

475

children under the age of five



1138

children and caregivers served



1,279+

referrals made

> 65%

Families speak a
different language
at home

28

different
languages
spoken



Dear Friends of Denise Louie Education Center,

This year, perhaps more than ever, we appreciate the power of people reconnecting to each other, and the priorities, we have for growth and expansion. We have a great deal to celebrate: the 100+ guests who attended our in-person auction; the Kraken partnership where families experienced the joy of skating and the tremendous pride that staff had when the math scores of 97% of our preschool children exceeded expectations for children of their age after we implemented our new math curriculum. We continue to expand our reach, and with the \$7.4 capital campaign wrapped up and construction underway, soon 97 more children will be served at the Denise Louie Education Center at Yesler. To accommodate the increase in community demand for our services, we stand ready to generate the resources necessary to invest in, grow, and sustain a high-quality early learning workforce. We know this is no easy feat in a city like Seattle, where the cost of living is so high, but are confident we will meet this challenge, and our ongoing aims to provide exceptional services, with you at our side.

Sincerely,

Susan Yang, Executive Director



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.

- 52 infants, 85 toddlers, 7 pregnant mothers
- 63% of EHS children improved or maintained 5 out of 6 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 (1 more, Yesler) under construction
- 217 children served throughout the program year
- 5.5% of Head Start eligible children in Seattle were served by DLEC
- 64% received dental, hearing, vision, and/or physical exams

During the 2021-2022 program year, 73% of children enrolled in the program received medical exams and 55% of the children are up-to-date on dental exams. These numbers are significantly higher than the number of children that received medical or dental exams last program year (46% and 21% respectively).

We hope that this trend continues to grow as vaccinations for children aged 5 and under are now available and families are becoming more comfortable visiting medical and dental offices as we slowly progress out of the pandemic.



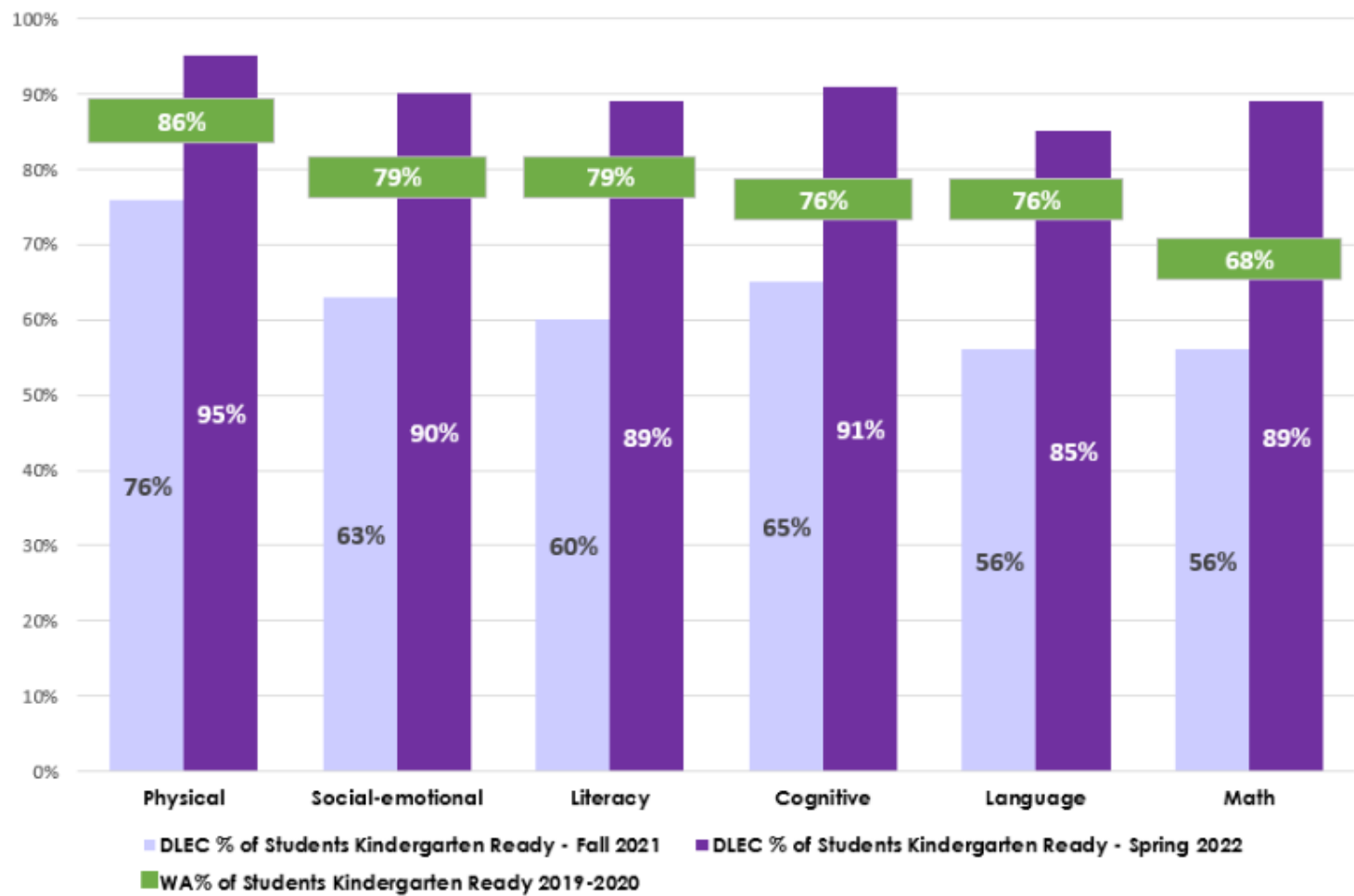
Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

