

# **Child Development Services**

## **2025 Annual Report**

# Introduction

Easterseals Southern California (ESSC) Child Development Services (CDS) partners with families and communities to help children and families thrive, learn, and reach their full potential. ESSC's team of educators, family service professionals, home visitors, health specialists, and community partners works collaboratively with families to support each child's development while helping families identify strengths, set goals, and access resources and services to promote family wellness and economic mobility.

We recognize that a child's success is closely connected to the strength and stability of their family. For this reason, parents and caregivers are recognized as their child's first and most important teachers, and our programs are designed to strengthen families' ability to support learning and development both at home and in the community. Our services extend beyond the classroom to support the broader needs of families through family engagement, health and wellness services, resource navigation, parent leadership opportunities, disability services, and connections to community partners.

Since 2002, ESSC has operated Head Start, Early Head Start, California Department of Education, and California Department of Social Services programs serving children ages 0–5 and expectant families throughout Ventura, San Bernardino, and San Diego Counties. ESSC also operates Head Start, Early Head Start, State Preschool, and related childcare programs through federal, state, and local partnerships dedicated to strengthening children, families, and communities.





## Early Head Start

This federally funded program serves children from birth to age three, as well as pregnant women. Families may choose from several service options, including center-based full-day, full-year care (8-10 hours per day); home-based services with weekly visits and two socialization activities per month; and family childcare with flexible hours. During the 2024-2025 period, approximately 19% of enrolled children had a disability.



## Head Start

This federally funded program serves children from ages 3-5 years old. Families may choose from multiple service options, including center-based full-day, full-year services (10 hours per day); center-based part-day services (128 days per year, 3½ hours per day, four days per week); center-based extended-day services (8 hours per day, 175 days per year); and home-based services with weekly visits and two socialization activities per month. During the 2024-2025 period, approximately 24% of the children served had a disability.

# Funded Enrollment



## Early Head Start Enrollment

ESSC serves 363 infants and toddlers, ages 0-3, and pregnant women in San Bernardino County, Ventura County, and North San Diego County through various program options, including center-based, home-based, childcare partnership and family childcare homes.

In the 2024-2025 period, a total of 569 children (523 families) and 22 pregnant mothers were served in this program.

Additionally, ESSC serves 136 delegate infants and toddlers in San Bernardino County through its Delegate services with center-based and home-based programs in the cities of Upland, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Chino, and Montclair, through a contract with the County of San Bernardino.

In the 2024-2025 period, a total of 205 children (191 families) were served in this program.

## Head Start Enrollment

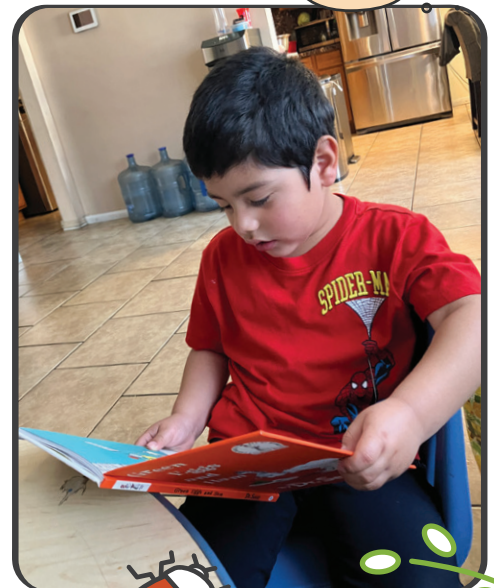
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In the 2024-2025 period, a total of 105 children (98 families) were served in these programs.

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In the 2024-2025 period, a total of 266 children (247 families) were served in these programs.



# Family & Community Engagement

Family and community engagement is a strength-based, relationship-focused approach that supports child development, family well-being, and program quality. Easterseals partners with families, community organizations, schools, health providers, and local agencies to strengthen services, expand opportunities, and promote shared leadership. Families are encouraged to participate in decision-making, leadership activities, goal setting, and program events throughout the year.

