



652

children under the age of five



909

children and caregivers served



567

referrals made

> 65%

Families speak a
different language
at home

23

different
languages
spoken



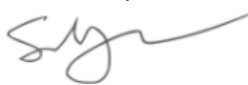
Dear Friends of DLEC,

We started our program year by opening the doors to our Mercy Magnuson Place early learning site in North Seattle. Shortly after, our community and world entered the global pandemic.

As we continue to balance learning and safety, we have found that through flexibility, patience, and provisional services, we are still able to serve high-need families. We have adapted our services into a hybrid model of remote learning, outdoor home visits, and on-site preschool while continuing to uphold our standards in education, safety, and inclusion.

Please read on to learn more about some of our challenges and accomplishments for program year 2019-2020 (September 2019 – June 2020).

Sincerely,



Susan Yang, Executive Director



2019-2020 Program Budget

FY20 AUDITED REVENUE

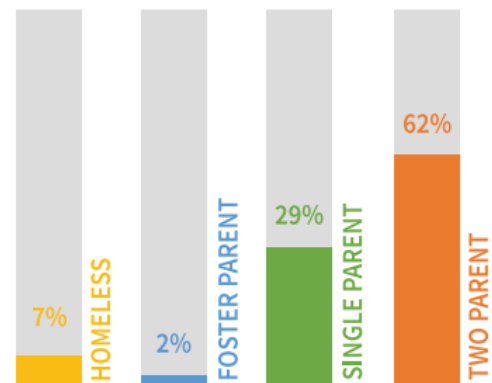
Head Start	\$2,123,665
Early Head Start	\$1,439,043
Other Govt Grants	\$2,036,954
Fundraising & Grants	\$733,016
Capital Campaign Contributions	\$1,589,447
United Way	\$153,033
Tuition & Fees	\$203,527
Investments & Other	\$57,575
Total	\$8,336,260



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Our Community

Welcoming of All Households



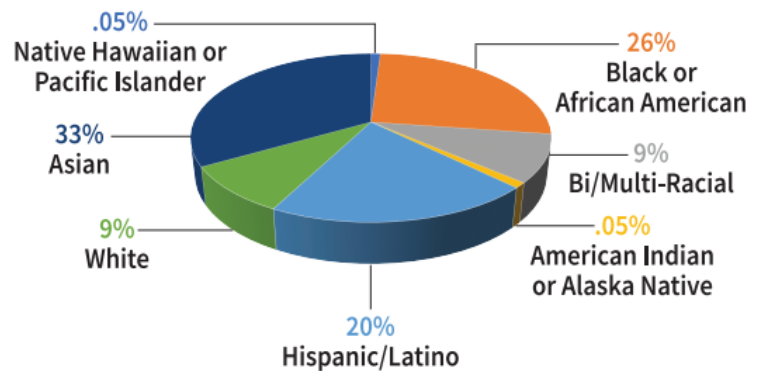
FY20 AUDITED EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$6,362,820
Management & General	\$765,476
Fundraising	\$167,926
Total	\$7,296,222

FY21 BUDGETED REVENUE

Head Start	\$2,017,212
Early Head Start	\$1,535,226
Other Govt Grants	\$1,862,293
Fundraising & Grants	\$150,000
United Way	\$15,225
Tuition & Fees	\$174,187
Release from Restrictions	\$934,258
Total	\$6,688,401

Embracing Diversity



FY21 BUDGETED EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$5,768,842
Management & General	\$694,643
Fundraising	\$152,160
Total	\$6,615,645



Our Children



Ensuring a Successful Start

Early Head Start (EHS) provides low-income families and women with children ages birth to three or who are pregnant with services to prepare their child for success. These services include weekly 90-minute home visits to provide caregivers with early learning activities, parent support, and health services in their home languages, bi-monthly socialization events to bring together caregivers to learn about topics they choose, from financial planning to health education, and early intervention through regular assessments of children's development milestones to identify special needs and provide resources as early as possible.

- **113** infants, **59** toddlers, **6** pregnant mothers
- **> 70%** of EHS children improved or maintained progress in four out of five developmental domains that indicate school readiness



Of the **43 children** who aged out of EHS, 20 continued to Head Start programs and 15 transitioned to a different early childhood program.



Preparing Kids for Kindergarten

Our preschool program serves predominantly immigrant and refugee families whose children are between ages three and five, and have an income under \$25,100 for a family of four. Priority for enrollment into the program is given to children in foster care, homeless families, and children with special needs.

