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# Delaware Child Development

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# Overview



**Delaware Child Development provides quality services through partnerships with families, providers, and the community while nurturing the development of the whole child and supporting cultural and family values.**

Delaware Child Development began in 1997 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The initial programs provided support for parents for child care payments and child care providers with training. The program has evolved to provide a wide range of support services for parents and providers, including providing the community with information about early childhood research, early childhood needs in the area, and ways to help meet those needs.

DCD's commitment to providing high-quality early learning environments for children has remained steadfast. Working with young children requires a commitment and dedication from individuals that know and understand early childhood development and learning behaviors and the importance of positive learning environments. Our programs and our staff are committed to nurturing healthy and happy growing children.

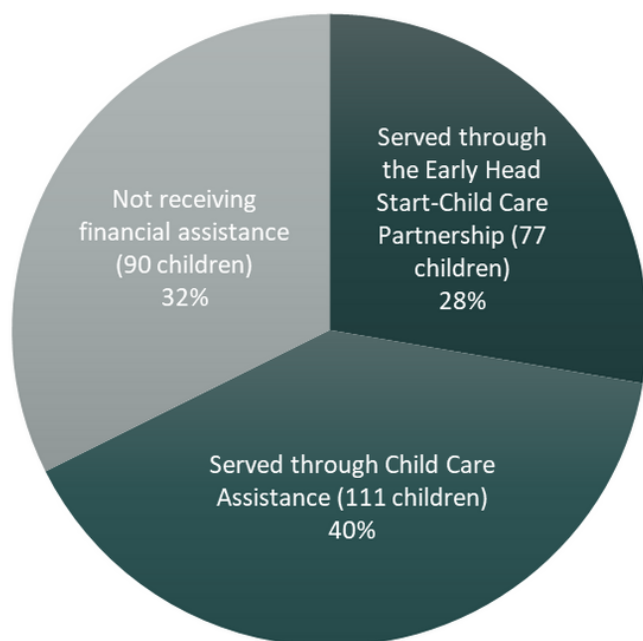




# Enrollment

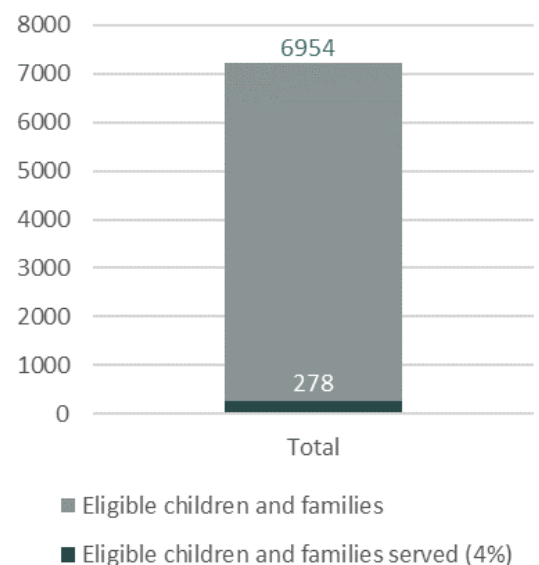
## Total children served

Delaware Child Development directly serves a total of 278 children.