## Key Highlights Include:

- **Shared Governance:** Families actively participate in program leadership through the Policy Council, working in partnership with the Board of Directors to provide guidance, review program information, and support continuous improvement efforts.
- **Health Collaboration:** The Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee (HMHSAC) brings together parents, staff, health professionals, and community partners to strengthen health services, improve access to resources, and support positive outcomes for children and families.
- **Parent Leadership & Advocacy:** Families are empowered to serve as leaders, advocates, and decision-makers through governance activities, leadership development opportunities, and program engagement.
- **Community Partnerships:** ESSC collaborates with schools, health providers, community organizations, and local agencies to expand opportunities and strengthen outcomes for children and families.
- **Family Goal Setting & Economic Mobility:** Families work alongside ESSC staff to identify strengths, set goals, and access resources that support family stability, employment, education, and long-term success.
- **Health & Wellness:** ESSC partners with families and community providers to support children's physical, oral, developmental, and mental health needs while promoting healthy family lifestyles.
- **Inclusion & Belonging:** ESSC promotes equitable access to services and works collaboratively with families and community partners to ensure every child can participate and thrive.
- **School Readiness & Successful Transitions:** ESSC partners with families, schools, and community organizations to support children's successful transitions into kindergarten and beyond.



# School Readiness

## Goals and Outcomes 2024-2025



### Overview

The 2024–2025 program year demonstrates strong school readiness outcomes across **Early Head Start (EHS)** and **Head Start (HS)** programs. Children showed consistent growth from fall to spring assessments, with the majority reaching or exceeding expected developmental levels.

### Program Performance

#### Early Head Start (EHS)

Children in EHS demonstrated significant developmental gains across all domains. By the end of the program year, outcomes ranged from 96% to 100% of children meeting or exceeding expectations in:

- 🌸 Approaches to Learning (ATL-REG)
- 🌸 Social-Emotional Development (SED)
- 🌸 Language and Literacy (LLD)
- 🌸 Cognition (COG)
- 🌸 Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development (PD-HLTH)

These results indicate substantial growth and strong foundational skill development.

#### Head Start (HS)

Head Start children maintained consistently high performance throughout the year, with spring outcomes between 98% and 100% across all domains, including:

- 🌸 ATL-REG and SED reaching 100% proficiency
- 🌸 LLD and COG nearing universal proficiency 98%
- 🌸 PD-HLTH achieving 100%

These results reflect sustained high achievement and readiness for kindergarten.

### School Readiness Goals 2024 - 2025

Program goals were established as follows:

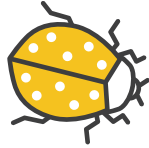
- **ATL-REG:** 50%
- **SED:** 50%
- **LLD:** 50%
- **COG:** 50%
- **PD-HLTH:** 60%



## Results and Impact

All program areas significantly exceeded established school readiness goals. Final outcomes show:

- Near-universal proficiency across all developmental domains
- Strong growth from baseline (fall) to year-end (spring) assessments
- Evidence of effective instructional practices and comprehensive child development support



