Dream big, start small!



KALAMAZOO RESA
Head Start

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Welcome!

Kalamazoo RESA Head Start provides families currently facing poverty a comprehensive, high-quality pre-kindergarten experience for children ages 3 to 5. We partner with families to teach the literacy, math, social-emotional learning and overall developmental skills their children need to engage successfully in kindergarten and throughout life. We strive to support the whole family so little learners can Dream Big!

Thank you for being a part of this work!

Rachel Roberts, *Executive Director of Preschool Programs*

What is Head Start?

Head Start is a high-quality Pre-K program that facilitates young children's learning through experience. This federally funded program is offered at 12 locations around Kalamazoo County. Head Start also offers services for the families of enrolled children. These services support parents in their role as a child's first teacher.

Our Families

ENROLLMENT

560 *enrolled*

511 *total families*

DIVERSITY

Race

55%	*Black or African American*
21%	*White*
13%	*Biracial/Multi-racial*
9.6%	*Hispanic or Latino*
2%	*Asian*

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

89.3%	*English*
5%	*Spanish*
3.9%	*Middle Eastern & South Asian*
1.1%	*African Languages*
>1%	*East Asian and European & Slavic Languages*

FAMILY EDUCATION

13%	*Advanced Degree or Bachelor Degree*
9%	*Associates Degree, Vocational School, or some College*
60%	*High School or GED*
18%	*Less than High School*

32 classrooms in **12** locations

16 *3-year-old classrooms*
16 *4-year-old classrooms*

- Comstock Compass
- First United Methodist Church
- Greenwood Elementary
- KRESA Commons
- Milwood United Methodist Church
- New Life Fellowship
- KPS Northeastern Elementary
- North Park Reformed Church
- Portage Community Center
- Portage Woodland Elementary
- St. Joseph Catholic Church
- KRESA West Campus



FINANCIAL REPORT

The federal grant period for Kalamazoo RESA Head Start is November 1 through October 31, however, the program year runs September through June. Kalamazoo RESA operates with a blended funding model (multiple funding sources) for its Pre-Kindergarten program, utilizing funds from the state grant for 4-year olds, Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), to provide services to additional children in Kalamazoo County, and allow for many classrooms to operate for a full day rather than a half day.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) Head Start Award

$7,209,751

{ *Operating Funds* **$7,139,759** + *Training & Technical Assistance* **$69,992** }

