



CHILDREN'S TRUST

OF ALACHUA COUNTY

Head Start Summer Bridge Year 2 – Evaluation Results

December 9, 2024

Head Start Summer Bridge



Community Partner –
Episcopal Children's Service
Inc.

Enrollment Started April

Beginning June 5 through
July 30

Length: 8 weeks

5 Early Learning Centers

110 Children ages 3, 4, and 5

Allocation: \$183,352.00

**ALACHUA HEAD START
Summer Bridge
Program**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Engaging curriculum
- Qualified educators
- Social and emotional development
- Nutritious meals
- Family involvement

LOCATIONS

- Building Dreams
- Just A Blessing
- Martin Rochelle
- The CHILD Center
- I Rise Performing Kids Academy

PROGRAM DETAILS

- Dates: June 5th - July 30th
- Time: 8 AM - 3 PM
- Age Group: 3 - 5
- Before and After Care available

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST ENROLLMENT FORMS

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Program Additions

- Program Manager hired
- Program sign up for Families Started in April.
- Attendance. Considered Family vacations during the summer.
- Offered extended day.
- Added to the education plan.



Education Plan

Literacy-Rich Environments

twice daily read alouds

set of books provided to each classroom

writing centers provided to each classroom

Hatch Ignite

30 min per week per child

daily instructional small groups using curricular experiences

All's Pals Social-Emotional Curriculum

integrates with digital lesson plan

bi-weekly lessons using classroom kits

Cade Museum Hands-on STEAM Activities

1 visit per classroom

extension activities by classroom teacher

At-Home Learning

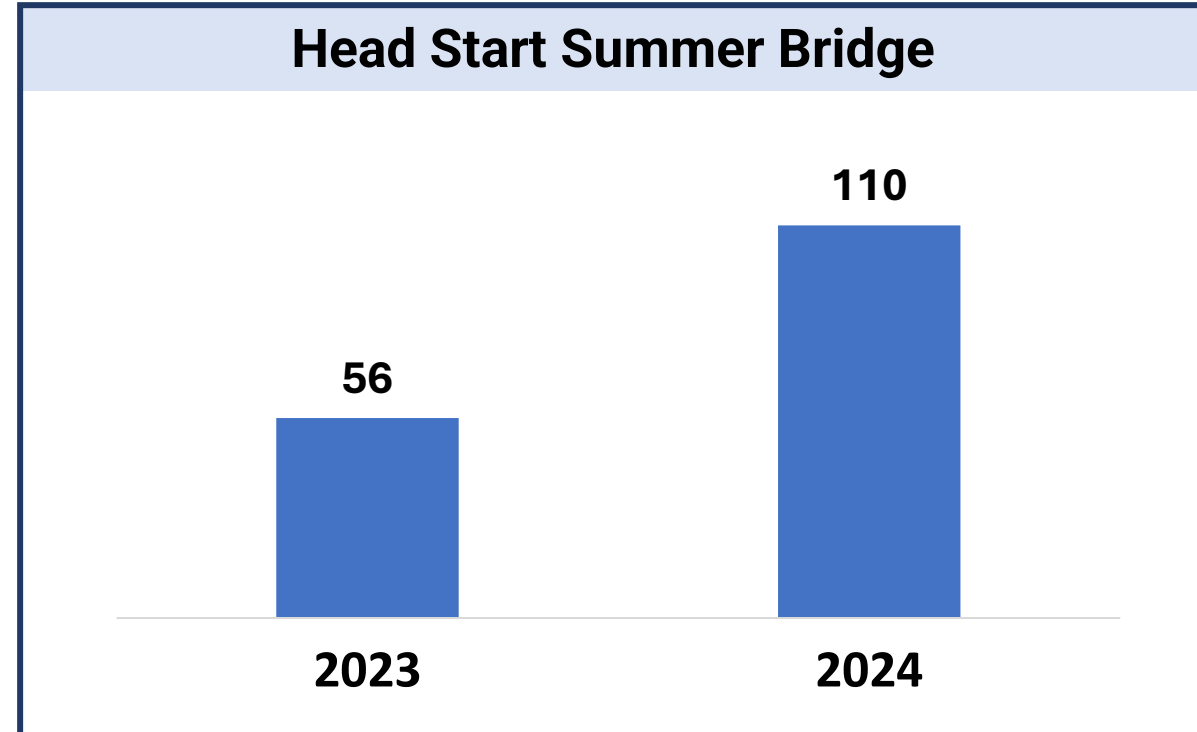
Hatch Ignite app syncs to school account

weekly take-home book with family involvement activities

Children Served



Children served with funding from Children's Trust of Alachua County:

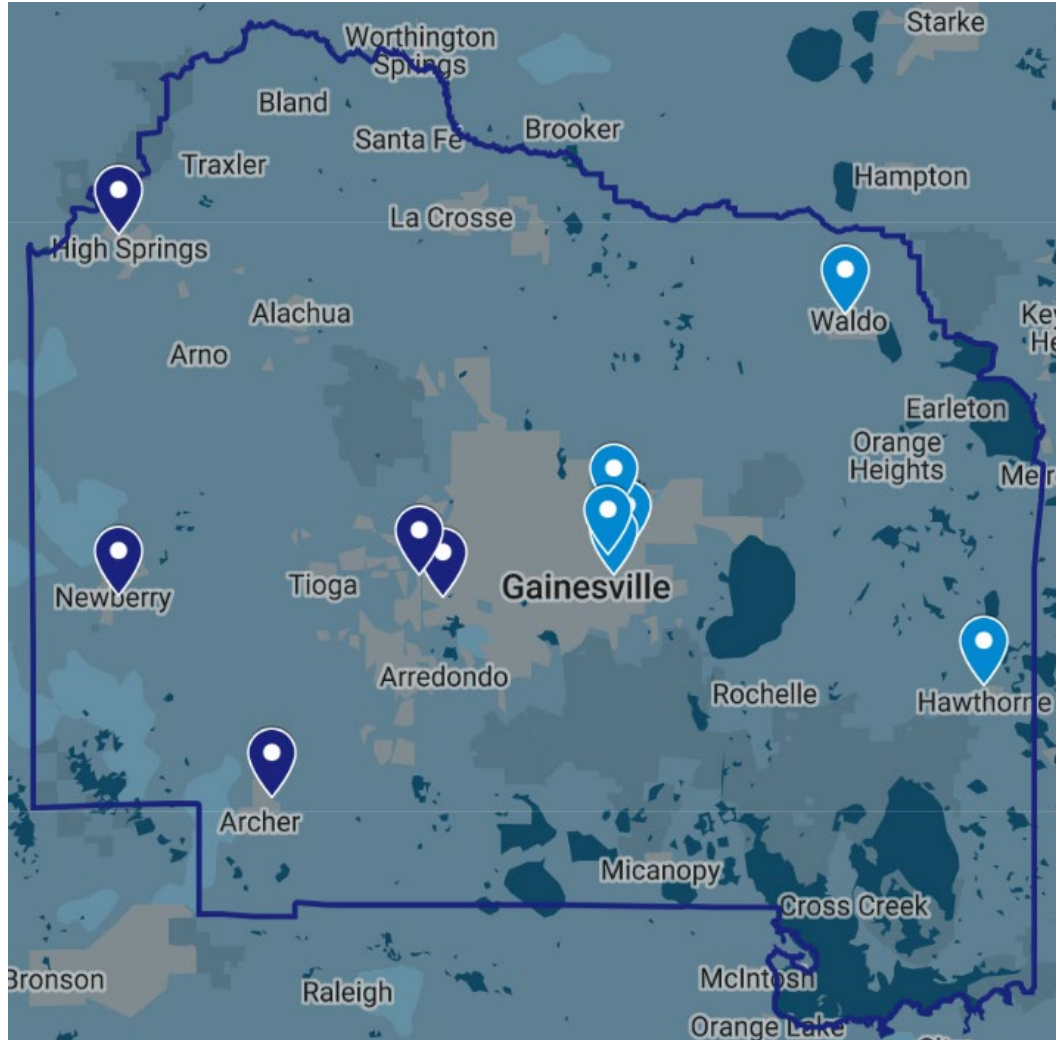


Head Start Summer Bridge nearly doubled the number of children served since its inaugural year in summer 2023.