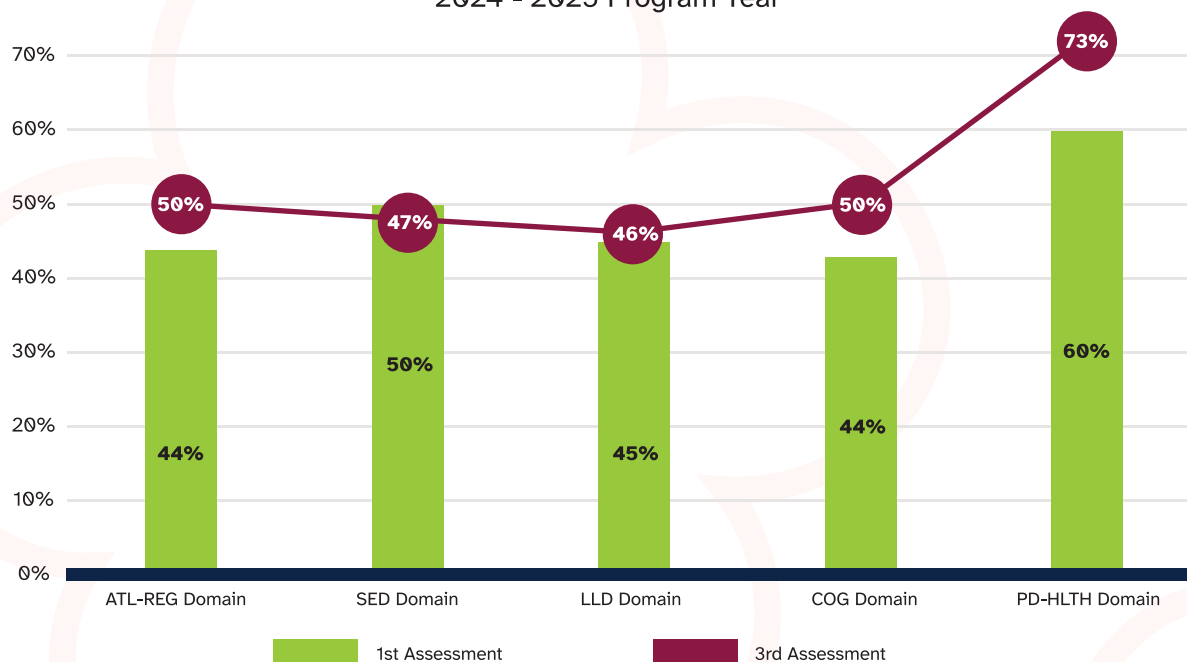
## Conclusion

**The 2024–2025 school readiness data highlights the program’s success in preparing children for school.**

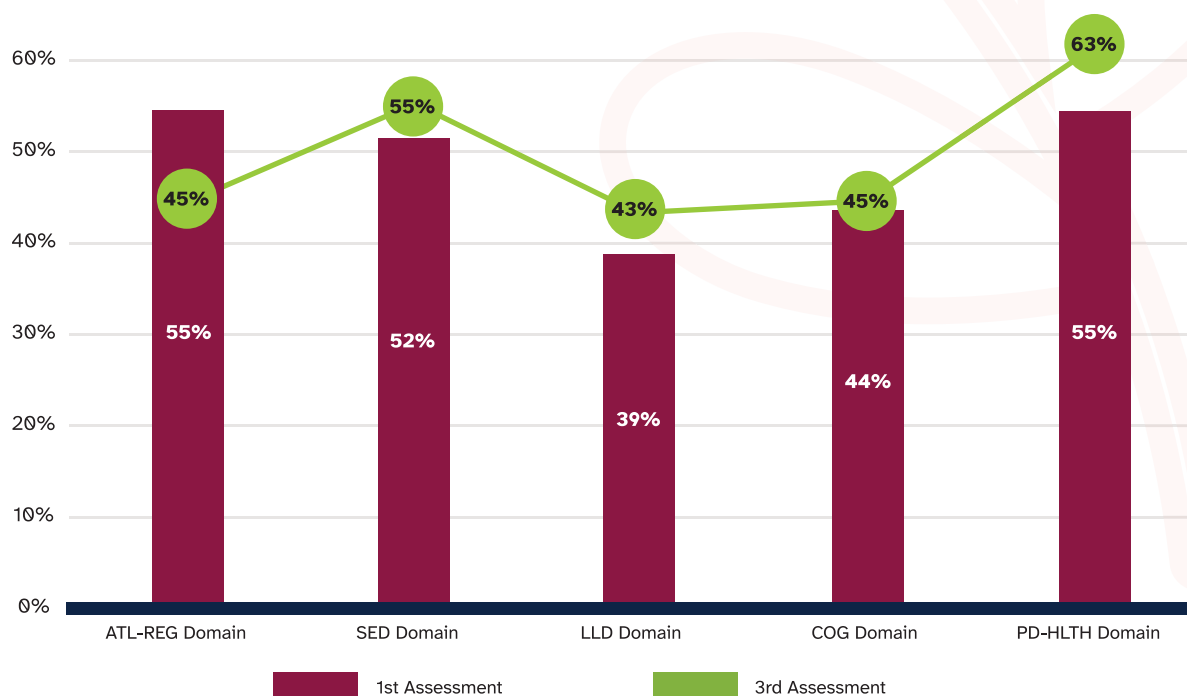
**Outcomes reflect high-quality early learning environments, strong family engagement, and effective teaching strategies, resulting in children entering their next educational setting ready to learn and succeed.**