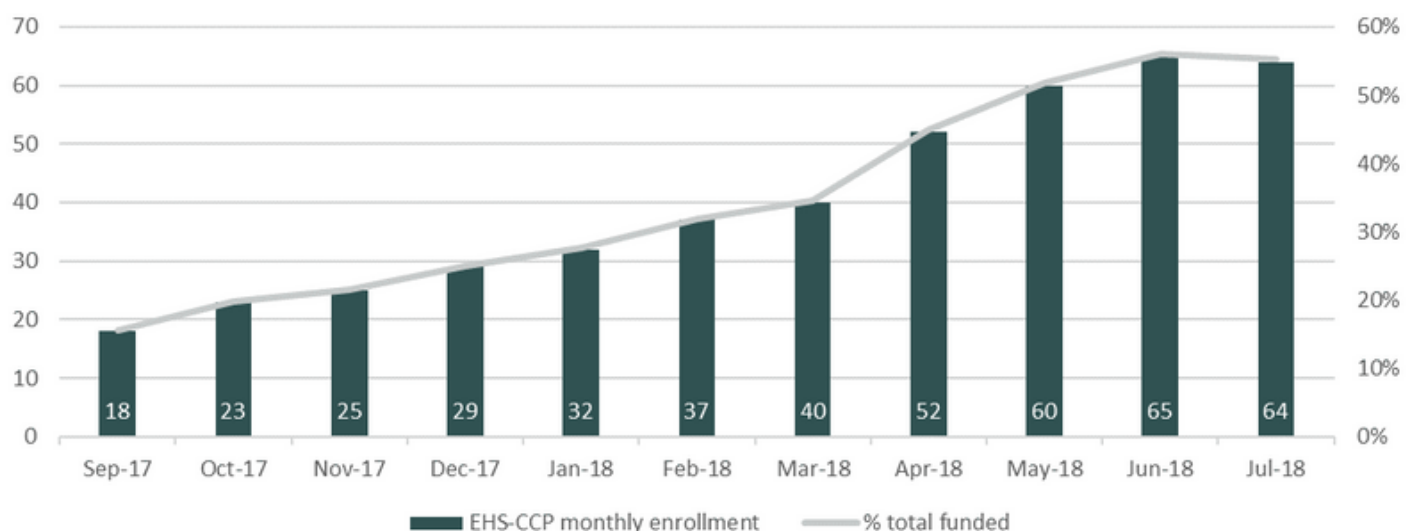


## Percentage of eligible children served

The estimated number of infants and toddlers who are EHS eligible based upon poverty levels and population under five for the DCD service area is 6,954. DCD serves 4% of the eligible children.



