



2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT

A. The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source:

Public funds received from ACF	\$2,001, 481
Private funds received	\$0

B. An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year:

Budget vs. Actual Summaries Including Annual Funding and Cost of Living Adjustment Funds

Category	Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining	Remaining %
Personnel	1,416,614	1,443,756	27,142	-2%
Fringe Benefits	554,081	539,778	14,303	3%
Contractual	10,000	400	9,600	96%
Travel	21,548	24,255	2,707	-13%
Supplies	20,000	19,789	211	1%
Other	19,000	15,280	3,720	20%
In-Kind	511,980	511,980	0	0%
TOTAL	2,559,898	2,559,898	0	0%

C. The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served:

Number of Children Served	265
Number of Families Served	245
Average Monthly Enrollment Percentage	92%
Percentage of Eligible Children Served (Eligible Applicants)	88%

D. The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and financial audit:

- There has been no recent review by the Secretary.
- The Ascension Parish School Board conducts an annual audit of all their programs. This report is available for review at the Ascension Parish School Board office and is also available on the APSB website.

E. The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams:

Medical	100% (previously 100 %)
Dental	99.6% (previously 100%)

F. Information about parent involvement activities:

Orientation and Training Meetings

- General information – Parent Handbook
- General health information – Common Illness Signs and Symptoms
- General screening information – hearing, vision, physicals, dentals, developmental and social/emotional
- Dental health training
- Infection control training
- First aid training
- Policy Council pamphlet
- Family Partnership Agreement pamphlet

Open House/Information Provided

- Pedestrian/Transportation Training
- Curriculum
- SmartTeach/Teaching Strategies Gold
- Child development
- Referral process
- Health (physicals, dentals, immunizations)
- Attendance policies

Field Trips

- Newsong Pumpkin Patch
- Ascension Council on Aging

Additional Parental Involvement Activities

- Home visits
- Open house
- Meet and Greet
- Parent/teacher conferences
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Literacy Night
- Fall Fest
- Pumpkin Decorating Activity
- Thanksgiving Celebration and Activities
- Thanksgiving Parade
- Second-hand Smoke - Fatherhood Event
- Eating Well From the Ground Up: Family Nutrition Event
- Christmas Cookie Decorating
- Polar Express Day
- Christmas Pictures
- Budgeting & Nutrition Meeting
- Christian Crusade from New Song (coats)
- Donated Christmas gifts from St. Francis of Assisi
- Pat's Coats for Kids
- Policy Council meetings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rouses Supermarket ● Gonzales Fire Station ● Donaldsonville Fire Station ● Gonzales Library ● Donaldsonville Library ● Baton Rouge Zoo ● Baton Rouge Airport ● Louisiana Regional Airport ● Head Start Mardi Gras Parade ● Home Depot ● Rotolos Pizza ● Premier Lanes ● Duplessis Park ● Kidz Kove Park ● Oak Grove Park ● Jambalaya Park ● Highland Road Park ● Cabela's ● Knock Knock Museum ● Bayou Country Children's Museum ● Ag Magic ● Napoleonville Ag Day ● Blue Zoo ● West Baton Rouge Museum ● Miss Heather's Strawberry Patch ● Transition Field Trip to DVP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Child growth and Development training ● Community Resource Fair/Mardi Gras Parade ● Black History Celebration/Art Show ● 100th day celebration ● Health Services Advisory meeting ● Book fair ● Center committee meetings ● Conscious Discipline Parenting Meetings ● Nutrition class ● Fall Fest: Oral Health Class ● Week of the Young Child ● Easter Egg Hunt ● Spring Pictures ● Kite Day - Fatherhood Event ● Spring Literacy Workshop ● Transitional activities/meetings ● Water Day ● End of the Year Celebration |
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G. The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:

- Head Start teachers utilized the Louisiana Birth to Five Early Learning and Development Standards (ELDS), the Head Start Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF), Frog Street curriculum, and SmartTeach/Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) to develop high quality instruction that meets the needs of each student and prepare them for kindergarten readiness.
- Head Start staff utilized the Conscious Discipline framework to build social/emotional skills needed to be kindergarten ready.
- Head Start Prek4 teachers utilized the Heggerty curriculum to target phonemic awareness skill development with their students.
- Head Start Prek4 teachers received training to implement the Learning without Tears writing curriculum to provide developmentally appropriate, multisensory strategies for early writing in the 2025-2026 school year.
- Head Start Prek3 teachers received training to implement the Heggerty curriculum with their students in the 2025-2026 school year.

- Head Start teachers and staff received training on Acadience Reading Pre-K: PELI. The PELI measures pre-literacy and oral language skills through developmentally appropriate storybook assessments.
- A transitional meeting was held to prepare families for their child's next grade level.
- Transitional activities were provided for the students to visit the classrooms/school for their next grade level.

Trainings/Meetings

- New Teacher Training (Frog Street, ASQ, CLASS, TSG, ChildPlus)
- ECH District Pre-Planning Day: Marriage Boot Camp & ECH Handbook
- AHS Pre-Planning Day: Marriage Boot Camp & AHS Handbook
- Head Start & Licensing Orientation
- Heggerty Training (4YOs, 3YOs)
- CPR & Pediatric First Aid
- Louisiana Licensing Bulletin 137 Updates Meeting (Virtual)
- ECH District Staff Development Day (Sept 13)
- ECH SBLC Training (Virtual)
- CLASS Training: Language Modeling
- West Side HS PD: Conscious Discipline & CLASS
- CLASS Training: Concept Development
- ECH District PD: Child Interaction Therapy with Chris Geske (Virtual)
- ECH District PD: SLT Guidance (Virtual)
- West Side HS PD: ESL Strategies & TPRS
- West Side HS PD: Child Growth and Development (Virtual)
- ECH District Staff Development Day with Larry Bell (Jan 17)
- ECH District PD: Sustainable CD Habits & Baby Doll Circle Time (Virtual)
- ECH District Meeting: Coordinated Enrollment/ PK Registration for 25-26
- New Teacher TSG/ChildPlus Training (DVPS)
- Active Supervision Trainings (AHS)
- Learning Without Tears (LWOT) Handwriting Training
- Acadience Reading Pre-K: PELI Training
- Transition Meeting
- Every Child Ready Curriculum Pilot Team Training
- Teacher Training on ASQ
- Narcan Training