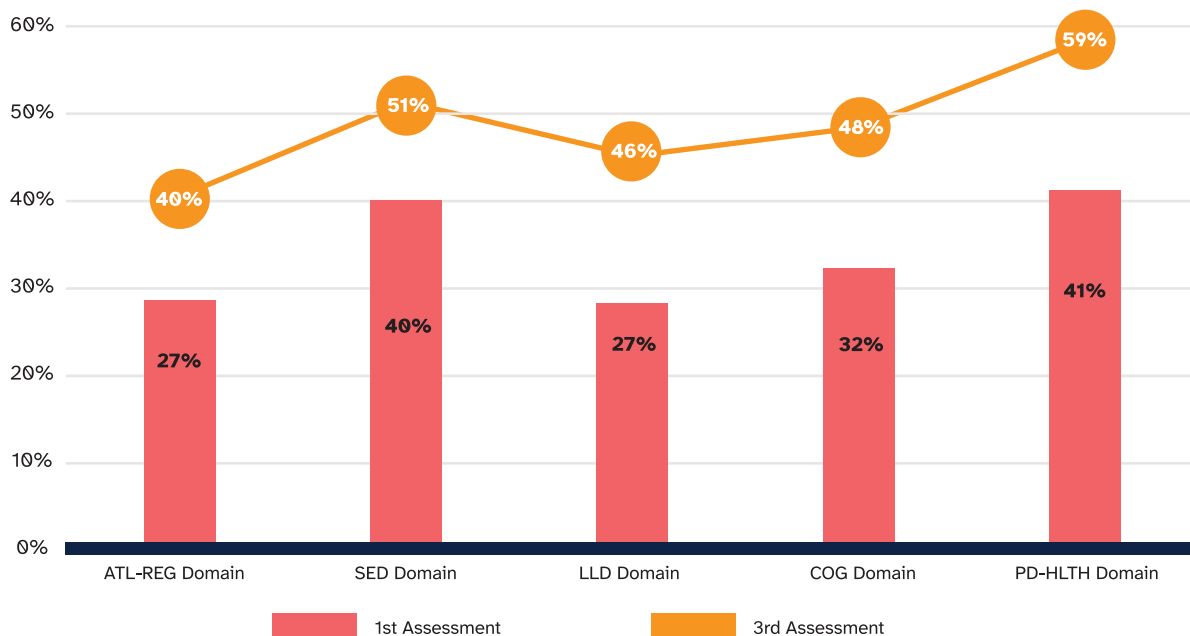
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**San Bernardino County**  
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 2024 - 2025 Program Year



**Easterseals Southern California Early Head Start Delegate**  
**San Bernardino County**  
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 2024 - 2025 Program Year