- **4** preschool centers
- **135** children served throughout the program year
- **5.5%** of Head Start eligible children in Seattle were served by DLEC
- **68%** received dental, hearing, vision, and/or physical exams

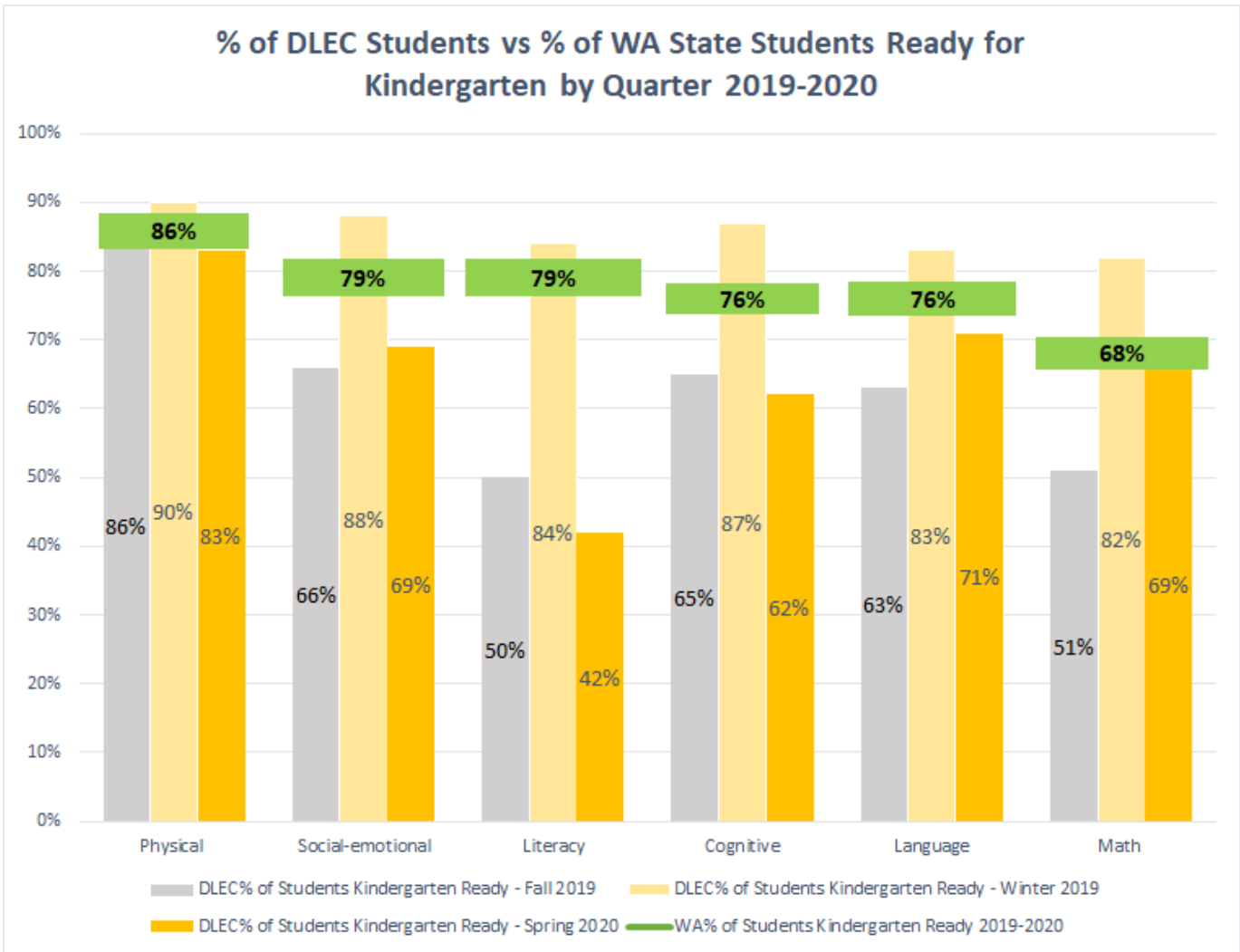


Effect of the Pandemic on the Students

Kindergarten Readiness



Denise Louie Education Center works to ensure that all children are ready for school. With this in mind, we developed school readiness goals that are tailored to each program using information from parents, teachers, and data collected through assessment and observation tools. During the program year 2019-20, our goal was for 85% of children to meet kindergarten readiness targets in five of the six domains. In the wintertime, we were exceeding this readiness goal in social/emotional, cognitive, and physical domains. However, the COVID-19 pandemic brought new challenges as families and educators adapted teaching methods, faced temporary site closures, and incorporated remote learning. These challenges directly impacted the Kindergarten Readiness outcomes of students during the 2019-20 year.



Outcomes of the Pandemic

Kindergarten Readiness

The data shows that students were progressing to meet/exceed the 85% goal until spring of 2020 when the pandemic crisis escalated. Shortly after our closure in March of 2020, as in person learning became limited and remote learning became a better option for families, we saw a decrease from winter to spring assessments. Many factors, ranging from the stress of COVID-19 to many parents assessing their children instead of teachers, impacted this decrease. Moving forward, we will use this information to consider different strategies around professional development to ensure all sites meet benchmarks in all areas and continue to monitor student outcomes.

