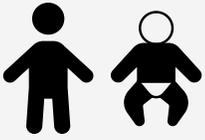




2023-2024 Annual REPORT



645

children under the age of five



1,281

children and caregivers served



> 65%

families speak a different language at home



27

different languages spoken

Dear Friends of Denise Louie Education Center,

As we reflect on the 2023-2024 school year, we are filled with pride and excitement for the remarkable milestones we have achieved together. Denise Louie opened our new Yesler Terrace location—an accomplishment that underscores our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional early childhood education and expanding critical services to more infants and toddlers in our community.

This year, our Education Centers, Home Visiting program, and Play and Learn groups served over 1,281 children and caregivers. This would not have been possible without the dedicated and passionate efforts of our teachers, home visitors, and staff. Their tireless work has been essential to our success as we continue to navigate the long-term impacts of the pandemic on the social, emotional, and economic well-being of our community.

We look forward to another year of progress and success as we prepare our students for the transition to kindergarten and life. Together with your commitment, we are continuing to shape a brighter future for our community. Thank you for standing with us!

Sincerely,

Susan Yang, Executive Director

Kai Shih, Board President

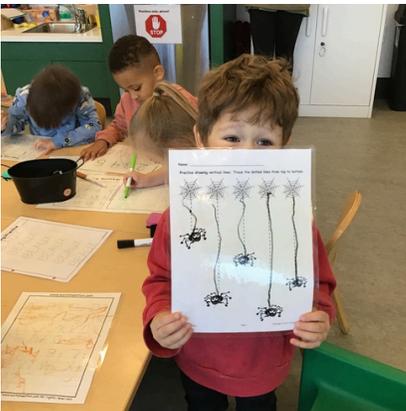


Our Children

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.

- **65** infants, **126** toddlers, **7** pregnant mothers
- **78%** of EHS children improved or maintained **5** out of **5** 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, families experiencing homelessness, and children with special needs.

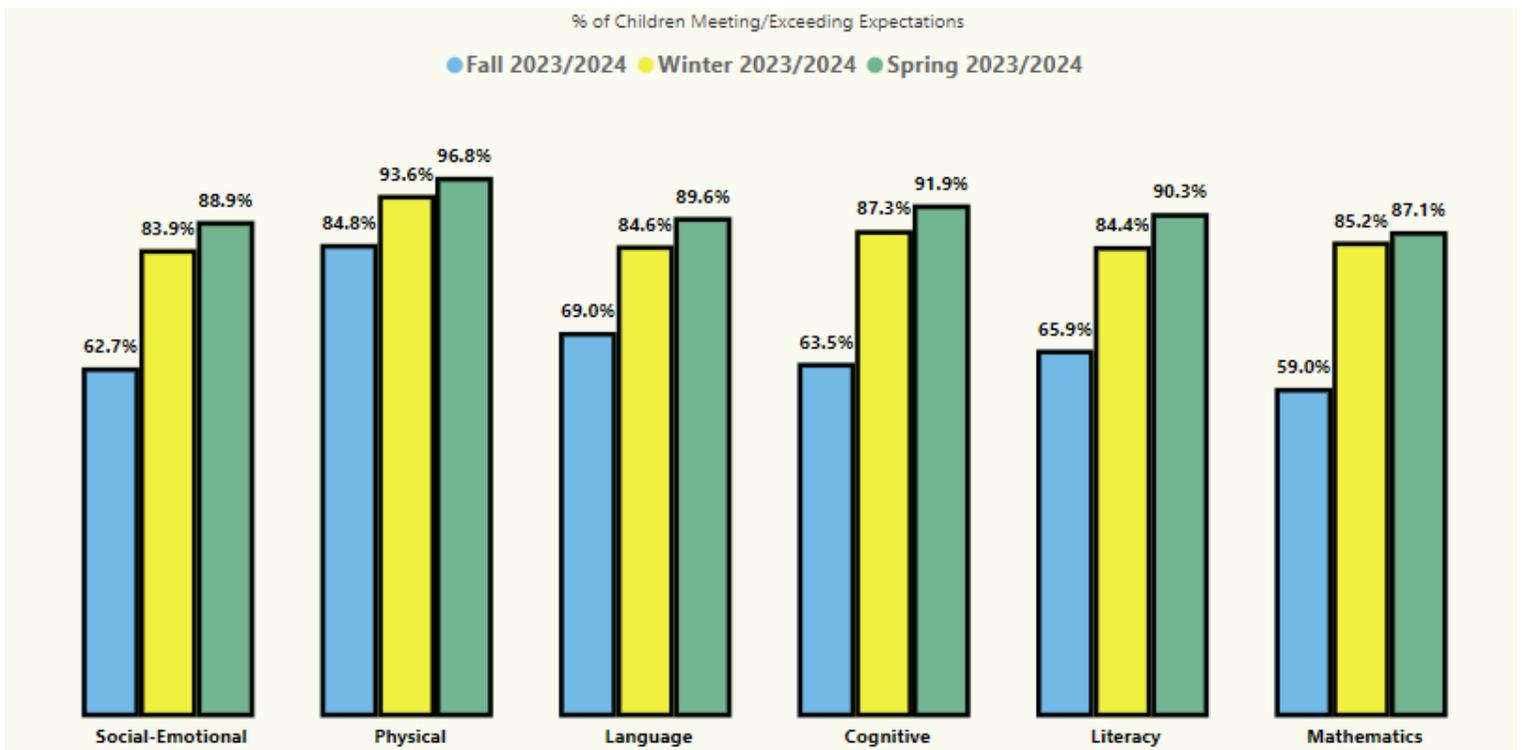
- **3** preschool centers across the Seattle area
- **213** children served throughout the program year