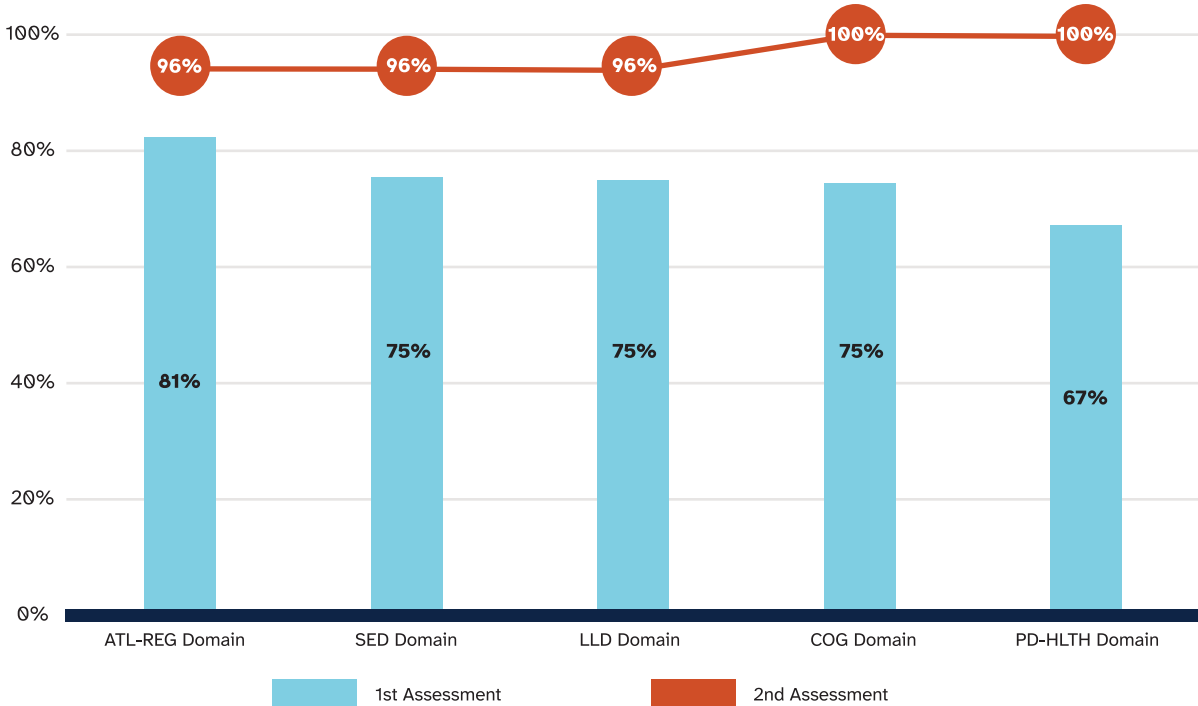


**Easterseals Southern California Head Start Delegate**  
**San Bernardino County**  
 Percentage of Children at Building Middle or Above  
 1st Assessment vs. 3rd Assessment  
 2024 - 2025 Program Year



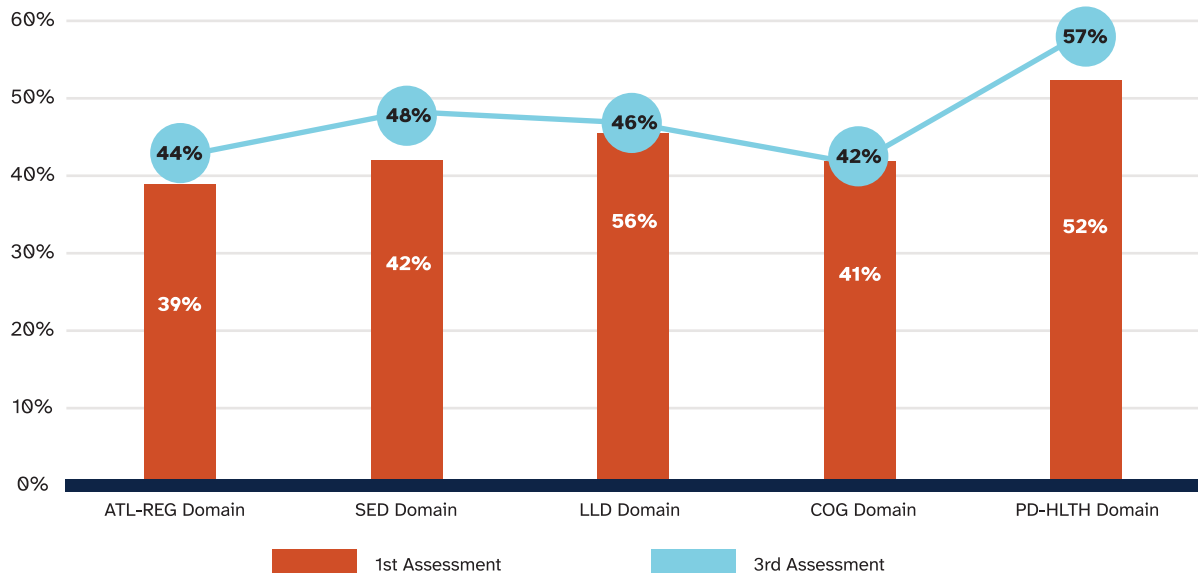
**Easterseals Southern California Early Head Start Grantee  
San Diego County**

