



HEAD START
EARLY HEAD START
Bartholomew • Decatur • Jackson • Johnson • Shelby

Human Services Inc. Public Report

The Public Report is posted on our website for the public to review. The public report is shared at governing body meetings.



Human Services, Inc. – Head Start Annual Report 2024

General Information:

Human Services, Inc. Head Start program operates 10 classrooms serving a total of 179 preschool-aged children across five centers located in five counties in south-central Indiana. The counties and enrollment numbers are as follows: Bartholomew – 36 children, Decatur – 18 children, Jackson – 35 children, Johnson– 54 children, and Shelby – 36 children. During the FY 2024–2025 school year, the 10 classrooms operated on calendars of either 150 or 185 instructional days, depending on the site.

Human Services, Inc. Early Head Start program operates 5 classrooms services a total of 64 infant, toddlers and pregnant women across three centers located in three counties in south-central Indiana. The counties and enrollment number are as follows: Bartholomew County- 24 center based, 20 homebased and 4 expectant mothers, Shelby-8 center-based, Johnson-8 center-based. The homebased provides 90-minute home visits weekly and socialization meeting every month.

The program’s administrative offices is in Columbus, Indiana, which is centrally situated amount the counties served by Human Services, Inc.

Enrollment Data:

Total Number of Children and Families Served	
Head Start	179 Children
Early Head Start	60 Children 4 Pregnant Women Total: 64

Average Monthly Enrollment: Both Programs: 85%-100%

Contact US and partner to reach those in need!

website: www.hsi-indiana.com

Mission statement: Bridging gaps to stability through coaching, education, and partnerships.

Human Services Inc. Head Start-Early Head Start a Community Action Agency that offers a variety of assistance to families and individuals in need. The program is required to obtain community support and collaborate with partners and is required to obtain 20% locally collected in-kind donations. In-kind donations can be time, services, supplies or financial support. Contact us today by calling Human Services Inc., 812-372-8407 or email humanservicesinc@hsi-indiana.com.



Health-Medical and Dental Exams

The program provides support to families on keeping their children on schedule for physical and dental examinations. The program shares health information through family events, newsletters, and parent meetings. In addition, the program assists families in obtaining health insurance and accessing medical and dental providers.

	Physical exams completed	Dental Exams completed
Head Start	63%	62%
Early Head Start	43%	38%

Parent Involvement Activities:

Monthly Educational Meetings were held in person this past year included topics on, but not limited to budgeting, meal planning, adult education, mental health, abuse, first aid & CPR, transportation safety, literacy, and fitness; family goal planning; child educational goal setting; classroom celebrations; shared governance involvement through Policy Council; Early Head Start Socializations; HS 500, EHS 500, involvement in committees including but not limited to Health Advisory, Disabilities/Mental Health Committee, and School Readiness Leadership Committee.

Readiness Preparation:

Head Start

The goal of the Head Start program is to prepare children for kindergarten by promoting school readiness. The program utilizes the research-based *Frog Street*, which places a strong emphasis on literacy development. Instruction is aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and local school district expectations. Each day includes large group, small group, and free exploration periods to support both teacher-directed and child-initiated learning. A different letter is introduced each week to promote letter and sound recognition.

Children are assessed using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) and work sampling methods. Based on the results, teachers develop individualized plans to address each child's areas for growth. Targeted activities are then implemented to provide meaningful learning opportunities and support skill development. Additionally, the program prepares children and families for the transition to kindergarten by sharing information about what to expect, including kindergarten round-up dates and enrollment processes.