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 201-2022, our goal was that 85% of children would meet kindergarten readiness targets in 5 of the 6 domains. The data shows that we have met that goal in PY21-22 with our children meeting or exceeding the 85% goal in all domains. 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 2021-2022.

The Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has not yet updated its 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.

% of DLEC Students vs % of WA State Students Ready for Kindergarten by Semester 2021-2022



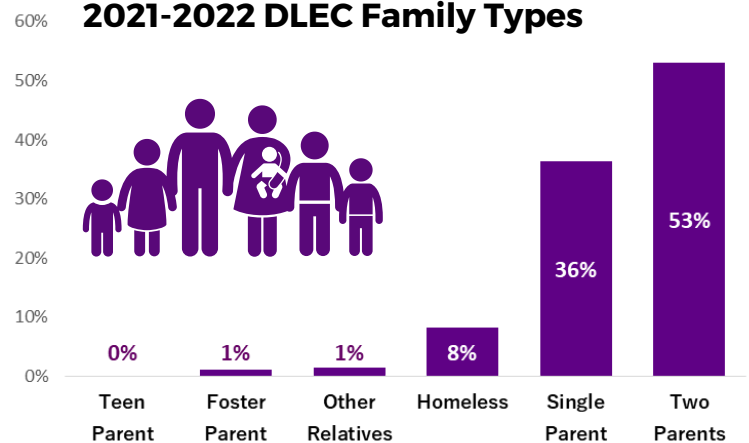
2022-2023 Program Budget

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 include health, mental health, and nutrition; staff professional development, which includes training and technical assistance for staff and supervision and support expenses.