Percentage of Children at or Above Exploring Later  
1st Assessment vs. 2nd Assessment  
2024 - 2025 Program Year



**Easterseals Southern California Early Head Start Grantee  
Ventura County**

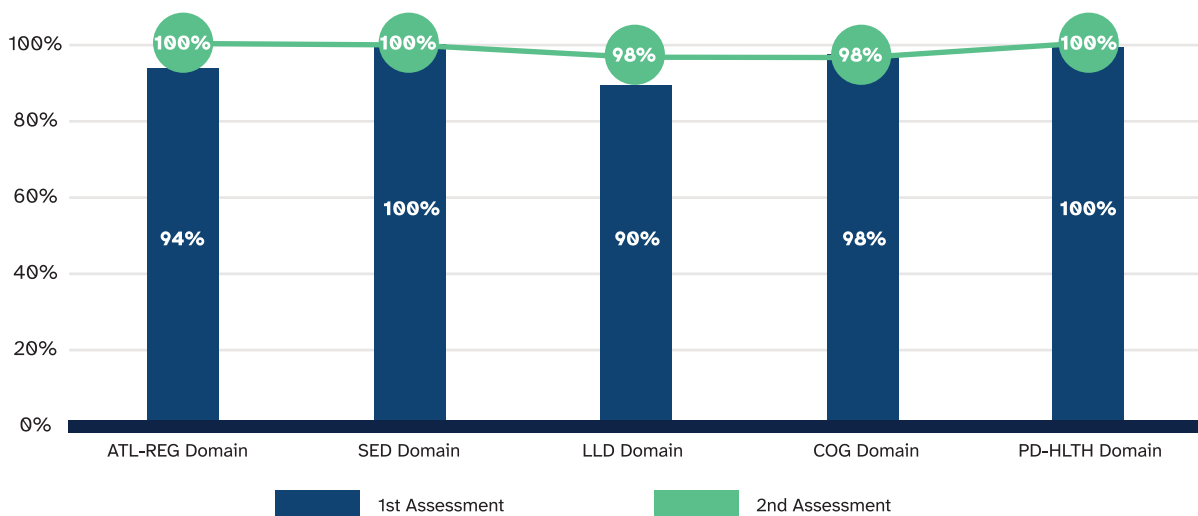
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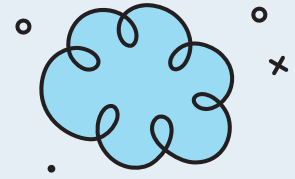
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San Diego County**