Early Head Start

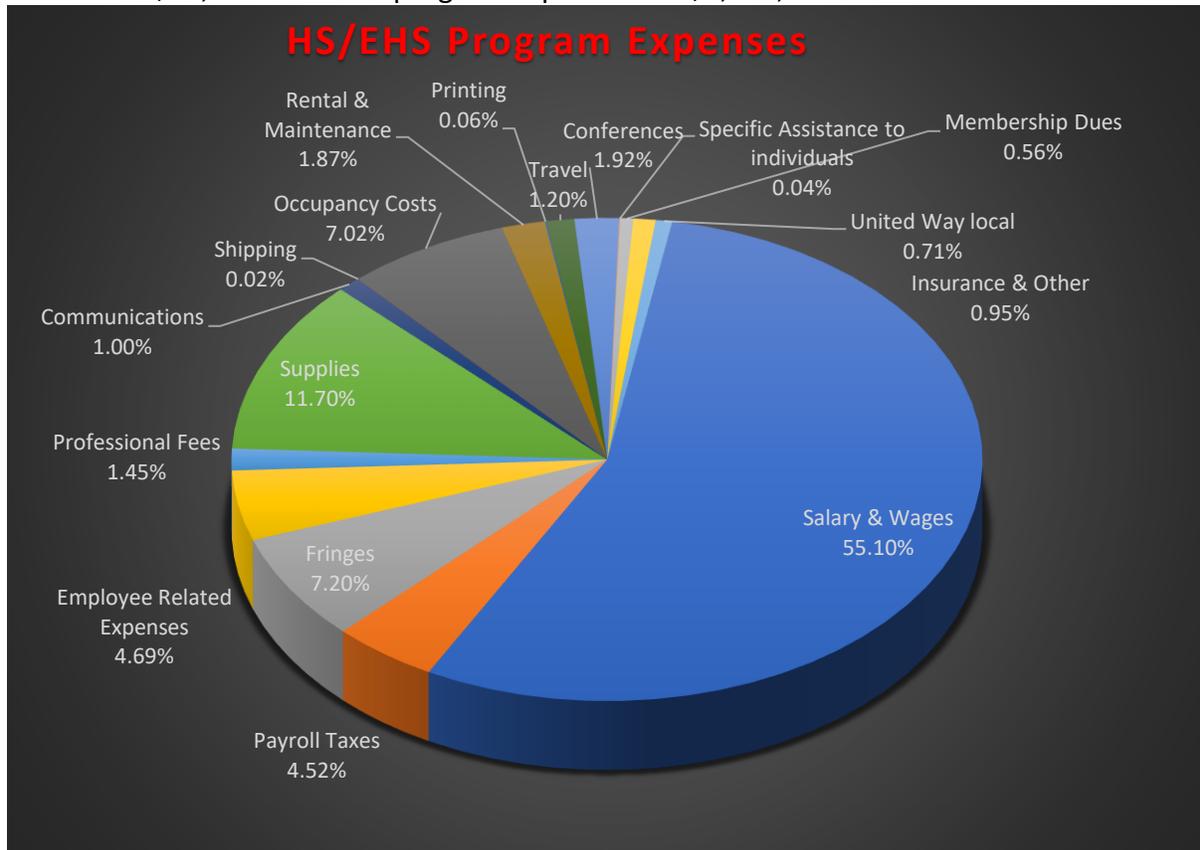
The program uses the research-based *Frog Street curriculum*. Children explore the environment freely and activities are guided by the teaching staff.

Children are assessed using the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) and ongoing teacher observations. Assessment results guide teachers in creating individualized plans to address each child's specific developmental needs. Targeted activities are implemented to provide meaningful learning experiences and support skill mastery. The program also supports families by providing information about transitioning into other programs after leaving Early Head Start, ensuring a smooth and supportive continuation of services.

Both Head Start and Early Head Start have established school readiness goals that align with the Indiana Foundations, local school systems, and the Head Start Readiness Framework.

Financial Information

Human Services Inc. Head Start total program expenses for 2023-2024 is \$5,051,689 Head Start Funds and Local Fund donated \$36,938.04. Total program expenses are \$5,205,974.04.



Review by the Secretary

The program completed the 2024 Focus Area One (FA2) monitoring review. The Office of Head Start determined our program meets requirements of performance and is following the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS), laws, regulations, and policy requirements. All performance measures in all content areas were found complaint.

Financial Audit:

The last audit of Human Services, Inc. was completed in July 2024, no findings identified.