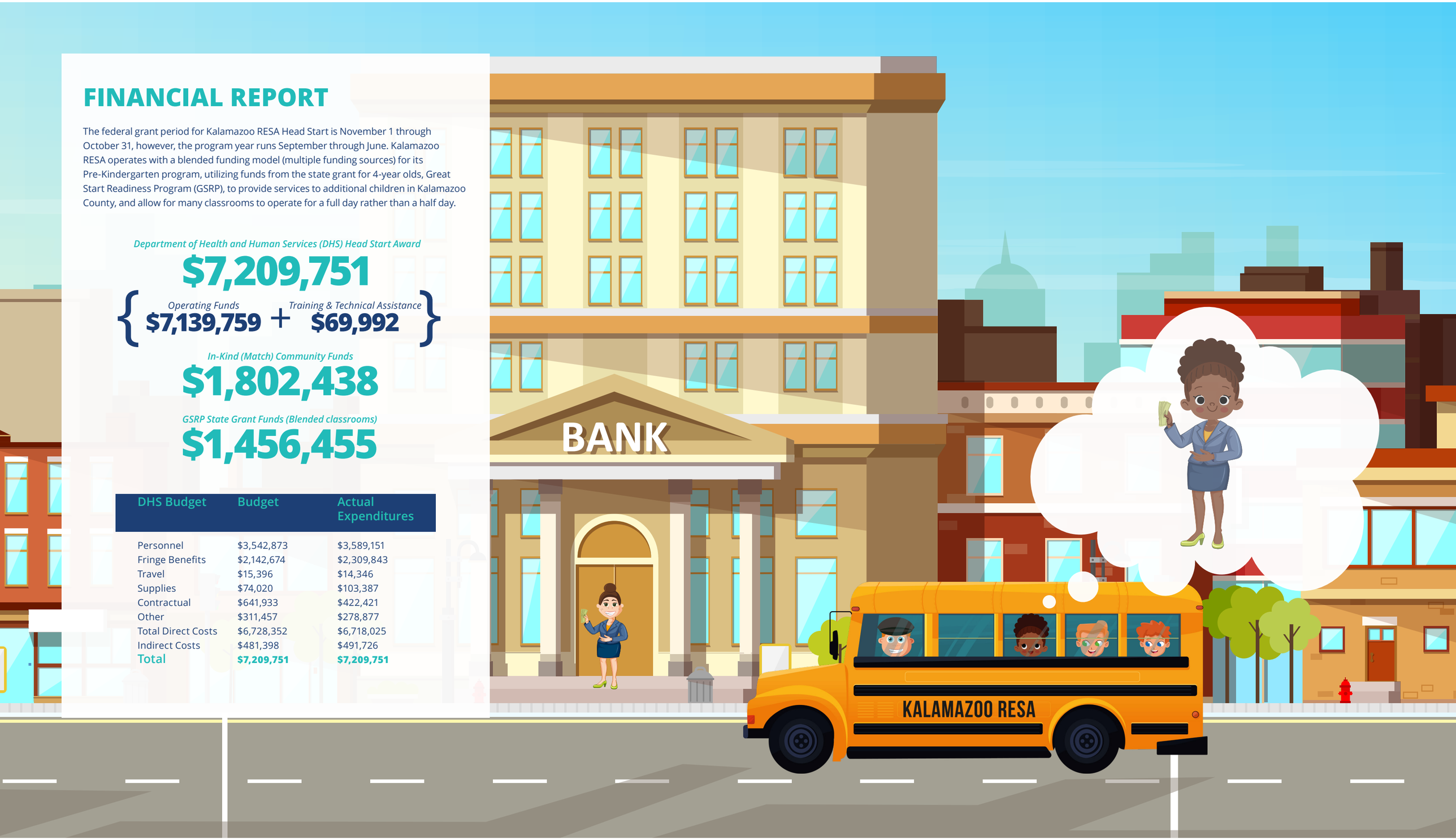
In-Kind (Match) Community Funds

$1,802,438

GSRP State Grant Funds (Blended classrooms)

$1,456,455

DHS Budget	Budget	Actual Expenditures
Personnel	$3,542,873	$3,589,151
Fringe Benefits	$2,142,674	$2,309,843
Travel	$15,396	$14,346
Supplies	$74,020	$103,387
Contractual	$641,933	$422,421
Other	$311,457	$278,877
Total Direct Costs	$6,728,352	$6,718,025
Indirect Costs	$481,398	$491,726
Total	**$7,209,751**	**$7,209,751**