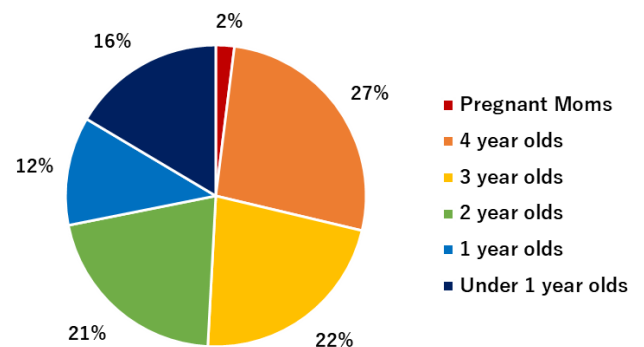


Our Community

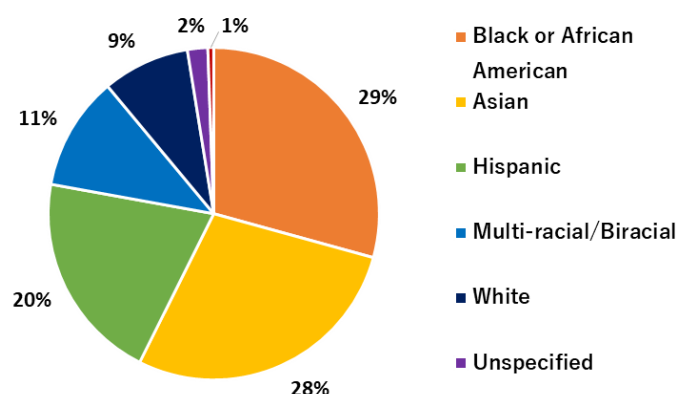
2021-2022 DLEC Family Types



2021-2022 DLEC Student Ages



2021-2022 DLEC Family Ethnicities



FY21-22 UNAUDITED BUDGET

Federal Funding	\$4,664,186
Other Govt Funding	\$1,859,964
Tuition and Fees	\$515,915
Fundraising & Other	\$718,000
One-Time Funding	\$373,931
Total	\$8,131,996

FY21-22 UNAUDITED EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$6,814,325
Management & General	\$1,277,214
Fundraising	\$40,000
Total	\$8,131,539

FY22-23 BUDGET

Federal Funding	\$4,529,344
Other Government Funding	\$1,979,840
Tuition & Fees	\$902,487
Fundraising & Other	\$1,780,000
Release from Restrictions	\$150,000
Total	\$9,341,671

FY22-23 EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$8,324,534
Management & General	\$1,042,125
Fundraising	\$1,412
Total	\$9,368,071

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.

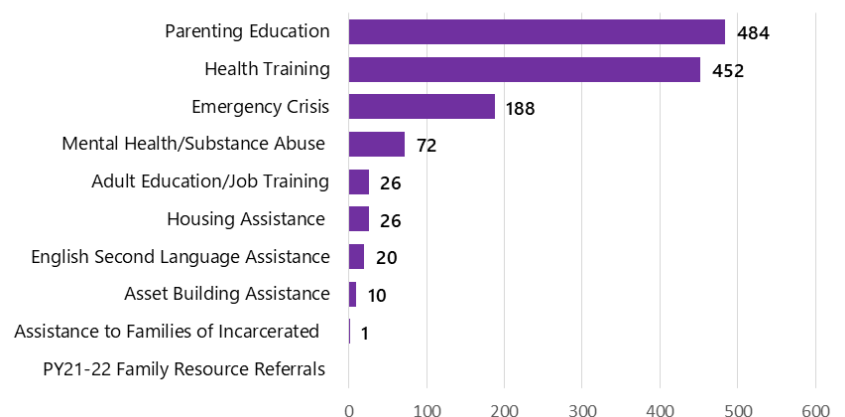
Our family support and home visiting teams connect and educate parents on available resources from housing and nutrition to immigrant rights.

- **1279** referrals were made for our enrolled families.

