



475

children under the age of five



1138

children and caregivers served



1,220

.....  
referrals made.....

> 65%

Families speak a  
different language  
at home



24

different  
languages  
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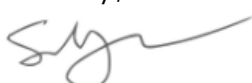
## Dear Friends,

I can't help but look back to the beginning of the pandemic, when we just didn't know what the future held for us and for our children and families. In this second pandemic school year, as the future continues to surprise us, I feel my confidence and hope growing because our kiddos continue to succeed. Despite mask-wearing, remote learning challenges, staffing shortages, and so many other obstacles that stand in the way of learning, our children continue to demonstrate that they are ready for kindergarten when they leave our doors.

In the fall of 2020, our preschoolers started below the WA state goals for kindergarten readiness in almost every area. By the Spring, they had surpassed every one – and by over 20% points in math! These kiddos have worked incredibly hard, and it truly shows in the numbers found in this report.

We are all so grateful for the commitment, passion, and heart that shines from every corner of our hardworking DLEC community – from staff, to families, to donors, to partners.

Sincerely,



Susan Yang, Executive Director



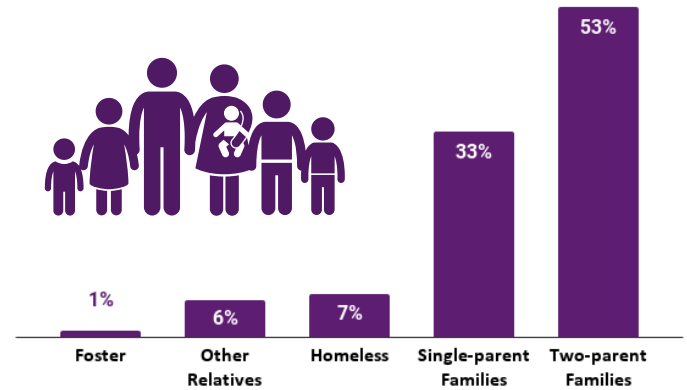
# 2020-2021 Program Budget

The program's operating budget includes Expenses for Educational and Program Services, as well as Management and General expenses. Education and Program Expenses include line items for instruction, such as teacher salaries and benefits, classroom supplies, and other teaching-related expenses; family engagement, which includes social service staff and support for parent activities and kindergarten transition; interventions, which includes health, mental health, and nutrition; staff professional development, which includes training and technical assistance for staff and supervision and support expenses.

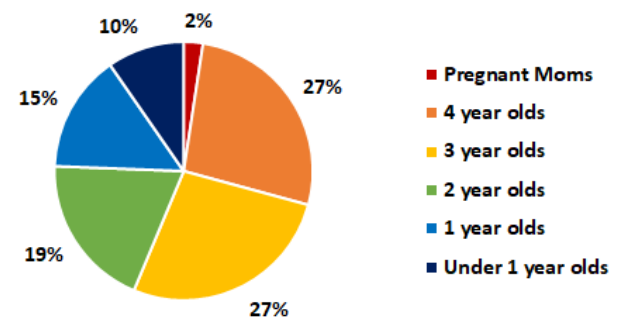


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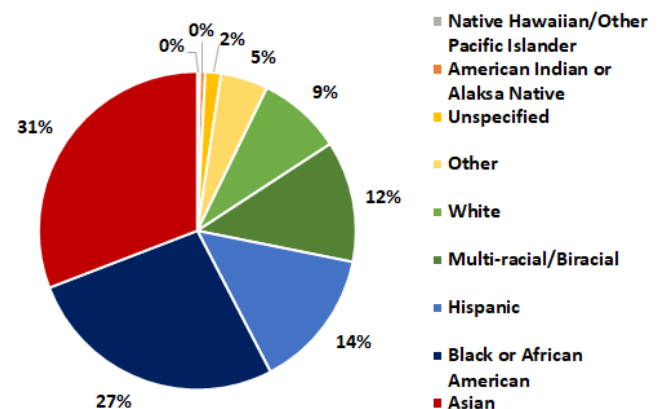
### 2020-2021 DLEC Family Types