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# Enrollment Data

## 2024-2025



### Early Head Start

Public  
Assistance  
**59%**

Dental Care  
Provided  
**84%**

IFSP  
Eligibility  
**19%**

WIC  
Families  
**62%**

Dual  
Language  
Learners  
**47%**

Single  
Parents  
**75%**

Fathers  
Involved  
**23%**

Homeless  
Families  
Served  
**8%**

Families  
Receiving  
Services  
**88%**

### Head Start

Public  
Assistance  
**50%**

Dental Care  
Provided  
**96%**

IEP  
(Disabilities)  
**22%**

WIC  
Families  
**58%**

Dual  
Language  
Learners  
**53%**

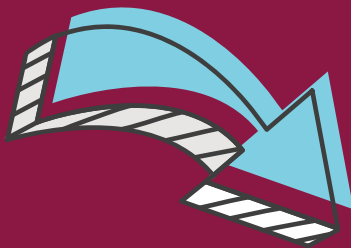
Single  
Parents  
**70%**

Fathers  
Involved  
**21%**

Homeless  
Families  
Served  
**7%**

Families  
Receiving  
Services  
**96%**

# Our Staff



## CDS Staff Ethnicity Data

|                                  |        |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 1.41%  |
| Asian                            | 9.15%  |
| Black or African American        | 1.41%  |
| White (hispanic origin)          | 71.30% |
| White (non-hispanic origin)      | 16.20% |
| Biracial/Multi-racial            | 0.70%  |

## Teaching Staff Education Level

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Master's Degree   | 3%  |
| Bachelor's Degree | 71% |
| Associate Degree  | 24% |
| Permit Only       | 3%  |



# Financials

## Program Information Report and Financial Data Fiscal Year 2024-2025



### Administration of Children and Families

Program Information Report FY 2025 (January 1 - December 31, 2025)

| Budget Category     | EARLY HEAD START |                  |                | HEAD START       |                  |                |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
|                     | Budget           | Expenses         | Budget Balance | Budget           | Expenses         | Budget Balance |
| Personnel           | 3,651,900        | 3,483,534        | 168,366        | 970,284          | 1,006,018        | (35,734)       |
| Fringe Benefits     | 1,506,021        | 1,000,673        | 505,348        | 398,535          | 235,551          | 162,984        |
| Out-of-Town Travel  | 18,796           | 4,813            | 13,983         | 1,885            | 883              | 1,002          |
| Supplies            | 525,169          | 394,064          | 131,105        | 80,409           | 82,669           | (2,260)        |
| Contractual         | 1,406,499        | 1,490,462        | (83,963)       | 118,839          | 155,053          | (36,214)       |
| Other               | 1,472,943        | 1,676,478        | (203,535)      | 545,730          | 507,168          | 38,562         |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> | <b>8,581,328</b> | <b>8,050,024</b> | <b>531,304</b> | <b>2,115,682</b> | <b>1,987,342</b> | <b>128,340</b> |

### Preschool Service Department

Base Grants FY 2024-2025

| Budget Category     | EARLY HEAD START |                     |                   | HEAD START       |                     |                |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------|
|                     | Budget           | Expenses            | Budget Balance    | Budget           | Expenses            | Budget Balance |
| Personnel           | 1,139,626        | 1,161,144.11        | (21,518.11)       | 1,704,115        | 1,718,689.80        | (14,574.80)    |
| Benefits            | 363,814          | 352,793.38          | 11,020.62         | 486,673          | 496,099.04          | (9,426.04)     |
| Travel              | 8,301            | 2,906.15            | 5,394.85          | 3,000            | 2,158.91            | 841.09         |
| Supplies            | 103,502          | 97,058.76           | 6,443.24          | 74,966           | 66,823.43           | 8,142.57       |
| Contractual         | 19,720           | 17,639.91           | 2,080.09          | 16,500           | 14,866.18           | 1,633.82       |
| Other               | 566,350          | 422,983.08          | 143,366.92        | 551,311          | 537,875.58          | 13,435.42      |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> | <b>2,201,313</b> | <b>2,054,525.39</b> | <b>146,787.61</b> | <b>2,836,565</b> | <b>2,836,512.94</b> | <b>52.06</b>   |



