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## Early Head Start Annual Report 2021-2022

When you're a teen mom, there are a lot of people telling you what you can't accomplish. Emerald realized that if she wanted to build the kind of life that she and her partner Dominic dreamed of for their daughter, she needed to surround herself with people who believed in her and wanted what was best for their family. She found that support through United Way.

**"Because of United Way (...), I was the first one in my family as a teen mom to graduate high school. They helped me get certifications as a CNA and a phlebotomist, and most importantly, my baby had a safe environment at Early Head Start where I could spend time with her between classes while finishing my degree. I plan to start college next fall to become a nurse. If it weren't for United Way, our lives would have turned out completely differently."**

Alayna graduated from Early Head Start last Spring and is now in preschool. Emerald and her partner Dominic dream of one day owning a house with a yard where Alayna can play. Because of the crucial support they accessed through United Way, they are on the path towards the life they dreamed of.



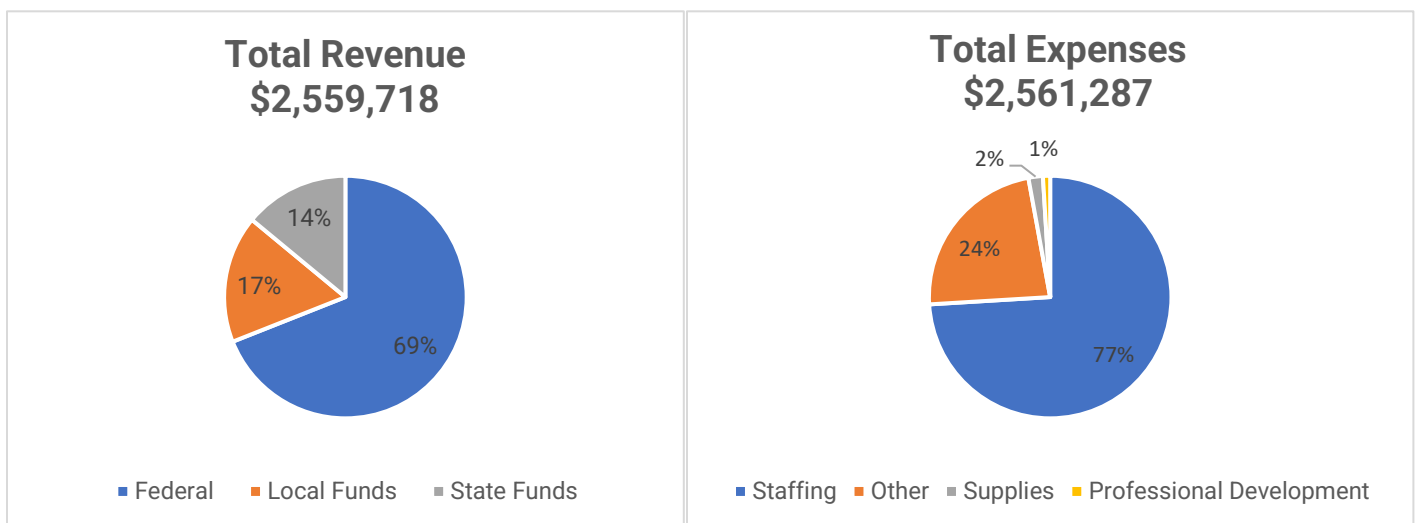
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- Our program served 126 children this year, which is 3.3% of the eligible children in our community.
- 100% of children enrolled in our program received medical exams and 70% had continuous, accessible dental care provided by an oral health care professional at the end of the program year.
- Families enrolled in our program were invited to participate in a variety of activities, including but not limited to family goal setting, Committees, Health Services Advisory, Policy Council, and a variety of workshops and events both in-person and virtually due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic.
- Our Early Head Start (EHS) program promotes school readiness for infants, toddlers, and their families. We know early experiences play a critical role in solidifying a child's ability to grow up happy, healthy, and ready to learn.

All our EHS partners: All Our Kin, Elizabeth Celotto Child Care Center, Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center, and West Haven Child Development Center, developed School Readiness goals. In accordance with Head Start Program Performance Standards, our program assesses children three times per year using Teaching Strategies Gold, a seamless assessment tool based on 38 research-based objectives that include predictors of school success. All outcomes are aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Child Outcomes Framework: Ages Birth to Five.

- Considering the impact of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, partners were encouraged to continue focusing on the social emotional needs of children during the program year.
- For the results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit please click below <https://uwgnh.org/early-head-start>

### Funding Details



Federal funds include Program Operations, Training and Technical Assistance, Carry-Over, Covid-19, and ARPA funding. Local Funds include required Match/In-kind

Total expenses includes Match/In-kind in excess of required Match