### 2020-2021 DLEC Student Ages



### 2020-2021 DLEC Family Ethnicities



#### FY20-21 UNAUDITED BUDGET

Federal Funding	\$3,552,438
Other Govt Funding	\$1,862,293
Tuition and Fees	\$174,187
Fundraising & Other	\$165,225
Release from Restrictions	\$934,258
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,688,401</b>

#### FY20-21 UNAUDITED EXPENSE

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

#### FY21-22 BUDGET

Federal Funding	\$4,774,186
Other Government Funding	\$1,724,964
Tuition & Fees	\$515,915
Fundraising & Other	\$592,524
Release from Restrictions	\$373,931
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,981,520</b>

#### FY21-22 EXPENSE

Educational & Program Services	\$7,067,952
Management & General	\$873,568
Fundraising	\$40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,981,520</b>



# Yesler Terrace Early Learning Center

**8,400 square-feet of childcare and early learning.**

## **Project Description:**

- **Targeted Beneficiaries:** Children from birth to age 5 and their parents/caregivers
- **Impact:** At least 97 children (37 infants and toddlers, 60 preschoolers)
- **Details:** 6 classrooms, office spaces, laundry room, kitchen, and playground
- **Project Timeline:** With the ground breaking ceremony held on May 19, 2021, the project is predicted to be completed in early 2023.

Situated across from Bailey-Gatzert Elementary School, the location of DLEC's founding preschool site, the Yesler Terrace Capital Project will provide combined living, early learning, and community-based retail business space to meet the needs of families with incomes from 30% - 60% of Area Median Income (AMI).



Pictured above: Kert Lin, DLEC Alum and Bailey Gatzert Elementary Teacher, with Maiko Winkler-Chin, SCIDpda Executive Director, at May 19, 2021 groundbreaking ceremony.



Pictured left to right: Chris Persons, Community Roots Housing CEO; Maiko Winkler-Chin, SCIDpda Executive Director; Kai Shih, DLEC Board President; Kert Lin, DLEC Alum and Bailey Gatzert Elementary Teacher; Susan Yang, DLEC Executive Director; and Nikki Huang, DLEC Director of Development.

# 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 developmental milestones to identify special needs and provide resources as early as possible.

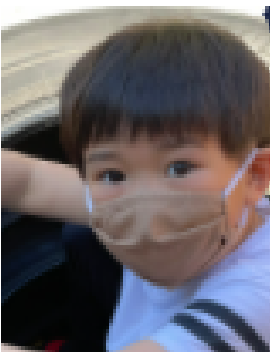
- 91 infants, 72 toddlers, 9 pregnant mothers
- 70% of EHS children improved or maintained progress in four out of five developmental domains that indicate school readiness



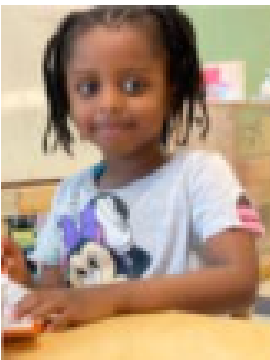
## Preparing Kids for Kindergarten

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
- 148 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



During the 2020-2021 program year, 46% of children enrolled in the program received medical exams and 21% of the children are up-to-date on dental exams. It should be noted that the lower medical and dental exams are likely attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic. The New York Times reported that preventative care decreased drastically from the onset of the pandemic. Data from the Health Care Cost Institute shows that childhood vaccinations for hepatitis, measles, whooping cough, and other diseases had a significant decrease. One of particular concern was the measles vaccinations which fell 73% in mid-April of 2020 and remained down 36% at the end of June 2020. From the data drawn from millions of health insurance claims by the Health Care Cost Institute, there shows 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 is also reflected in our families who shared their concerns about receiving medical and dental exams to their home visitors and family service providers.





