

Brightpoint advances the well-being of children by investing in families to disrupt the systemic and multi-generational cycle of racial, social and economic inequality. High-quality early childhood care and education can spark the strengths in families and the potential in their children to set the course for a future filled with opportunities.

Number of Children and Families Served

614 Children

371
Early Head Start
Home-based & Center-based serving children ages 0–3



243
Head Start
Center-based serving children ages 3–5

568 Families



27
Pregnant parents

The information below represents Early Head Start and Head Start services provided between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, in our early childhood centers and in families' homes. In Chicago, our programs serve the Greater Englewood, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, New City, Logan Square and West Town communities. We serve the Chicago suburbs of Arlington Heights, Barrington, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Elk Grove, Forest Park, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Oak Park, Palatine, Schaumburg, River Forest, Rolling Meadows, Streamwood and Wheeling. We serve children and families in the following counties: Boone, DeKalb, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, McLean, Tazewell and Woodford.

Strengthening Parents

I am gaining new knowledge and skills about parenting. **4.47**

When I started with the program the staff tried to learn about my family's interests and concerns. **4.77**

I am learning how to speak up for my child's educational needs. **4.58**

I set goals for myself and my family. **4.51**

I understand the effects of emotional and mental well-being on me and my family. **4.66**

Responses are from a parent satisfaction survey. Ratings are on a five-point scale

Preparing Children for School

	Early Head Start Center-based & Home-based	Head Start Center-based
Language	80%	85%
Cognitive	94%	88%
Development	95%	92%
Physical	95%	92%
Development	92%	85%
Social Emotional	92%	85%
Development	88%	80%
Literacy	85%	75%
Math	85%	75%
Approaches to Learning	85%	

Percentage of children meeting benchmarks for each domain

Engaging Parents

Brightpoint has a "Parent Café" or "Parent Room" at each site where parents meet, network, and utilize computers for creating resumes, and searching for employment, and housing. Each month we offer a variety of opportunities for family involvement and participation, including Earth Day Events, Muffins with Moms, and Donuts with Dads.

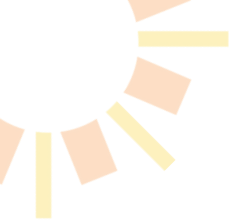
We offer monthly parent workshops with topics such as Kindergarten Readiness. We use the Conscious Discipline Parent Education Curriculum, a social emotional curriculum guiding parents in regulating their own emotions to support their children's ability to regulate their emotions. Our Nurse Consultant facilitates workshops around communicable diseases and the importance of health, and our Mental Health Consultants host sessions on Routines and Redirection, Self-Care, Stress Management, and Healthy Transitions.

We also include parents in our School Readiness Committee and Health Service Advisory Committee meetings held three times per year.

**Focus on
Father
Engagement**

116

Fathers Participated
in Program Activities



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Early Head Start (EHS)/Head Start (HS)

Demographics

Age

19% Children under 1 year old
19% Children 1–2 years old
23% Children 2–3 years old
19% Children 3–4 years old
18% Children 4–5 years old
4% Pregnant parent

Ethnicity

2% Asian
32% African American
40% White/Latino
19% White/Not Latino
6% Biracial
1% Other

Primary Language

65% English
30% Spanish
1% Middle Eastern/South Asian
1% East Asian
1% African
2% Unspecified

**Dual Language
Learners
31%**

Early Head Start and Head Start

Supporting Children's and Families' Health and Well-being

98%
of children had
health
insurance

96%
of pregnant
parents had
health insurance

96%
of participants
had access to a
medical home

76%
of participants
had access to
a dental home

89%
of children were
up to date on
immunizations

39%
Enrolled in WIC

52%
Enrolled in SNAP

28%
Homeless
families that
acquired housing

97%
Families that
received at least one
service or referral

20%
of children had an Individualized
Education Program (IEP) or
Individualized Family Service Plan
(IFSP)

67%
of children had the
IEP/IFSP prior to
enrollment

33%
of children obtained
the IEP/IFSP
during enrollment

Financial Information

The total revenue for Brightpoint's Early Head Start and Head Start programs was \$12,184,744.

- \$8,853,422 was funded by Head Start and Early Head Start and \$3,331,322 was funded by non-Head Start sources including private contributions, the United Way, the Illinois Department of Human Services, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the USDA Food Program.
- Program expenses totaled \$10,493,740
- Personnel costs accounted for 74.55% of program expenses.
- Non-personnel expenses included occupancy, supplies (e.g. food costs) and other operating costs.