During the 2023-2024 program year, **70%** of children enrolled in the Head Start program were up to date on their EPSDT examinations and **54%** of the children were up-to-date on dental exams. The dental exam numbers was **higher by 13%** than the year prior, showing a willingness from our parents to prioritize dental care alongside preventive health care.

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 2023-2024, our goal was that **85%** of children would meet kindergarten readiness targets in **5 of the 6 domains**. We met our goal of **85%** children meeting/exceeding in our school readiness goals by Spring in all domains. The data shows that we have met that goal in PY23-24 with **90%** of children having improved or maintained **6 out of 6 developmental domains** that indicate school readiness.



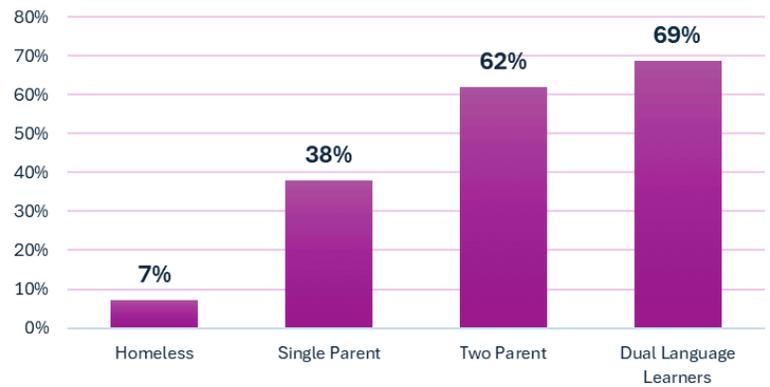
Key Takeaways from the Assessments Illustrated:

- The percentage of children meeting/exceeding in each Teaching Strategies GOLD® domain increased each quarter.
- **In all 6 GOLD® domains, at least 87% of children met kindergarten readiness targets!**
- We are so proud of DLEC children for their growth in Social-Emotional and Math skills, since these are challenging areas around the state right now.

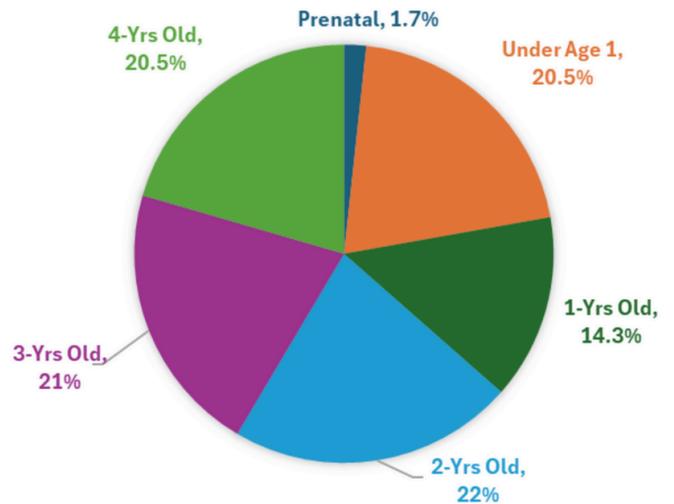
2023-2024 Program Budget

The program's operating budget covers both Educational and Program Services and Management expenses. Education costs include teacher salaries, benefits, classroom supplies, family engagement, socialization, and kindergarten transition support. It also funds health, mental health, and nutrition interventions, as well as staff professional development, training, and supervision.

