



# **Governors State University**

## **Early Head Start**

**Fiscal Year 2017 Early Head Start 1/1/2017 to 12/31/2017**

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The Early Head Start Annual Report to the public

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## **Mission**

The mission of the Family Development Center, a division of Governors State University's College of Education, is to provide accessible and exceptional education for children, families and students, and to encourage lifelong learning and the development of the whole child.

## **Vision**

**The Family Development Center will be the Model Early Education Center for the South Suburbs.**

## **Our Values**

**Making a difference in people's lives:** We value and respect the recipients of our services and the trust they place in us. We affect change in people's lives by using an approach that builds on an individual's strengths.

**Life-long Learners:** We lay an educational foundation for our students; we promote learning for our parents and ourselves as professionals.

**Quality and Excellence in our Work:** As professionals in our field, we are at the forefront of excellence in early childhood education.

**Demonstrate Inclusiveness and Diversity:** We embrace diversity among students, staff, and faculty as well as members of the broader community, and we encourage acceptance of wide-ranging perspectives.

## **Our Philosophy**

We believe that children learn in many different ways and children's learning is impacted by a variety of forces. When children are actively engaged and construct their own knowledge through hands on activities in a stimulating environment, their growth and development flourish. We use a research based, reasoned eclecticism approach with Creative Curriculum as our play based foundation. The Family Development Center staff provides a variety of opportunities and experiences in the environment to meet the needs of all children. We honor diversity, creativity and playfulness in every experience and strive to provide security and emotional support for all children and their families.

We encourage life-long learning and the dispositions of critical thinking, analytical thinking, questioning, and experimentation

## About the FDC

The FDC serves up to 245 children with a \$2.3 M budget, ranking it in the top 15 in budget and size of program in the country and one of the largest in the state of Illinois. Currently, 159 children are enrolled in the FDC programs.

## Programs

The Family Development Center is here to respond to the needs of the university community as well as the surrounding area of University Park. The Family Development Center offers full time and part time care for all children age birth to 12 years of age. In addition to child care, educational and support services are offered to pregnant women. Home based services are provided to families that are not in need of full time child care or preschool.

Family Development Center services are supported by grants, donations and private tuition payments from parents. The major grants are the Early Head Start grant and the Preschool for All grant. Early Head Start is a federally funded grant to provide comprehensive education and family support to low income pregnant women and families with children age birth to three. This program provides full day and home based services with a focus on high quality comprehensive services for the whole family.

At age three, children can transfer to our full day or half day Preschool program which is supported by a state funded Preschool For All program. The Preschool For All grant provides a licensed teacher and teacher assistant for 2.5 hours per day.

Our full day options blend Preschool For All or Early Head Start grant funding with parent's tuition or state Child Care Assistance Payments to provide a full day of high quality care for families that are working or in school full time.

When children turn five they must leave our preschool program and transfer to Kindergarten with their local school. The Family Development Center continues to offer child care before and after school during the school year, and all day during the summer. Children must leave the FDC programs on their thirteenth birthday.

All center based programs for children 0-5 are licensed by the State of Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). As a university, our programs for school age children are license exempt.

Demographic breakdown of families and children

Single parent	Foster parent	Homeless	Two parent
84%	7%	8%	16%

Race

Bi-racial	Black	Caucasian
10%	76%	14%

WIC	Food Stamps
61%	38%

Insurance Type- Children

Medicaid	Private
94%	6%

**Children Served: Cumulative Number of Children Served By funding source**

<b>Early Head Start</b>
<b>116</b>

**Actual Early Head Start Average Monthly Enrollment: 70.9 children = 98.4%**

**Percentage of Eligible Early Head Start Children served: 20%**

**Number of Children with Disabilities:**

<b>Early Head Start</b>
<b>17</b>

Medical information on EHS children enrolled more than 45 days.

Indicator	2016 data	2017 data	Nationwide comparison
Children with health insurance at end of year	98.2%	97%	94.9%

Number of children with an ongoing source of health care at the end of the year	92.7%	86%	93.3%
Number of children who are up to date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and well-baby care according to Illinois EPSDT schedule for well-baby care	91.8%	86%	77.5%
Number of children who are up to date on all immunizations/all possible immunizations	91.8%	84%	88%

Parent Involvement activities:

*Policy Council* – Policy Council is a monthly meeting held for elected EHS parents. Our Policy Council consists of 5 parents and 2 community members. The meetings run for 12 months until annual elections take place in September at which that time new members are elected and/or old members are re-elected. Childcare is provided during meeting times if needed.

