

THE EHS IMPACT



44 staff and **27** volunteers served **215** low-income pregnant women, children and families in Schenectady County.



122 children served: **64** children in **8** classrooms and activity spaces at our Center; **58** children served through weekly in-home visits with ongoing support.



100 or more children at any given time on our waiting list. A weighted ranking system gives priority to children with the highest needs, such as homelessness or developmental challenges.



18 homeless families found a safe, supportive environment for their children and **16** of them secured housing while they and their children participated in our program.



8 parents, elected by their peers, sit on the Early Head Start Policy Council.



All **19** of our teachers are highly qualified with Masters, Bachelors, Associates degrees, or Child Development Associate credentials.

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What We Do

We serve Schenectady County's low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers up to age 3, through home and center-based programming and services. We offer a variety of learning and social activities for children and health and safety skills for parents, along with early assessment services in child development, mental health, hearing and vision, nutrition, literacy and dental hygiene. We help families ensure their children are healthy, developmentally on target and ready for the world.

Our Funding

The federal government funds 80% of program costs, with the other 20% to be raised via a blend of foundation, individual donations and in-kind sources. Your support helps fund curriculum development, learning toys and puzzles, arts and crafts supplies, substitute staff, outdoor recreational/play items, facility cleaning and staff training - all necessary to provide a healthy, safe and enriched learning environment.



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Laura

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES

Laura became pregnant at 15, and by 18 had two young children. She dropped out of school, lived with her mother and was stuck in an abusive relationship. She couldn't find employment and struggled to meet the needs of her family. Then she found Early Head Start.

Her children enrolled, and the whole family worked with a Family Support Worker and the program's social worker. Empowered, Laura enrolled in a career training program and received assistance from EHS extended day scholarship program. EHS also helped with transportation to and from the daycare and provided support and encouragement.

Today Laura has her GED, a steady job, her own apartment and she ended the abusive relationship. She is still a part of EHS and her children are thriving. "Early Head Start gave my family a chance," she says.