Student Health and Dental Care

The Pandemic also affected the percentage of medical and dental exams the students received. For the 2019-20 program year, 60% of children enrolled in the program received medical exams, and 64% of the children were up-to-date on dental exams. The lower number of medical and dental exams can be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. The data drawn from millions of health insurance claims by the Health Care Cost Institute showed a consistent pattern that many Americans remained wary of going into hospitals and medical offices for fear of increased exposure to COVID-19. This worry was also reflected in our families who shared their concerns about receiving medical and dental exams to their home visitors and family service providers.



Our Commitment

Engaging and listening to our parents and guardians

During the last program year, Denise Louie hosted monthly parent nights where families helped choose topics and speakers to identify and support their most immediate needs, with topics ranging from financial literacy, nutrition, and special needs. Our preschool classrooms also have parent-teacher conferences and home visits throughout the year to facilitate more intimate dialogues on children's educational progress. We encourage families to help children with their homework, as well as to provide us with ongoing feedback, and we welcome families to volunteer in classrooms. When March 2020 came around, all of our meetings and trainings became virtual.

Our Policy Council is integral to our programs' success and represents the families we serve. Every year, parent representatives are elected from both HS and EHS programs. Our parent-led Policy Council functions in partnership with our Board of Directors to approve policies, budgets, and hiring decisions, as well as provide program feedback.

- **12** parent nights
- **12** Policy Council meetings

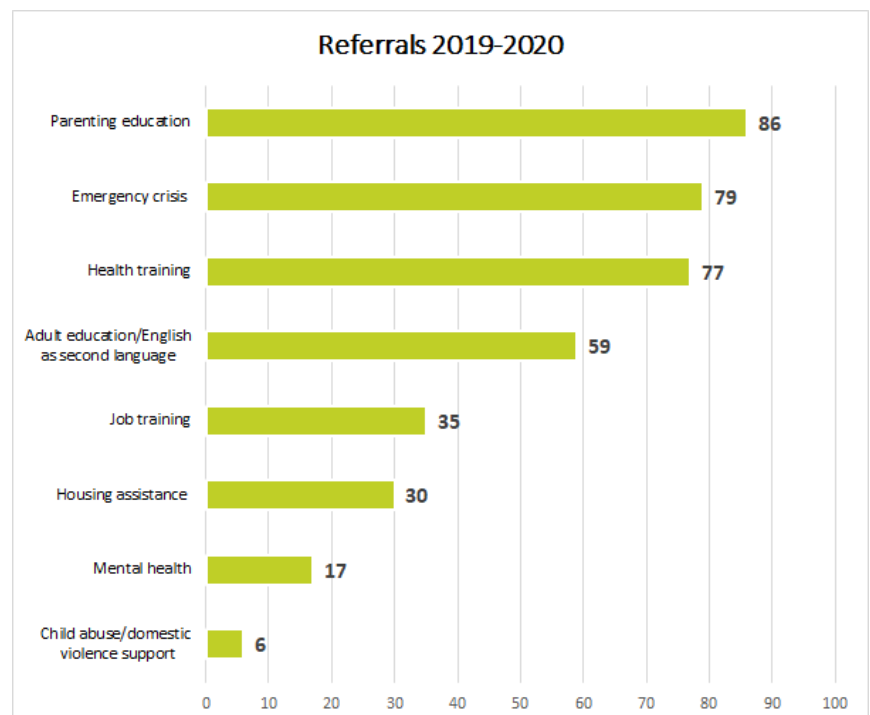
Parent night topics in 2019-2020 were: Oral health, Trauma, Kindergarten readiness, Daily living and personal care, COVID-19 Updates



Our Families

Building stronger communities

Our family support and home visiting teams connect and educate parents on available resources from housing and nutrition to immigrant rights. Over 567 referrals were made for our enrolled families.



Successes During the Pandemic

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn

We were able to host 110 Kaleidoscope Play & Learn (KP&L) sessions at 3 Seattle Public Library locations (Lake City, Rainier Beach, and Columbia City), supporting over 345 children and caregivers in the community. From our pre-and post-surveys, we learned that:

- **50%** of families that participated in the KP&L sessions came from very low to moderate-income households
- **>51%** of families were people of color.

At the beginning of the program year, we set a goal that over 80% of participants would improve their understanding of the role they played in preparing their child for kindergarten. We are proud to share that **over 81% of participants met this goal.**

- **81%** reported they had a better understanding of how children develop school readiness skills when they play
- **74%** shared they had learned about the importance of having a nurturing relationship with their child

In March, the COVID-19 Pandemic disproportionately affected our families, programs, and organization. We had to transition to hosting virtual sessions on our website. Please check out some of our virtual P&L videos online at

www.deniselouie.org/services/play-learn/

Play & Learn consisted of 30-minute live Zoom sessions, pre-recorded sessions via YouTube, and a virtual library via YouTube. There were 2,567 YouTube views with 6-10 children and caregivers per Zoom Session. Play & Learn was also held every Tuesday at 10 am for the public and Thursdays at 10 am for Mercy Magnuson Place families.



The Future is Bright Auction

We had our first virtual action, and it was a success! Not only did the community come together virtually, we were able to raise over \$170,000. Thank you to all of those who were able to join us!



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