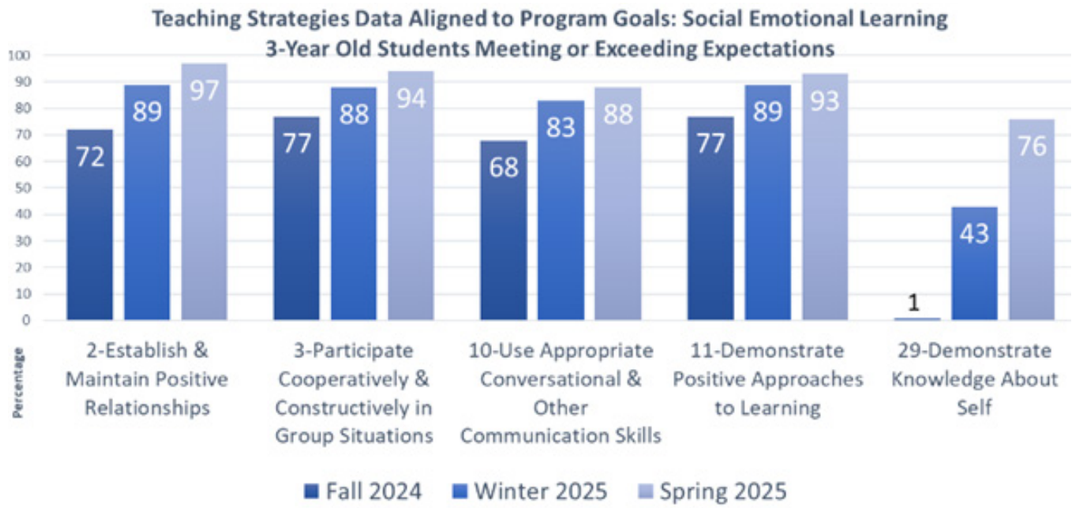
School Readiness

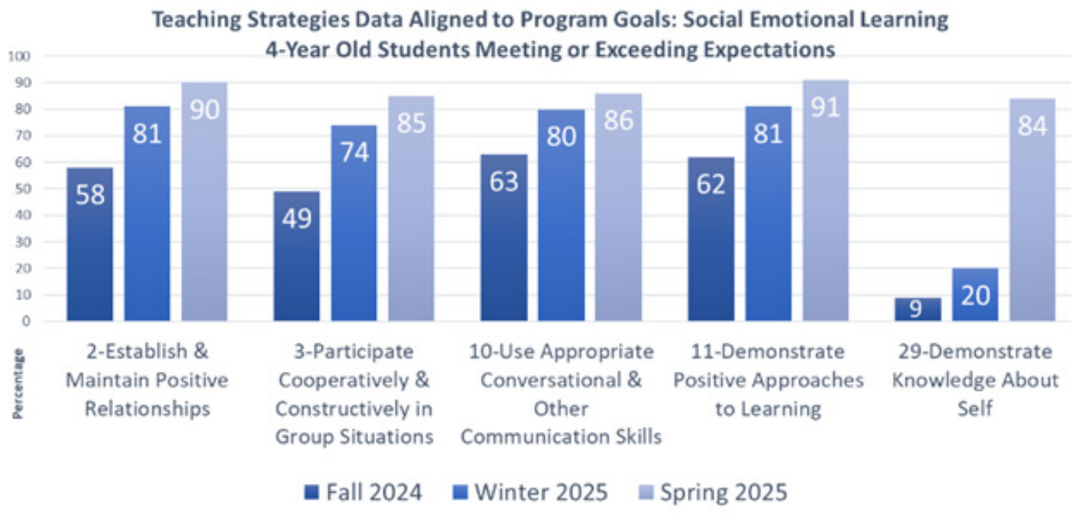
Kalamazoo RESA Head Start believes in early intervention and investing in the future of our children. Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum for Preschool is the focal curriculum. This curriculum is a comprehensive, research-based curriculum designed to assist teachers with implementing developmentally appropriate and content-rich lessons for children with diverse backgrounds and skill levels.



KRESA Head Start / Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

The Kalamazoo RESA Head Start/GSRP preschool program is part of the collaborative and inclusive effort of Kalamazoo County Pre-K, which is composed of Head Start, the Great Start Readiness Program and Kalamazoo County Ready 4's. Its mission is to provide equitable, high-quality and developmentally appropriate services to support the whole child and whole family. In partnership with families and the community, these programs build a strong foundation for children's developmental skills and empower families to engage in their child's educational journey, starting at birth.





The Social-Emotional Learning Team

The SEL Team provides additional supports and further direct contact with students in the classrooms. Along with opportunities to meet with students in small groups or individually, the team also hosts ongoing monthly support meetings for families. The family support groups focus on social-emotional learning for both the adults and their children and serves as a platform for families to share ideas, situations, and concerns they hold in common.

93 students received support from the SEL Team either in a small group or individually.

14 classrooms received whole classroom support from the SEL Team

13 families attended SEL/Family Support Workshops



Student & Family Support Team (SFST)

KRESA Head Start is committed to meeting the needs of children and families using a Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Framework. We use a comprehensive approach that includes input from multidisciplinary program staff and the partnership of families. When staff or families have identified additional support needed for a child(ren) exhibiting concerning or unsafe behavior(s) the SFST process begins.