## Average monthly enrollment

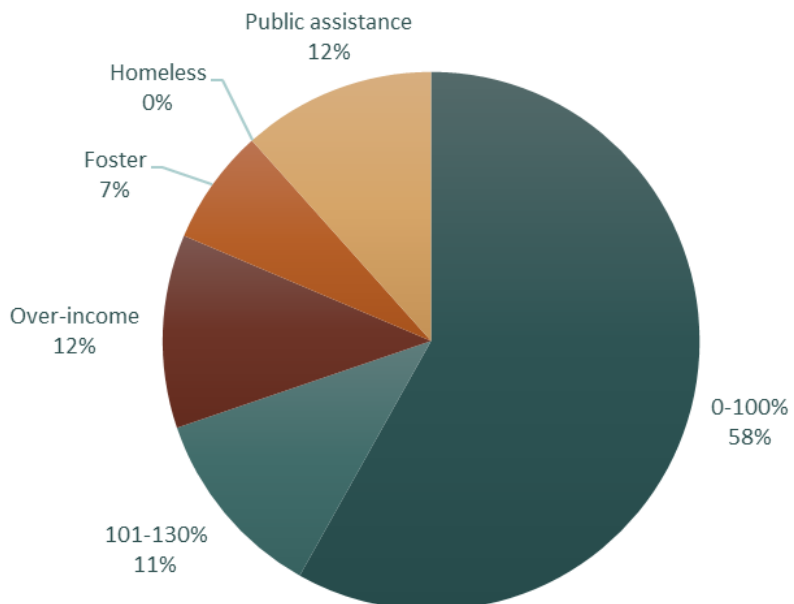




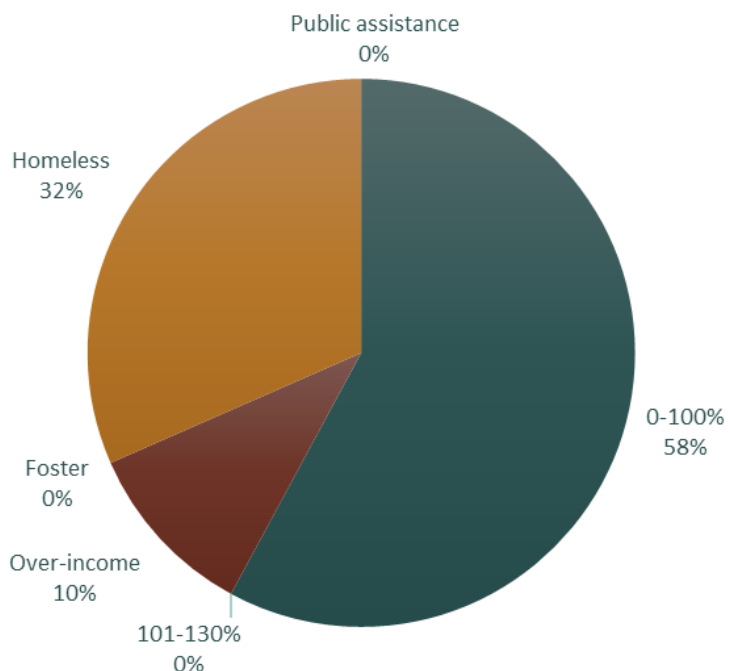
# Eligibility

The percentages of eligible children served through the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership and the Early Head Start Expansion Grants are shown below.

## Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership

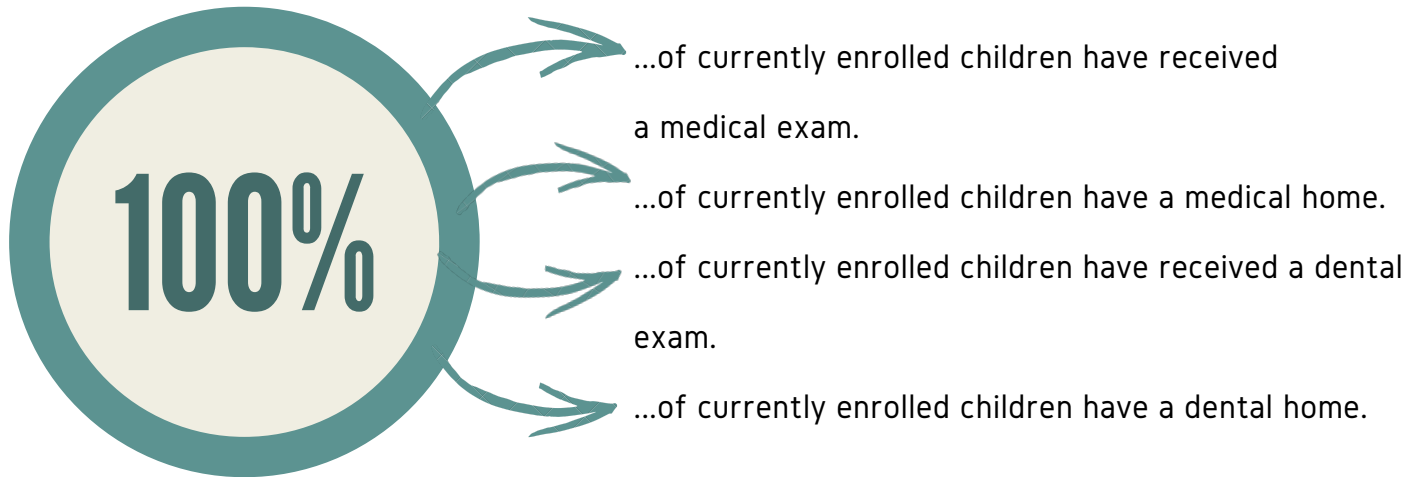


## Early Head Start Expansion





# Health Indicators







# Early Learning and Child Development



## Curriculum

Delaware Child Development adopted Creative Curriculum® for use in all of the child care centers. Creative Curriculum® focuses on setting up the environment and learning activities for children to explore and create, enhancing development in their social and emotional skills, fine and gross motor activity, cognitive development, and language/pre-literacy functions. The curriculum materials offer opportunities for teachers to provide learning experiences for children based on their developmental age and needs.

Delaware Child Development adopted Parents as Teachers for the home visiting program. Parents as Teachers combines four dynamic components – personal visits, group connections, resource networking, and child screening – to provide comprehensive parent education. Parents as Teachers helps equip parents with knowledge and resources to prepare their children for a stronger start in life and greater success in school.