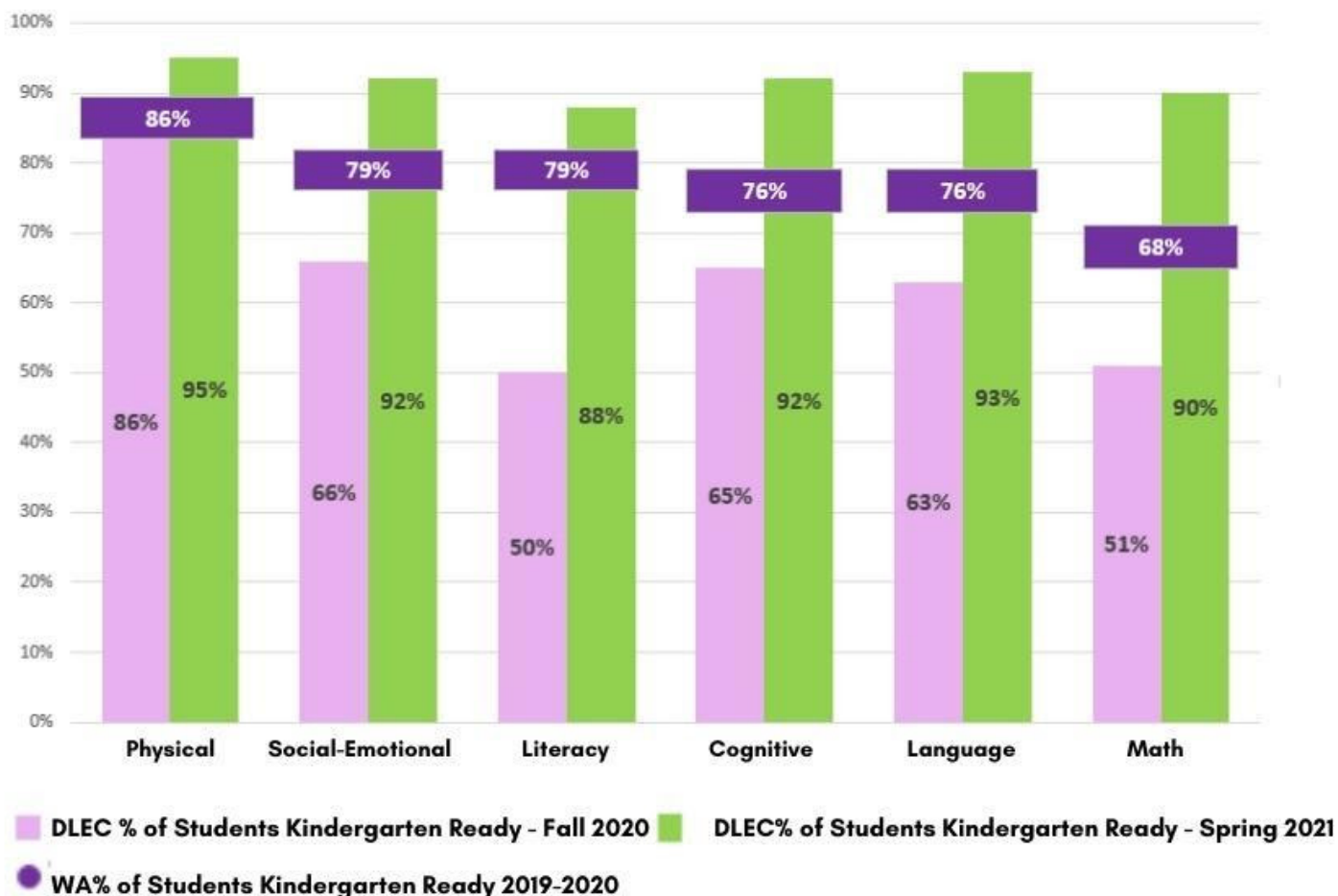
# Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

Denise Louie Education Center works to ensure that all children are ready for school. With this in mind, and with the help of parents and teachers, we developed school readiness goals that are tailored to each program. Each school readiness goal was created using information from parents, teachers, and data collected through assessment and observation tools.