## Preschool Service Department Additional Funds FY 2024-2025

| Budget Category     | EARLY HEAD START |                     |                   | HEAD START     |                |                |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                     | Budget           | Expenses            | Budget Balance    | Budget         | Expenses       | Budget Balance |
| Personnel           | 26,000           | -                   | 26,000            | 67,449         | -              | 67,449         |
| Benefits            | 63,268           | 40,823.28           | 22,444.72         | 104,550        | 71,700         | 32,850         |
| Travel              | -                | -                   | -                 | -              | -              | -              |
| Equipment           | -                | 146,660             | (146,660)         | -              | -              | -              |
| Supplies            | 2,189            | 3,342.26            | (1,153.26)        | 68,451         | 4,000          | 64,451         |
| Contractual         | 53,587           | 16,594.48           | 36,992.52         | 5,200          | 6,000          | (800)          |
| Construction        | 1,381,156        | -                   | 1,381,156         | -              | -              | -              |
| Other               | 473,800          | 826,901.95          | (353,101.95)      | 54,350         | 46,500         | 7,850          |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET</b> | <b>2,000,000</b> | <b>1,034,321.97</b> | <b>965,678.03</b> | <b>300,000</b> | <b>128,200</b> | <b>171,800</b> |



# Volunteers



## VOLUNTEER COUNT

### Early Head Start

Parent, guardian or former parent **158**  
Community volunteer **115**

### Head Start

Parent, guardian or former parent **147**  
Community volunteer **53**

# Our Locations



## San Bernardino

Administrative Office  
4688 Ontario Mills Pkwy  
Ontario, CA 91764  
909.476.1284

## Ontario Phillips

Child Development Center  
1102 W. Phillips  
Ontario, CA 91762  
909.981.4668  
Lic# 364846373  
Lic# 364846374

## Ontario Haven

Child Development Center  
2999 South Haven Avenue  
Ontario, CA 91761  
909.923.3352  
Lic# 364817393  
Lic# 364817394

## Valley View Infant Center

Child Development Center  
**Closed July 2025**  
1801 East 6th Street  
Ontario, CA 91764  
909.946.9136  
Lic# 364840425  
Lic# 364840509

## Montclair

Child Development Center  
9950 Monte Vista Avenue  
Montclair, CA 91763  
909.626.1700  
Lic# 364846634

## Ontario Maple

Child Development Center  
555 W. Maple St.  
Ontario, CA 91762

## North San Diego

Administrative Office  
2430 Auto Park Way, Suite 101  
Escondido, CA 92029  
760.743.1185

## Encinitas

Child Development Center  
511 Saxony Place  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
Lic# 376105159

## San Marcos

Home Base Administrative Office  
215 S. Pacific St., Suite 103  
San Marcos, CA 92078

## San Marcos

Child Development Center  
1 Tiger Way  
San Marcos, CA 92069  
Lic# 376105216



## Ventura

Child Development Center  
10730 Henderson Road  
Ventura, CA 93004  
805.641.1141  
Lic# 566214141  
Lic# 566215650

## Ventura

Administrative Office  
6633 Telephone Rd. Suite #130  
Ventura, CA 93003



# Partner Locations



## **Escondido Union High School District**

2200 Glenridge Road  
Escondido, CA 92027  
Lic# 374845398

## **Escondido Community Child Development Center**

819 W 9th Ave  
Escondido, CA 92025  
Lic# 372005139

## **Growing Minds**

715 West Mission Ave.  
Escondido, CA 92025  
Lic# 374845455

## **Growing Minds**

950 N Fig St.  
Escondido, CA 92026  
Lic# 376300038

## **Growing Minds**

709 San Diego St.  
Oceanside, CA 92058  
Lic# 372005131

## **Growing Minds**

1317 Oak Hill Dr.  
Escondido, CA 92027  
Lic# 376600505

## **Luz Rivera**

540 N. Elm Street  
Escondido, CA 92025  
Lic# 376613011

## **Hortencia Mata**

820 Paula Street  
Escondido, CA 92027  
Lic# 376616501

## **Sandra Vega**

### **Closed December 2025**

1128 9th St.  
Ramona, CA 92065  
Lic# 376614806

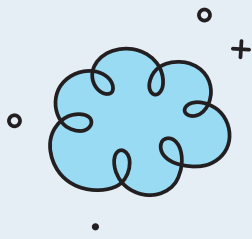




**Easterseals makes a lasting difference each day by providing essential disability and community services to children, adults, and their families.**

**For more than 100 years, we have worked tirelessly with our partners to enhance quality of life and expand local access to healthcare, education, and employment opportunities.**





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