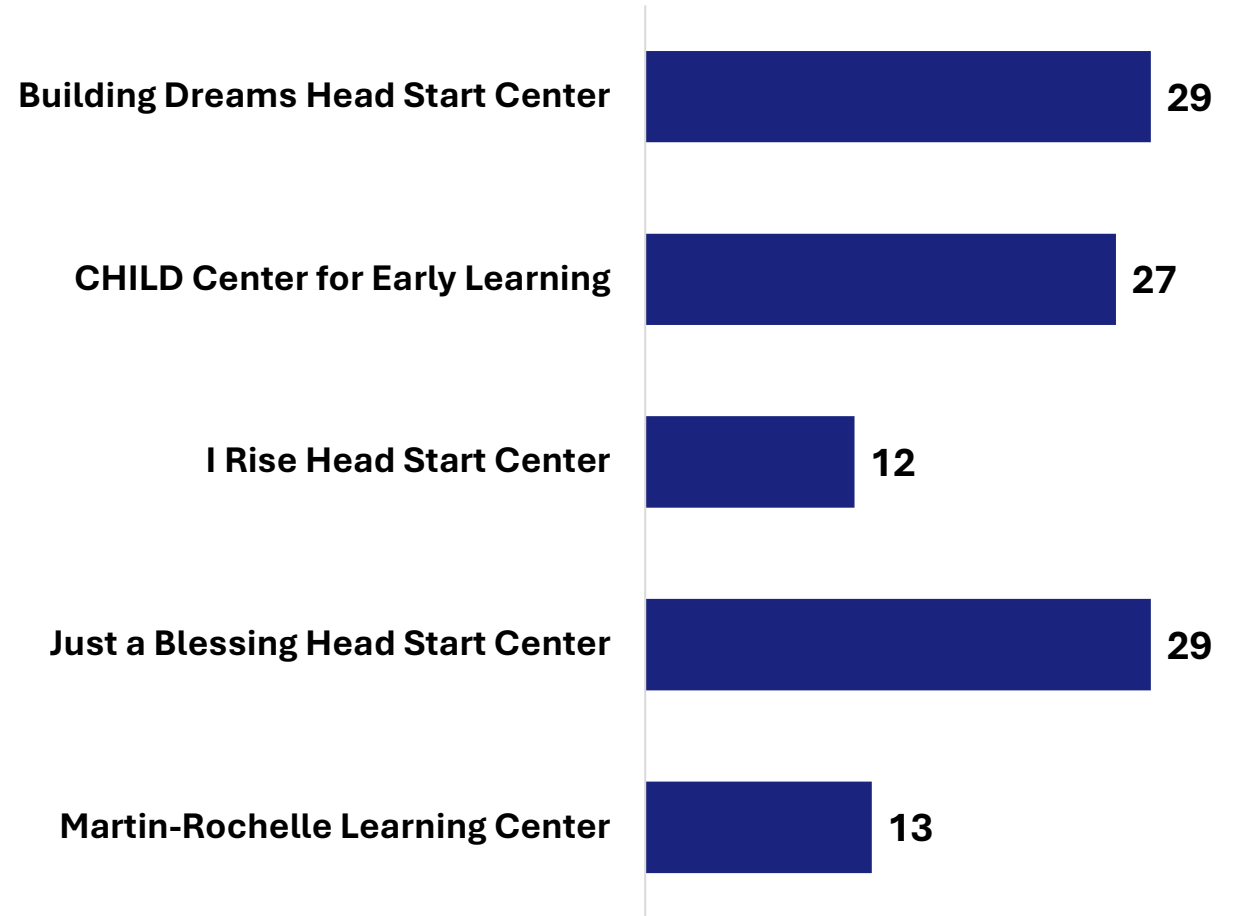
Service Locations



Head Start Locations



Summer Bridge Children served by Head Start Location

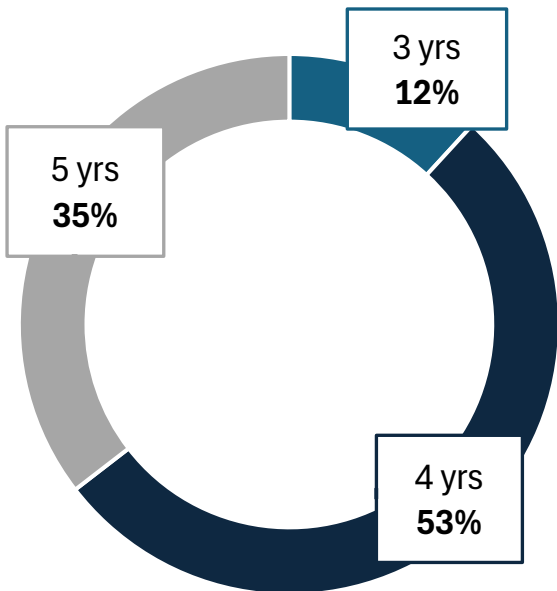


Who are Children Served?