92% of families, on average, per month engaged in SFST Meetings

48 students involved in the SFST process for individualized supports with **81%** closed successfully

7 classrooms involved in the SFST process for whole class supports with **5** closed successfully



Family Services & Engagement

Kalamazoo RESA Head Start provides programming and support to engage and empower the whole family.

Services include:

- **Family Advocates**
  Provide further support through a personal relationship with families

- **Policy Council**
  Parents and community members collaborate on program decisions, hiring and recruitment.

- **SuperMEN**
  A networking and support program for male models

- **Health Services Advisory Committee**
  Families, staff and community members promote and provide comprehensive health-related services and support

- **Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors**
  Parenting and leadership advocacy program for Latino parents

- **Family/Parent Committees**
  Monthly meetings at Head Start sites where families can network and discuss topics of interest

- **Family Support Workshops**
  Evidence-based workshops designed to support parenting skills and family relationships

Home Visits

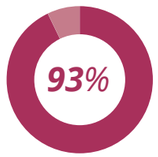
891 Family Advocate Home Visits

999 Teaching Team Home Visits

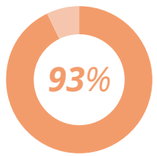
Conferences

901 Family/Parent Teacher Conferences

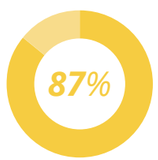
Health



Medical Home



Health Insurance



Dental Home



Exam or Periodic Cleaning



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We rely on dozens of community partners in our efforts to help families Dream Big, Start Small!

Our Community Partners:

- Air Zoo Aerospace & Science Museum
- ARC Kalamazoo
- ASK for Kids
- Bethany Christian Services
- Bethany Reformed Church of Kalamazoo
- Black Arts and Cultural Center
- Burdick Thorne Foundation
- Community Action Agency
- Community Home Works
- Comstock Public Schools
- Crescendo Academy of Music
- Dean Transportation
- Douglas Community Association
- Eastside Youth Strong
- Edison Neighborhood Assoc.
- El Concilio
- Family & Children Services
- Family Bound, LLC
- Family Health Center
- Fatherhood Network
- First Day Shoe Fund
- Gryphon Place
- Health Babies Healthy Start
- Helping Hands Wellness Center
- Housing Resources, Inc.
- Integrated Services of Kalamazoo
- Kalamazoo County Children's - Special Healthcare
- Kalamazoo County Continuum of Care
- Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste
- Kalamazoo County Environmental Health
- Kalamazoo County LEAD
- Kalamazoo County Nurse Family Partnership
- Kalamazoo Drop in Child Care
- Kalamazoo First Presbyterian Church
- Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes
- Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra
- KCReady 4s
- Kellogg Community College
- Kalamazoo Neighborhood Housing Services
- Kalamazoo Public Library
- Kalamazoo Public Schools
- Kalamazoo Literacy Council
- KPS Bilingual Home School Liason
- KVCC Dental
- Kalamazoo Air Zoo
- Kzoo Valley Museum
- Kzoo Civic Theatre- Academy of Theatre Arts
- League of Women Voters
- MDHHS
- Michigan Arts & Culture Council (MACC)
- Milwood United Methodist Church
- Mothers of Hope
- MSU Extension Kalamazoo
- New Life Fellowship COGIC
- Open Roads
- Prevention Works
- Portage Community Outreach Center
- Portage Pediatric Dentistry
- Portage Public Schools
- Ripple Effects
- Rootead Enrichment Center
- Safe Kids Kalamazoo
- Smile Savers
- South MI Food Bank
- Southwest Child Care Resources
- St. Joseph Catholic Church of Kalamazoo
- Stryker Johnston Foundation
- The Touch Radio Station
- We the People Kalamazoo
- Western Michigan University
- WIC
- YMCA
- YWCA
- And many more!





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