Parent Night Out is the parent workshop/education activity carried out on a monthly basis. The activities for 2017 included:

- January – Are You ready? Emergency Preparedness
- February- Job Search workshop
- March-Language development in children
- April- Parent Social – get to know each other
- May- Social Service Resource Fair
- June- Grilling with Dads
- August- Open House
- September- Positive Parenting Program – Triple P seminar one
- October – Negotiating the College Admission process
- November- Financial Literacy- Build your Credit
- December – Positive Parenting program Seminar two

Preparation for Kindergarten Readiness

School Readiness Data- Early Head Start

2017-2018 Early Head Start School Readiness Outcomes Data:

We are pleased to report that of the children in the 2-3 year old age group that went through all three checkpoints, (Fall 2017 through Spring 18) 100% of them are meeting or exceeding expectations across all domains. The most significant gain for the 2-3 year olds was a 34% gain in language, which indicated they are ready for preschool.

Comparative Report- All Demographics

0-1 years  
N=6

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Social-Emotional	92	100	94.4
Physical	86	92	88.2
Language	92	92	94
Cognitive	92	92	82
Literacy	100	100	100
Mathematics	100	100	100

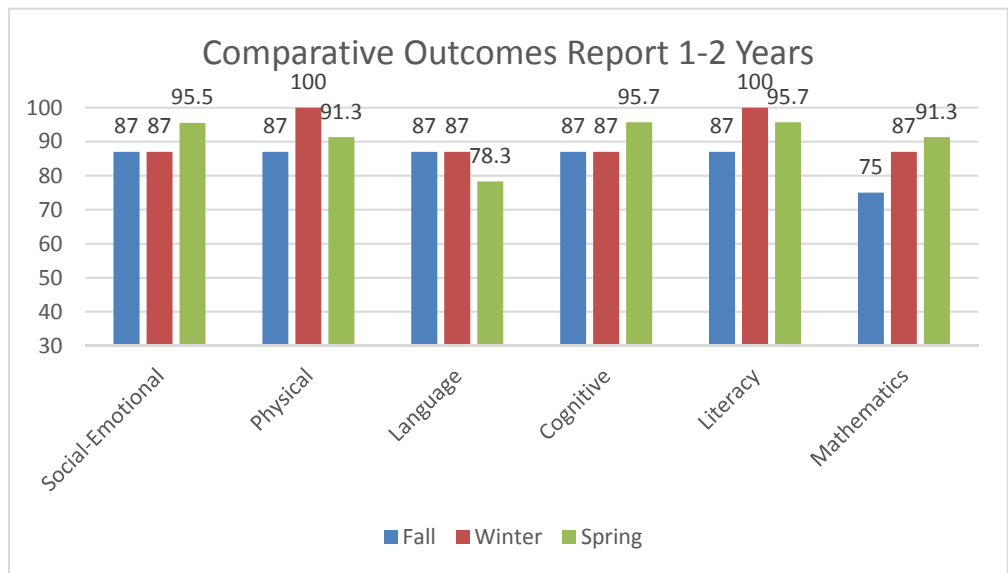
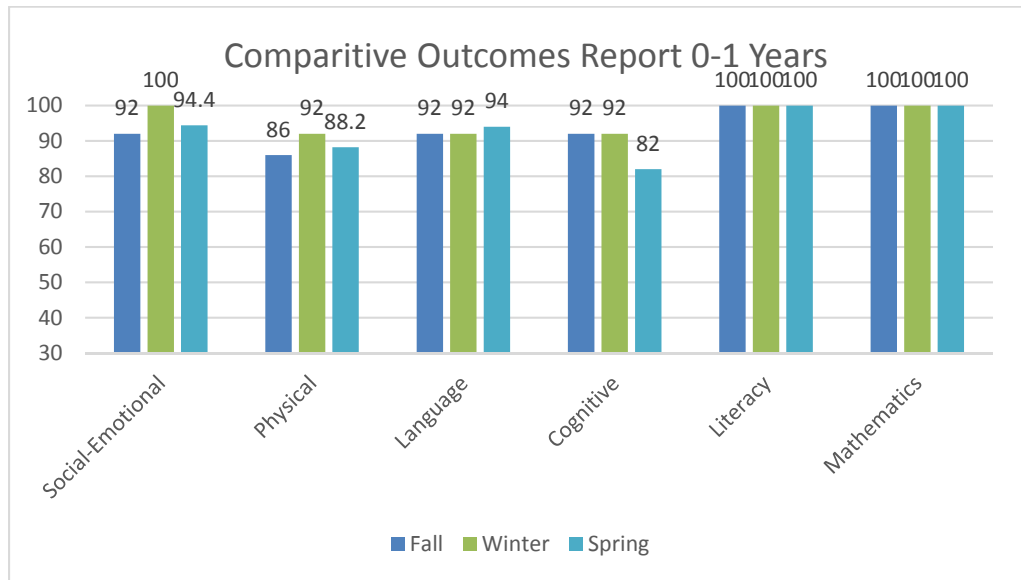
1-2 years  
N=6

