







ANNUAL REPORT











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From our Board President



Greetings!

As I sat down to write this message, I thought of the fun activities and adventures my children experienced during their time at the Children's Center. My family has always been big on tradition, and it seems we have some type of tradition for every holiday. Sometimes, it's just a song we sing and other times it's a bigger celebration. We even created a few extra holidays in the year to keep things fun!

Several of our traditions started with the incredible staff at the Children's Center. My older daughter learned a song about Cinco de Mayo that we look forward to singing every May 5th. My younger daughter learned about hedgehogs at the Children's Center and decided we needed to create a new holiday called "Random Hedgehog Day". She strategically chose the date to fill a holiday gap in the calendar, and we have been celebrating the hedgehogs each year on that date ever since.

I found a Youth First article that said "Children love routine and consistency; a family tradition provides this year after year. It also helps the children manage the changes in the year and gives them something to look forward to. In addition, family traditions enhance family and personal well-being and can also add to the family identity."

Whether it be a religious tradition, a decades-old family tradition, a special meal, or a new holiday to celebrate woodland creatures, I encourage you to reflect on your family traditions and the memories you have created over the years. Thank you for your support of the Children's Center and the work we are doing to support the families and children of Western Tidewater!

Best Regards,

Jennifer Spencer

Board President





A Look into Our Programs

School Readiness & Education

- School supplies and educational materials were provided for rising kindergarteners
- The Children's Center was included in the first STREAMin3 curriculum cohort to receive curriculum materials, program guides, supplemental classroom books and professional development training
- Texie Camp Marks Children's Center received a level 4 rating from Virginia Quality rating system
- Our centers participated in Virginia Quality Birth-Five VQB5 unified quality measurement system
- New outdoor riding equipment was purchased for our centers through the Give 757 campaign
- Preschool teachers received hands-on training and implemented the new Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program VKRP assessment to rising kindergarteners

Family & Community Engagement

- Collaborated with the Derek
 Thompson Foundation to distribute
 more than 1,000 diapers to families
- Partnered with USI Insurance to provide school supplies to our classrooms
- Worked with Early Childhood Development Commission to provide families resources and information
- Partnered with Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater on multiple projects to help families
- Hosted monthly parent webinars and training
- Education activities were provided to parents including Ready Rosie, nutrition screenings, infection control information, parent meetings, & other family engagement activities

A positive year of learning!

Children Serve	d in 20	21-202	2 by	Prog	ıram
	Suffolk	Franklin	IOW	SOCO	Other
Suffolk Childcare	51	0	4	0	13
Franklin Childcare	7	22	5	9	4
Early Head Start	148	67	30	28	4
Head Start	182	47	34	26	5
Pediatric Therapy	332	52	74	31	3
Early Intervention	277	43	65	31	14
Total	997	231	212	125	43
Early Head Start Head Start Pediatric Therapy Early Intervention	182 332 277	67 47 52 43	30 34 74 65	28 26 31 31	4 5 3 14

1,604

Over 1.600 children served

430

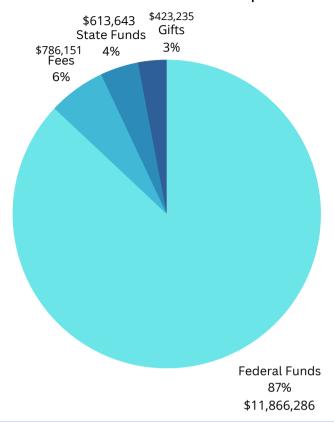
Children served with a developmental delay or disability

100%

Families engaged in educational activities

Finance Report

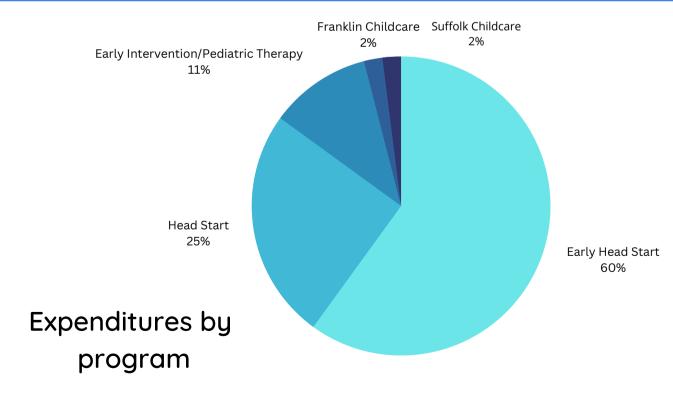
2021-2022 Revenues & Expenses



Audit Results:

The independent auditors' report expressed a qualified opinion on the financial statements of the Children's Center for the fiscal year 2021-2022. The qualification is based on the financial statements, which show fixed assets purchased with Head Start funds as fully depreciated in the year of acquisition. Property and equipment acquired for the Head Start programs are fully expensed in the year acquired, in accordance with Federal regulation 2 CFR 225, Appendix B(15)(b)(4). We are pleased to report the auditors' report on compliance for the Children's Center had no findings or areas of non-compliance for the Early Head Start and Head Start programs for the fiscal year 2021-2022. A copy of the Children's Center's audit is available upon request.

Revenue by source





Revenues & Expenses 2021-2022

Early Head Start

Total Revenues

Revenues	2022-20 Budget	23 Budget %	2021-20 Actual	22 Actual %
EHS Federal Funds	6,916,995	97%	7,569,245	93%
Other Federal Funds	0	0%	112,043	1%
USDA	220,000	3%	163,080	2%
Local Tax	0	0%	13,500	0%
United Way	0	0%	2,531	0%
Contributions	0	0%	295,605	4%
In-Kind Contributions	0	0%	0	0%

8,156,004

7,136,995

Expenses	2022-20 Budget)23 Budget %	2021-20 Actual)22 Actual %
Salaries	4,112,892	58%	3,054,461	37%
Fringe	760,462	11%	591,091	7%
Travel	6,818	0%	1,090	0%
Equipment	86,986	1%	315,870	4%
Supplies	583,779	8%	664,985	8%
Contractual	15,843	0%	70,156	1%
Construction	802,828	11%	2,667,949	33%
Other	767,387	11%	790,402	10%
Total Evpenses	7 136 995		8 156 NO <i>4</i>	

Head Start

Revenues	2022-20 Budget	23 Budget %	2021-20 Actual)22 Actual %
HS Federal Funds Other Federal Funds USDA	0	94% 0% 6%	3,243,430 0 139,680	94%
Local Tax United Way	196,000 0 0	0% 0%	13,500 15,820	4% 0% 1%
Contributions In-Kind Contribution	0 0	0% 0%	49,152 0	1% 0%
Total Revenues	3,512,597		3,461,582	

Expenses	2022-20	23	2021-20	22
•	Budget	Budget %	Actual	Actual %
Salaries	2,145,306	61%	1,729,354	50%
Fringe	390,646	11%	315,852	9%
Travel	1,000	0%	0	0%
Equipment	163,602	5%	306,126	9%
Supplies	336,903	10%	425,994	12%
Contractual	0	0%	11,790	0%
Construction	0	0%	0	0%
Other	475,140	13%	672,466	20%
Total Expenses	3 512 597		3 461 582	





Revenues & Expenses 2021-2022

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Local Tax United Way					0%
United Way			0%	0	0%
		0	0%	0	0%
CONTRIBUTION	5	0	0%	0	0%
		0	0%	0	0%
In-Kind Contr	ributions	0	0%	0	0%
Total Reven	ues 7	720,000		87,581	
Expenses		2022-2023		2021-202	
	E	Budget E	Budget %	Actual A	ctual %
Salaries		0	0%	48,006	55%
Fringe		0	0%	9,656	11%
Travel		0	0%	0	0%
Equipment		0	0%	0	0%
Supplies		0	0%	15,477	18%
		0	0%	0	0%
Contractual	_				0%
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Other		0	0%	14,442	16%
Total Expens	ses 7	720.000		87.581	
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by the numbers









Medical Exams

100% of Early Head Start children had a physical/well child check. 93% of Head Start children had a physical/well child check.

Vision Screenings

All Early Head Start and Head Start children are given a vision screening at our centers.

Dental Screenings

74% of Early Head Start children had a dental screening. 40% of Head Start children had a dental exam.



76%

Average monthly enrollment in Early Head Start



87%

Average monthly enrollment in Head Start

The Children's Center serves a diverse Western Tidewater community including Franklin, Suffolk, Isle of Wight and Southampton counties.