**Child learning and development objectives from Creative Curriculum® and Parents as Teachers have been aligned with the Oklahoma Early Learning Guidelines and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.**



# Goals

## ••••• Approaches to Learning

- Emotional and behavioral self-regulation** Children will demonstrate that they can regulate their feelings and emotions.
- Cognitive self-regulation (executive functioning)** Children will demonstrate knowledge of classroom routines and the ability to participate in classroom transitions.
- Creativity** Children will be provided with opportunities for open-ended experiences. Children will be provided with opportunities to explore materials in new, independent ways in the areas of the arts and dramatic play.

## ••••• Social and Emotional Development

- Sense of identity and belonging** Children will be provided with opportunities to explore their identity.

## ••••• Language and Literacy

- Communication and speaking** Children will be taught communication skills to express their needs.
- Emergent literacy** Children will be exposed to literacy experiences every day.

## ••••• Cognition

- Reasoning and problem solving** Children will utilize problem solving skills.

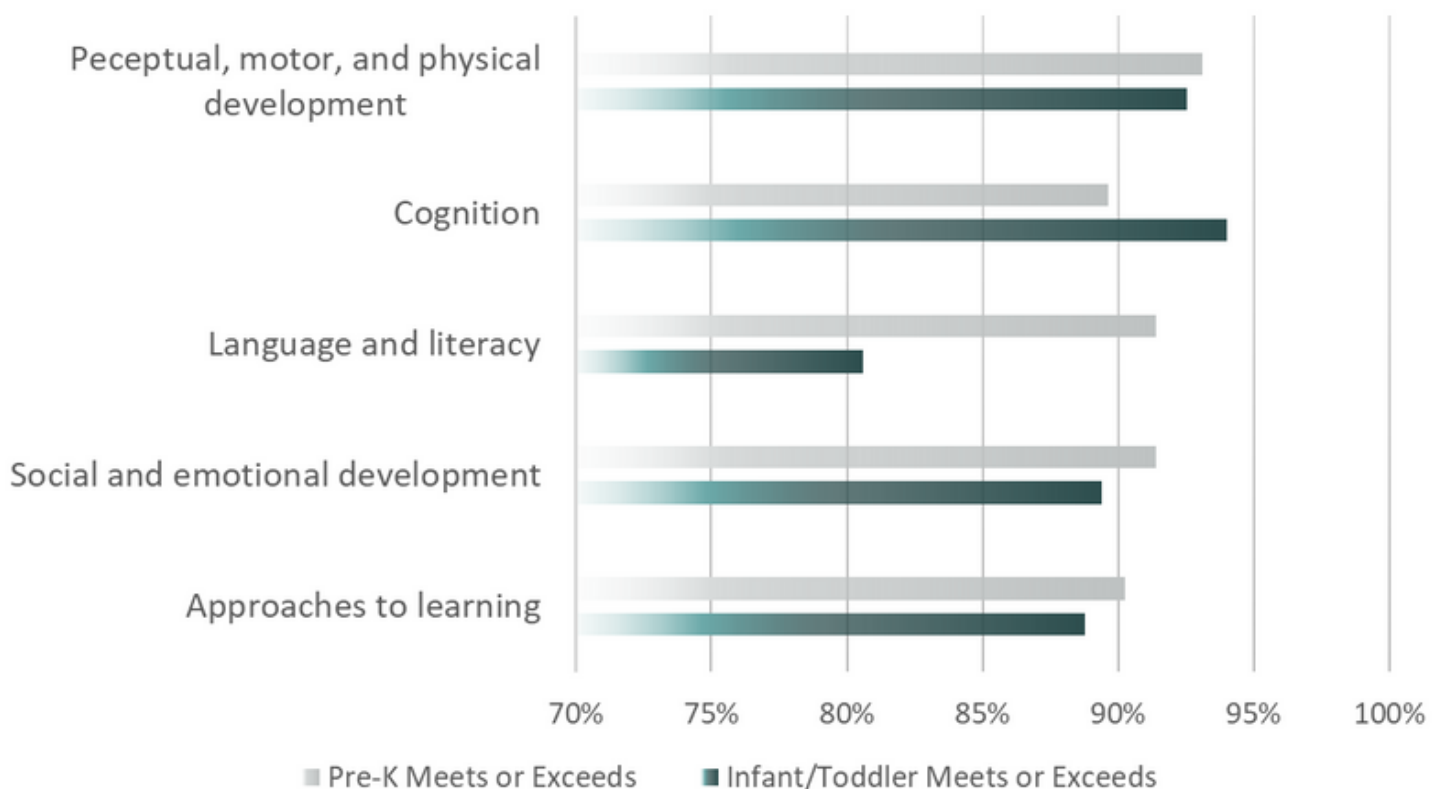
## ••••• Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