PY21-22 Parent Trainings		
Date	Training	Parents Attended
24-Aug-21	Health Orientation	48
24-Aug-21	Health Orientation	12
26-Aug-21	Health Orientation	5
26-Aug-21	Health Orientation	34
28-Sep-21	Computer Literacy	22
26-Oct-21	Access to Food Resources	17
16-Nov-21	Mental Health	29
14-Dec-21	Kindergarten Registration	37
25-Jan-22	Kindergarten Online Training & Kindergarten	31
15-Feb-22	Dental	29
22-Mar-22	Early Intervention & Special Education	26
26-Apr-22	Finance - Homebuying	18
17-May-22	Dad Community & Support	19
21-Jun-22	Preschool Readiness	11
Yearly Total		338
Average # of Attendees		24

Parent Committees					
Month	HV # of Attendees	BH # of Attendees	LW # of Attendees	ID # of Attendees	SP # of Attendees
Sep-22	0	17	19	16	4
Oct-22	0	8	19	6	3
Nov-22	1	18	19	8	2
Dec-22	0	10	19	7	3
Jan-22	2	9	19	9	5
Feb-22	NA	19	19	10	3
Mar-22	NA	13	19	7	4
Apr-22	NA	13	19	5	5
May-22	NA	11	19	3	4
Jun-22	NA	13	19	0	0
Jul-22	NA	0	19	0	0
Yearly Total	3	131	209	71	33
Average # of Attendees	1	22	35	12	6

PY21-22 Family Resource Referrals



Play and Learn Successes!

A gentle transition back into the world.

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, these sessions were transitioned into a weekly virtual session, hosted by the Seattle Public Libraries and open to the public.



While offered in the virtual space in 2020, we transitioned our group for Mercy Magnuson Place families from Zoom into the outdoors in the fall of 2021.

Overall, in 2021-2022:

- 257 participants joined us for Play & Learn.
 - 141 children
 - 105 caregivers
 - 11 guests, including authors from our newest community partner, Duck Duck Books, who began hosting a monthly multilingual storytime within our sessions for our virtual families.
- We held 101 virtual and in-person sessions throughout the year.
- Our online virtual Play & Learn library that we created in 2020 continues to be accessed by families with nearly 500 new views on YouTube.



Thank you to our Community Partners and Funders!



We've Been Busy This Year!

Yesler Terrace

We wrapped up our \$7.4 million capital campaign for Yesler Terrace in 2021 positioning us for more early learning expansion. 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).



Release the Kraken! We partnered with The Seattle Kraken



We appreciate our partners, The Seattle Kraken, for introducing ice skating to many of the Denise Louie children and families. The event was held on June 10, 2022 with 51 attendees! We hope to continue this partnership to show our families and kiddos the fun of skating!

Mayor Bruce Harrell Kicked off Seattle's Preschool Program with DLEC

Mayor Bruce Harrell and Seattle DEEL Director Dwane Chappelle visited our International District site in April of 2022 to launch the Seattle Preschool Program applications and opening of 7 additional classrooms at sites across Seattle including DLEC's International District School!



L to R: Seattle Department of Education and Early Learning Director Dwane Chappelle, Denise Louie Education Center's Executive Director Susan Yang and Seattle Mayor Bruce Harrell

Fundraisers



L to R: DLEC Development Director Nikki Huang, Auction Co-Chair Jennie Cochran-Chinn, DLEC Executive Director Susan Yang, Auction Co-Chair Denise Moriguchi

We had 2 auctions, eight months apart, and raised over \$412,000 this year! We were ecstatic that after over 2 years of virtual fundraising, DLEC held its first in-person gala since October 2019 on June 4, 2022. This was a true turning point for us in this COVID-19 pandemic. The Denise Louie gala, dubbed "The Future is Bright," met its fundraising goal of over \$200,000 with over 100 guests attending the fete at Magnuson Park. Northwest Asian Weekly did a wonderful job highlighting our annual event. We want to send a big thank you to all the community businesses that supported us!

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We are incredibly grateful for the generous support of our 2021–2022 donors. Throughout this challenging year, it has been an honor to be making a difference with you and our families. Thank you!

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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's 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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