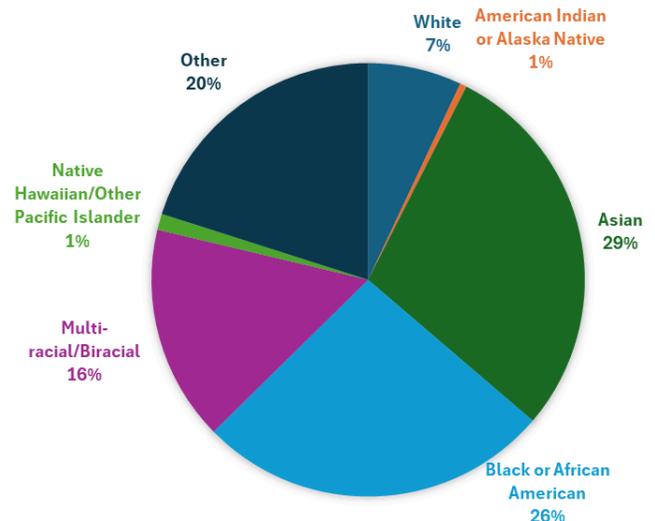
HOUSEHOLD



CLASS AGE



RACE



FY23-24 UNAUDITED REVENUE

Federal Funding	\$ 4,902,549
Other Govt Funding	\$ 2,124,084
Tuition and Fees	\$ 1,117,760
Fundraising & Other	\$ 950,000
Total	\$ 9,094,393

FY23-24 UNAUDITED EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$ 5,248,564
Management & General	\$ 3,733,582
Fundraising	\$ 57,227
Total	\$ 9,039,373

FY24-25 BUDGETED REVENUE

Federal Funding	\$ 4,902,549
Other Government Funding	\$ 2,187,167
Tuition & Fees	\$ 1,441,326
Fundraising & Other	\$ 925,500
Total	\$ 9,456,542

FY24-25 BUDGETED EXPENSES

Educational & Program Services	\$ 5,759,436
Management & General	\$ 3,807,322
Fundraising	\$ 35,000
Total	\$ 9,601,758

Our Commitment to Our Families

Engaging and Listening to Our Parents & Guardians

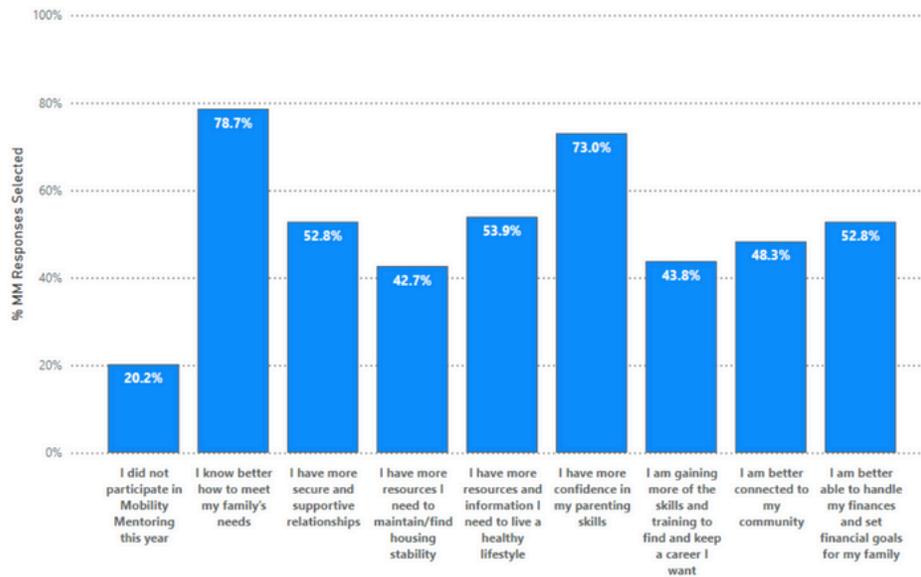
At Denise Louie Education Center, we actively engage and listen to our parents and guardians through various initiatives. Our Policy Council, composed of program parents, plays a key role in approving policies, budgets, hiring, and offering feedback. We also host monthly parent committees, open to all parents, where they provide input on class policies and activities.