During the program year 2020-2021, our goal was that 85% of children would meet kindergarten readiness targets in five of the 6 domains. The data shows that most of the children met or exceeded the goal. The latest data from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction show that DLEC exceeded the average percent of students ready for kindergarten in Washington state by the end of the Program year 2020-2021.

The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has not yet updated their averages for the percent of students ready for kindergarten. The averages are currently based on 2019-2020 Washington State goals. We will be sure to update this information as soon as it is available to us. 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.

## %DLEC Students vs % of WA State Students ready for Kindergarten by Semester 2020-2021



# Our Commitment to Our Families

## Engaging and Listening to Our Parents & Guardians

Last program year, Denise Louie hosted monthly parent nights where families help 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.

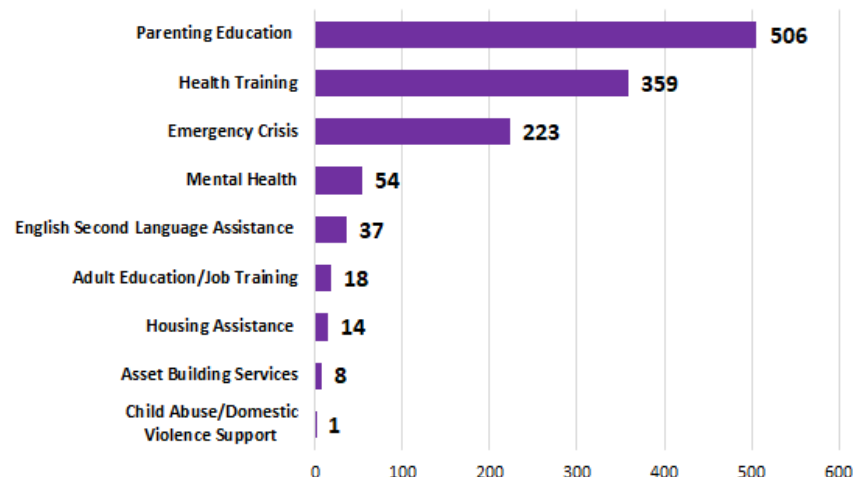
Our family support and home visiting teams connect and educate parents on available resources from housing and nutrition to immigrant rights.

- **1220** referrals were made for our enrolled families.

Month	Parent Training Topic	# of Attendees
Sep-20	Sept - Ready Rosie	110
Oct-20	Oct - Positive Guidance & Conscious Discipline	45
Nov-20	Nov - Access to Food Resources	37
Dec-20	Dec - Mental Health: Holiday Blues	43
Jan-21	Jan - Kindergarten Readiness	58
Jan-21	Jan - Kindergarten online training	7
Feb-21	Feb (1) - Medical & Other Resources (i.e. energy, utility, food assistance, etc.)	58
Feb-21	Feb (2) - Early Intervention & Special Education	17
Mar-21	Mar - Home Buying	52
Apr-21	Apr - Dad Community & Support	49
May-21	May - Parent & Child interaction at home	38
May-21	May - HSAC	12
Yearly Total		526
Average # of Attendees		44

Parent Committees	BH # of Attendees	LW # of Attendees	ID # of Attendees	SP # of Attendees
Oct-20	7	19	15	3
Nov-20	22	13	17	4
Dec-20	17	19	17	3
Jan-21	12	14	15	5
Feb-21	17	19	16	6
Mar-21	6	11	16	4
Apr-21	10	6	17	3
May-21	12	15	18	4
Jun-21	11	14	15	0
Yearly Total	114	130	146	32
Average # of Attendees	13	14	16	4

## 2020-2021 Family Resource Referrals



# Our Impact During the Pandemic

A snapshot of goods and services DLEC provided to young children and families during the 2020-2021 program year:

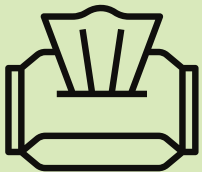
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## We Delivered:

**24,480+**  
Diapers



**2,100+**  
Wipes



**130+**  
Formulas



**31,800lbs+**  
of Healthy food  
delivered



**89+**  
In-person  
learning classes



**2,100+**  
Home visits  
offered to families



**117+**  
Children in daily  
zoom lessons



## We assisted families with the following services and referrals:

**359**  
Health  
Training

**506**  
Parenting  
Education

**8**  
Asset  
Building  
Services

**14**  
Housing  
Assistance

**18**  
Adult  
Education/Job  
Training

**37**  
ESL  
Assistance

**54**  
Mental Health

**223**  
Emergency  
Crisis



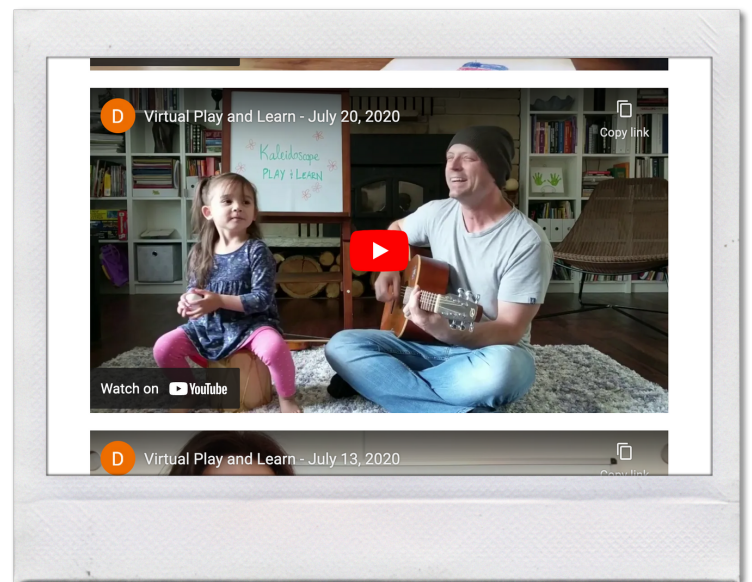
# Play and Learn Successes!

## Transitioning into the virtual world of learning

Play & Learn is a program for parents and caregivers of young children to learn and explore together. This facilitated program is designed to support the development of children's school readiness skills and to provide education and support for parents and caregivers. Originally provided at the Lake City, Columbia, and Rainier Beach Libraries, with the onset of the pandemic, all services were transitioned into the virtual space.

In 2020-21,

- 1165 children and caregivers accessed virtual Play & Learn services.
- 23 recorded virtual sessions, videos, and resources were posted to the virtual Play & Learn library on Deniselouie.org.
- 59 virtual Play & Learn sessions held via Zoom including:
  - Welcome songs and sharing time
  - Stretches and indoor exercises
  - Songs featuring gross and fine motor skills
  - Stories and books featuring diverse characters and cultures
  - Resources to support families
  - An overarching curricular theme that supports kindergarten readiness and caregiver learning.



## Our Community Partners and Funders:



# Our Donors

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With an especially challenging year, Denise Louie Education Center sincerely thanks our 15 volunteers for their donating their time and energy to the families and children we serve! Your 232.75 hours of service in our classrooms, office, and at our events have made an immeasurable impact on the lives of the people we serve. Thank you for believing in our mission of educating and empowering Denise Louie children and their families!

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**VISION:** Denise Louie Education Center's vision is to educate and empower children and families to reach their full potential so they can advocate for themselves, our communities, and the world.

**MISSION:** Denise Louie Education Center promotes school and life readiness by providing multicultural early learning services to children and families, especially those who need our services the most. We will respect and preserve each child and family's individuality, cultural heritage, and home language. We will promote personal and social responsibility with integrity and love in an environment defined by social justice and peace.





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