- Health, safety, and nutrition** Children will participate in health and safety routines.
- Gross motor** Children will have opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity each day.



## Early Learning Outcomes

The following table shows the percentage of children program-wide that meet or exceed expectations based on the goals outlined.







# Family and Community Engagement

DCD strongly encourages regular engagement from the families of the children we serve as well as the public at large. Below is a sample of the activities and events held over the past year.

- Parent Teacher Organization meetings monthly
- Policy Council parent volunteers
- Health Services Advisory Committee parent volunteers
- Community Parent Café Night
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Asian Spotlight Week
- International Mud Day
- Week of the Young Child Sensory Night
- Week of the Young Child Gardening activities
- Super bowl Trivia with Dads
- March Dadness NCAA Bracket Tournament
- Infant Massage Classes
- Father's Corners in each center
- Muffins with Moms
- Parents making playdough for classrooms
- Lions Club Community Partner Vision Screenings
- Parent-led Yoga Instruction
- Parents Reading in Classrooms
- Halloween Fun with Parents
- Family Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Christmas Program
- Valentine's Day art activities
- Father's Day Cookouts
- Home Visiting Socials
- Parents as Teachers Hallway Activities for parents
- Intergenerational Events with Elders
- Heritage Farms Pumpkin Patch
- Wheels and Thrills field trip
- Community Needs Assessment meetings



## Family and Community Activities in the Spotlight

### Community Parent Cafe Night

This event utilized a café discussion format in which state early childhood leaders, parents, and community members discussed the needs and challenges of young children and their families. The state leaders and DCD family services staff collected the ideas and are currently utilizing the information to improve our programs and services.

The staff are considering using the same successful format in parent education opportunities.

### Intergenerational Events with Elders

This is an ongoing monthly event is held at our respective reciprocal locations and provides opportunities for elders and children to play and interact together in a variety of activities, such as gardening, reading, and rocking babies. Parent volunteers are also encouraged to attend.





## **Family and Community Activities in the Spotlight**

### **Asian Spotlight Week**

This was a week of wonderful interactive and educational daily spotlights hosted by the parents of children representing their home countries in Asia. The daily spotlights included interactive activities where children and teachers learned about their culture and traditions as well as foods from each country. Parents in the child care centers are encouraged to volunteer and share activities such as these throughout the year.

### **Infant Massage Classes**

Certified staff offered evening sessions for parents of infants to be trained in infant massage techniques that facilitate and enhance the loving relationship between infants and parents. Infant massage is an ideal medium, because it naturally encompasses the elements of the bonding process including eye to eye contact, warmth, scent, vocalizations, skin-to-skin, and responsiveness.

### **March Dadness NCAA Bracket Tournament**

This Fatherhood Initiative Event was not only a fun, friendly competition but also focused on a call to action for fathers to be actively involved in volunteering at the child care center and engaging with their child(ren) and to support their knowledge around the importance of early literacy. The evening provided fathers an opportunity to share and discuss challenges they have in their lives and in their role as fathers. By the end of the evening and since then, our fathers have expressed feeling empowered and energized by each other and make plans to assist our staff in coordinating future events with a new enthusiasm.





# Financials

## Current Budget and Actuals

Delaware Child Development's current budget, actual expenditures, and proposed budget are available upon request.

## Audit Findings

Our auditors issued an unmodified report opinion on our financial statements and an unmodified report was issued on our compliance for major federal programs. We had no findings or questioned costs as well as no significant deficiencies identified and no material weaknesses.