Families participated in several ways, including Monthly Parent Nights, where they selected topics to address their needs, and Parent-Teacher Conferences and Home Visits to discuss each child's progress. We also encouraged parents to support their children's homework and share feedback.

Through Mobility Mentoring, we offer culturally competent, individualized support, helping families set personalized goals and work toward self-reliance by meeting them where they are and following their lead.

Parent Training			
Date	Training	Parents Attended	Fathers Attended
August 31, 2023	Health Orientation	29	0
September 19, 2023	Conscious Discipline	20	0
October 10, 2023	Nutrition	16	0
November 14, 2023	Mental Health	13	0
December 12, 2023	Dad's Presentation	20	3
January 9, 2024	Kinderten Online training	29	0
February 13, 2024	Dental	21	0
March 12, 2024	Finance Literacy	10	0
April 16, 2024	Early Intervention & Special Education	11	0
May 14, 2024	School Readiness	25	0
June 11, 2024	Tenant's Rights	11	0

Mobility Mentoring: % of Participants Agreeing w/ Statement



Parent Committee	
Month	Parents Attended
September	19
October	24
November	18
December	21
January	22
February	16
March	13
April	11
May	11
June	10



Play and Learn Successes

Supporting Caregivers: Kaleidoscope Play & Learn

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn groups are free gathering spaces for children birth - 5 years and their parents or caregivers, with a special focus on supporting Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) caregivers. Participants meet with others in their community and learn about fostering healthy child development through 90 minutes of open-ended play, circle time, and resource-sharing. In a single session, participants speak as many as 8 different languages and come from a wide mix of incomes. Play & Learn groups are held weekly in the Lake City, Columbia, and Rainier Beach libraries. For the 2023-2024 school year, we had 232 caregivers and 241 children join us for Play & Learn.



Of surveyed participants,

- **91%** said the program increased their understanding that through play, children develop skills that prepare them for school.
- **77%** said they were more likely to use community activities or services to help the child in their care learn and be healthy.
- **86%** said they felt more supported as a parent or caregiver in their community.
- **97%** said they would recommend our program to others who care for young children.
- **86%** said the program increased their understanding of the importance of having a nurturing relationship with the child in their care.

Thank you to our Community Partners and Funders!



We've Been Busy This Year!

One Year with Yesler Terrace!

It has been one year since the doors opened at our Yesler Terrace education center!

In the last program year, we offered 3 preschool classrooms, 2 toddler care classrooms, and a 1 infant care classroom. Our enrollment numbers steadily grew as the year went on. Our total enrollment numbers for the school year were **62** preschoolers, **23** toddlers, and **6** infants!

We hope to increase these enrollments numbers at Yesler Terrace this upcoming program year!



Neighbor Helping a Neighbor

We are extremely grateful to Amazon for donating nearly **\$5,000** worth of supplies to our centers and home visiting program! With this donation, our centers were able to receive **155** backpacks to give to our students. Our home visiting program was able to distribute **25** baby gates, **50** boxes of diapers, and **35** warm winter accessories.

Huge thank you to Amazon for helping our families have the supplies needed to be successful this upcoming school year!



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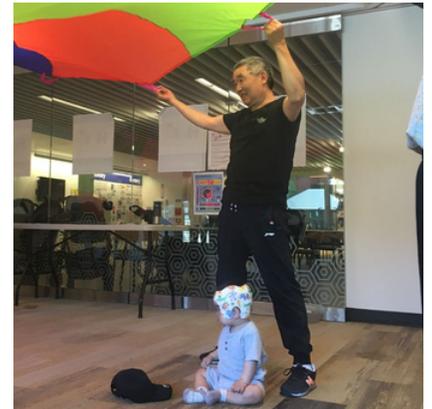
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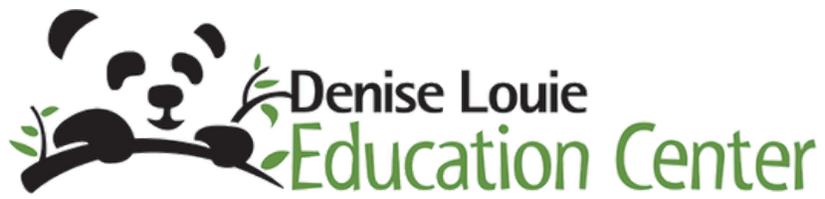
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