45%

45% of the projected number of eligible children in the community received Early Head Start services.

66%

66% of the projected number of eligible children in the community received Head Start services.





F A M I L Y H I G H L I G H T

Written by Mary Faison

The Koehn Boys

Meet Waylon and Wyatt, twin boys marching to the beat of their own drums! As the boys reached two years of age, their mother Catherine detected they both did things differently. The boys were not able to do simple tasks on their own. They did not speak like other two-year-olds. They did not have the self-help skills they should have by this age such as feeding themselves or putting their clothes or shoes on. Following her motherly instincts, Catherine began advocating for her boys. At their two-year checkup, their pediatrician suggested that boys often develop slower than girls, and they would in time begin to flourish. However, Catherine's heart still told her the boys needed extra support.

She continued to battle her own fears, and through adversity she researched and looked for answers. Catherine enrolled Waylon and

Wyatt into the Early Intervention program at the Children's Center. The boys began receiving speech therapy services and soon after began attending the Early Head Start program at the Southampton Head Start center. Through collaboration between their therapist and new teachers, Waylon and Wyatt began to make progress. The boys started saying words, feeding themselves, washing their own hands, and becoming more independent. The boys experienced new things, such as touching an iguana, finger painting, and riding bikes!

In early 2022, Catherine's suspicions came to fruition. Both Waylon and Wyatt were diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Catherine shared, "I knew in my heart the boys had autism. The staff at the Children's Center never treated them any differently. From our speech therapist to the teachers to other staff, they were all so accepting of us when we were navigating something so new and raw."

Waylon and Wyatt are thriving in the classroom and at home! They are learning to say more words each day! Both boys went from being non-verbal to saying five words and even short phrases and are even potty training! Catherine and her family and friends along with the Children's Center staff, have become a team of support for the boys. They all love, encourage, and nurture the boys to be exactly who they are. "Anything we needed the Children's Center was there for us." Waylon and Wyatt continue to break barriers, overcome challenges, and succeed by learning in their own way!



FAMILY HIGHLIGHT:

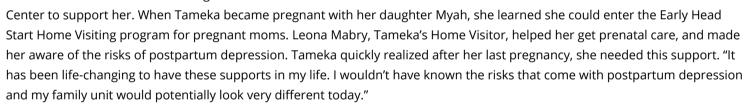
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The Lowrence Family

Tameka Lawrence's 14-year-old son Isaiah is a gifted and talented student with close to perfect SOL scores. Many would never guess Isaiah had a speech delay at two years old.

Tameka recognized he was not talking like other children his age. After telling her pediatrician her concerns, Tameka was linked to the Children's Center for Early Intervention speech services. "I so strongly believe in my heart if I hadn't enrolled him in speech services he would have been delayed in school."

Tameka was then a young mom who had no idea there were also other services available through the Children's



During Tameka's time as a mom in the Early Head Start, Head Start, and Early Intervention programs, she became very ambitious about Head Start services and how they can help families. She became an advocate with the Virginia Head Start Association. Tameka, along with only two other parents, were the only parents selected in the entire state to be on the advocacy committee. Tameka interacted with legislators and state senators, including Senator Louise Lucas, on the importance of early childhood education. She worked with the Virginia Department of Social Services on prevention goals and worked to help diminish the stigma around using DSS services and subsidy. Tameka also worked with the National Head Start Association advocating for raising teacher salaries and improving safety and healing communities following the Uvalde, Texas tragedy.

"For me, it's paying it forward and giving back because I know the impact Early Head Start and Head Start had on my life which sparked my passion and drive to want to spread this to others." Tameka reported the Early Intervention and Head Start programs did their best through, "The human one-on-one connections. When you are a young mom, scared of the unknown, it's easy to feel judged. I just needed one person who told me they understood, let me know it was okay and I belonged. That is what I want people to know. That is what I want every mom to know. They can get help, have their hands held, and be fully supported not only as a parent, but as a person."

Tameka still works as a Head Start advocate today and is currently the Children's Center's Policy Council Chair. Her daughter Myah is 3 years old and enrolled in the Head Start program in Suffolk. Her oldest son Roy is currently attending Norfolk State University on a full scholarship. Isaiah is excelling in high school and has plans for college.

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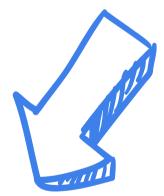
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