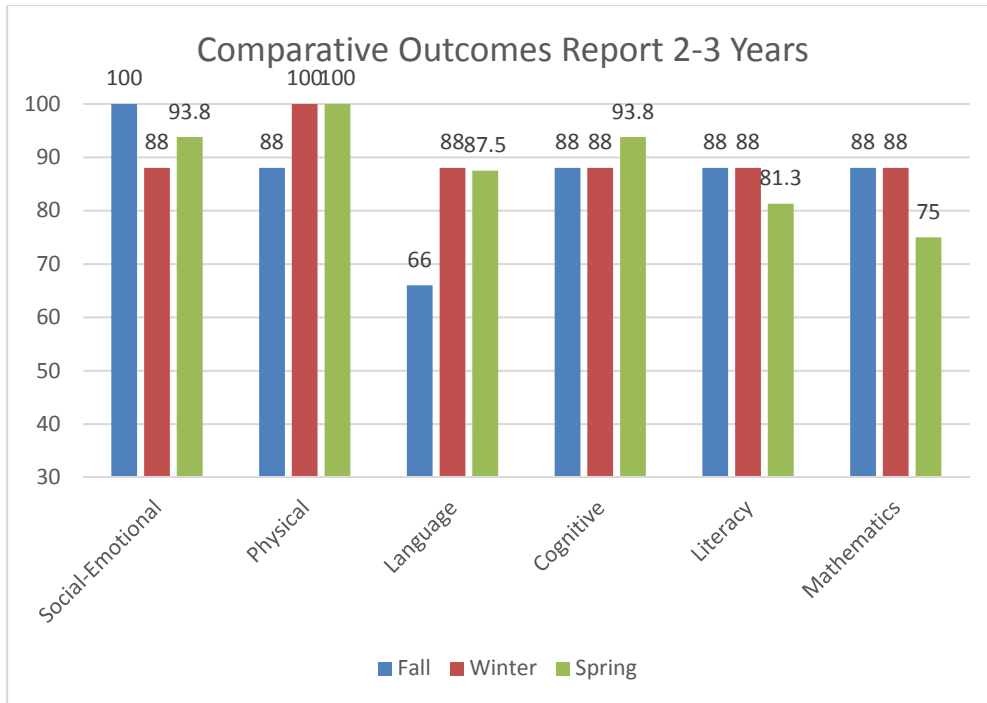
	Fall	Winter	Spring
Social-Emotional	87	87	95.5
Physical	87	100	91.3
Language	87	87	78.3
Cognitive	87	87	95.7
Literacy	87	100	95.7
Mathematics	75	87	91.3

2-3 Years  
N=5

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Social-Emotional	100	88	93.8
Physical	88	100	100
Language	66	88	87.5
Cognitive	88	88	93.8

Literacy	88	88	81.3
Mathematics	88	88	75





**Budget**

Early Head Start	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel Salaries	\$561,517	\$519,830
Fringe Benefits	\$280,258	\$262,455
Supplies	\$20,021	\$17,291
Travel	\$10,841	\$2,940
Other	\$29,004	\$58,488
Indirect Costs	\$53,389	\$46,937
Total	\$954,030	\$866,366
Food Program income		\$46,937

The results of the most recent audit report:

Copies of all audit reports can be found at the following link:

<https://www.auditor.illinois.gov/Audit-Reports/GOVERNORS-STATE-UNIVERSITY.asp>