2021.

- Matching Funds
 - + Parent and Community Volunteers
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- = Local Match Requirement \$495,740



Results of the Most Recent Review by the Office of Head Start

Riverbend Head Start & Family Services was funded for a new five year grant cycle beginning January 1, 2021. A total of three reviews, Focus 1 (off site), CLASS (on site), and Focus 2 (on site) will be conducted in the fiscal year 2021 - 2025 grant cycle.

DONORS HELP KEEP CHILDREN **SAFE**



The Riverbend Rotary partners with us in our mission to keep children safe in our community with a grant awarded to purchase over 30 new car seats.

DONORS GIVE **JOY** TO FAMILIES

The Ardent Mills team stopped by with donations of diapers, toys, PJ'S, blankets, household items and much more, helping spread joy to some of our families in need.



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This honor roll reflects cumulative giving in 2021 Fiscal Year.

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