



# Southern Oregon Head Start

## 2020-2021 Annual Report

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Dear Southern Oregon Head Start Staff, Partners, and Friends,

Over the past year-and-a-half, as a nation, we experienced struggles like never before. Schools, teachers, children and families were challenged in ways none of us ever imagined. But from that struggle, came resilience.

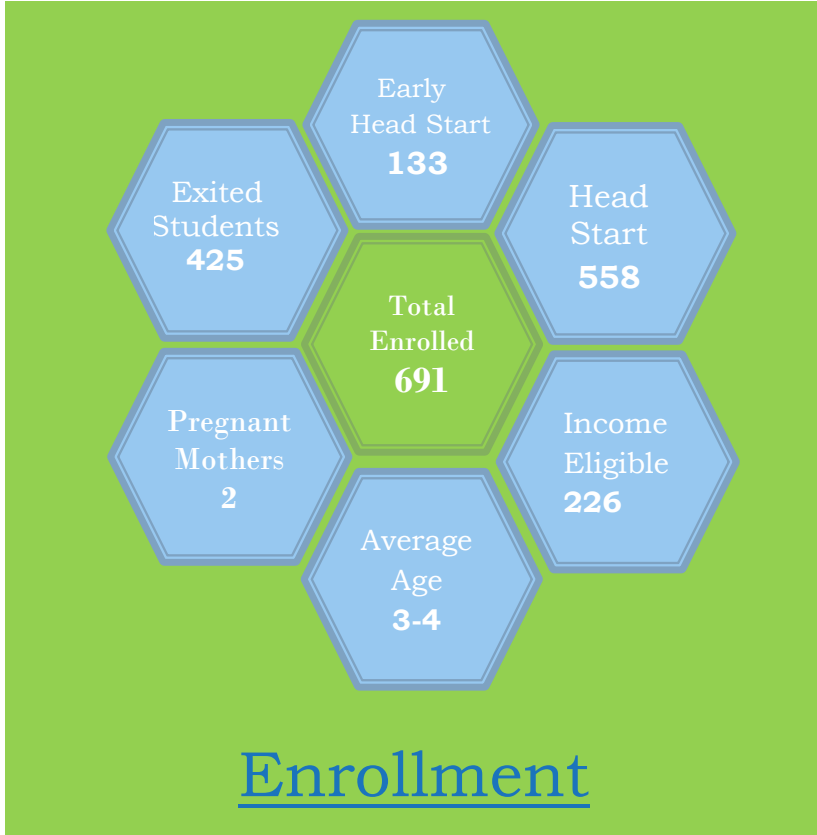
The pandemic forced SOHS to adjust how they teach and interact with children. Some of these changes are outwardly visible, children and teachers wearing masks, a greater focus on siloed play, increased attention to cleaning, and more time spent outside.

It is the belief of Southern Oregon Head Start that everyone has an opportunity to succeed when they have access to high-quality early care and education programs. I am continually impressed by the resilience of our youngest learners, as well as the adaptability of the early learning workforce as SOHS transitioned to in-person learning during the ongoing pandemic. I want to thank everyone for the continuous efforts to ensure the safety of our youngest learners every day.

*-Katherine Clayton,*  
SOHS Executive Director

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Southern Oregon Head Start on average serves over 1,100 families annually. In this report you will find details about how. The infographics on this page show how many children attended our programs. We provide services designed to help families find the health services and regular exams that keep them safe and healthy; allowing them to be more successful in a learning environment.



### Children up-to-date on medical services

<b>Well Child Exams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 426 HS</li><li>• 98 EHS</li></ul>
<b>Dental Exams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 333 HS</li><li>• 103 EHS</li></ul>
<b>Immunizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 522 HS</li><li>• 120 EHS</li></ul>

## Family Engagement

Over the last year, our Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Department (PCFE) worked tirelessly to support families across Jackson and Josephine Counties who were negatively impacted by local fires, COVID-19, and economic recession.

The PCFE department developed and utilized virtual processes in order to aide their department in conducting home visits virtually for those who couldn't meet in our centers. Tablets and hotspots were provided to select families who didn't have the technology to continue their child's education virtually.

This allowed families and family support workers to communicate and maintain the level of partnership needed to support their families.

“Without Head Start, my family wouldn't have the tools they need to be successful.”

**Consious Discipline**  
mini virtual series  
for Head Start & Early Head Start families

Every Tuesday & Thursday  
5:30pm -6:00pm on Teams  
<https://tinyurl.com/4bsz8e2e>

**LEARN** **PLAY** **ENGAGE**

**Series Dates:**

<b>November:</b>	<b>January:</b>
30th: Visual Routines	4th: Ways kids can be helpful
<b>December:</b>	6th: Decrease power struggles
2nd: I love you rituals	11th: Togetherness
7th: Strengthen Attachment	13th: Empathy
9th: Encourage with Noticing	18th: Problem solving
14th: Safe Place	20th: Celebrate you
16th: Wish well	

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**Parent Workshop**  
Stress Management

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 30TH AT 10AM**

- **STRESS MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION**
  - WHAT IS STRESS & HOW IT AFFECTS ALL?
  - STRESS REDUCING TIPS
  - BENEFITS OF HUGS
- **POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE**
- **DRAWING FOR \$25 GIFT CARD**

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## *Fighting the good fight*

At Southern Oregon Head Start, our number one priority is the health and safety of our staff, children, and their families.

In February of 2021, SOHS partnered with Rogue Pediatrics Child and Adolescent Clinic to host drive through COVID testing and vaccinations for all SOHS employees.

Doses were administered by medical staff during this service, which was made available once per month at the SOHS Main Office.



“We were able to administer every dose of vaccine that we received.”





\$332,046 went to food services, providing nutritious balanced meals to Head Starters.



\$1,188,200 was spent on classroom supplies and program expenditures.



\$116,082 went to Child and Family Services, meant to build parenting skills development and family centered trainings.



\$2,866,714 was allocated to Occupancy, Furniture, and Equipment costs.



\$14,958,355 was paid to personnel and fringe benefits.

*Southern Oregon Head Start, Early Head Start and Pre-School Promise represent both Jackson and Josephine Counties and our programs currently serve 1,114 children and their families.*

## *Funding Sources*

Federal Funding	\$12,165,632
State Funding	\$7,181,527
Foundations	\$373,449
Local Contributions and Volunteer time	\$140,635
<b>Total funds received</b>	<b>\$19,861,243</b>

# Buildings and Maintenance

CENTERS	PROJECT
Central Point	Playground
Merlin	Playground
Park View	HVAC/ Utility room
Alan Berlin	Playground
Progress Drive	Security System
Orchard Hill	Center Remodel



In 2021 SOHS approved seven important expenditures for center maintenance and improvement, among other costs.

The **Alan Berlin Campus, Merlin Center** and **Central Point Centers** all received new playground equipment and building updates.

Our **Parkview** and **Orchard Hill** centers were remodeled. Additionally, an updated security system was installed at our **Progress Drive Center**.





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