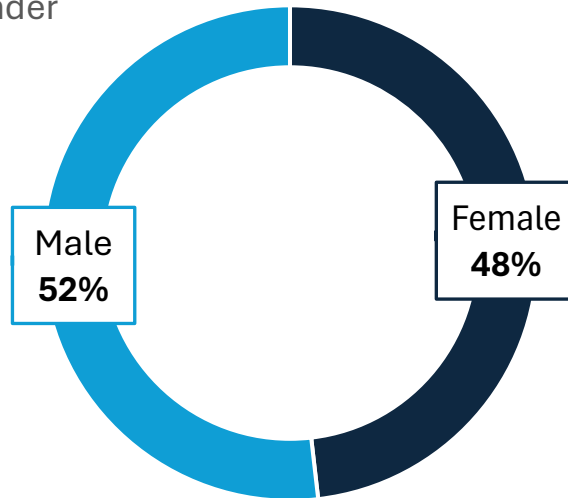


The average age of children served is **4.2**

Age at Enrollment

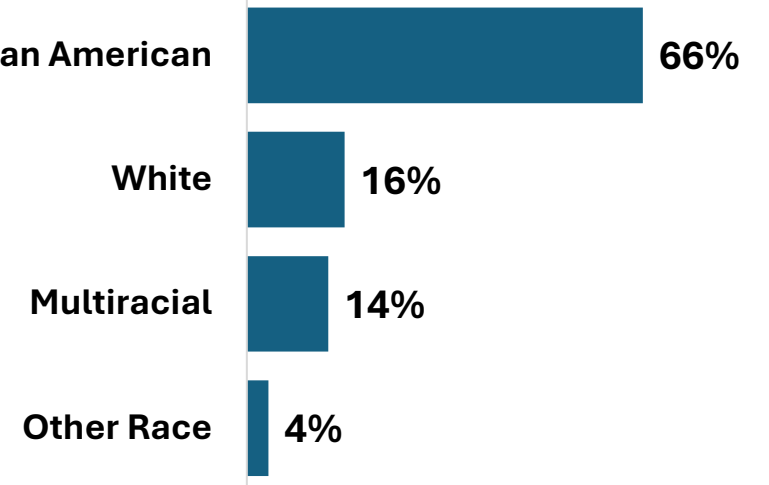


Gender

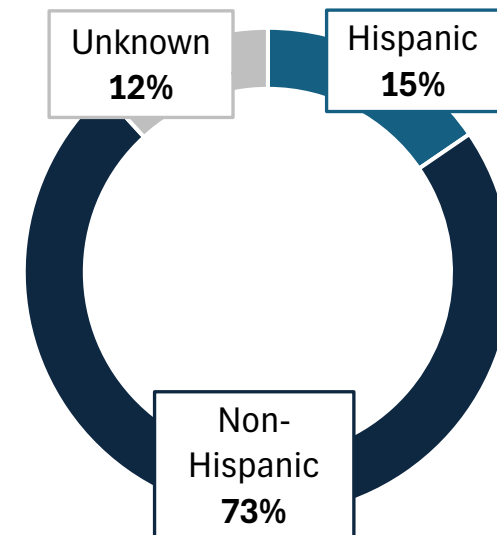


Race

Black or African American



Ethnicity

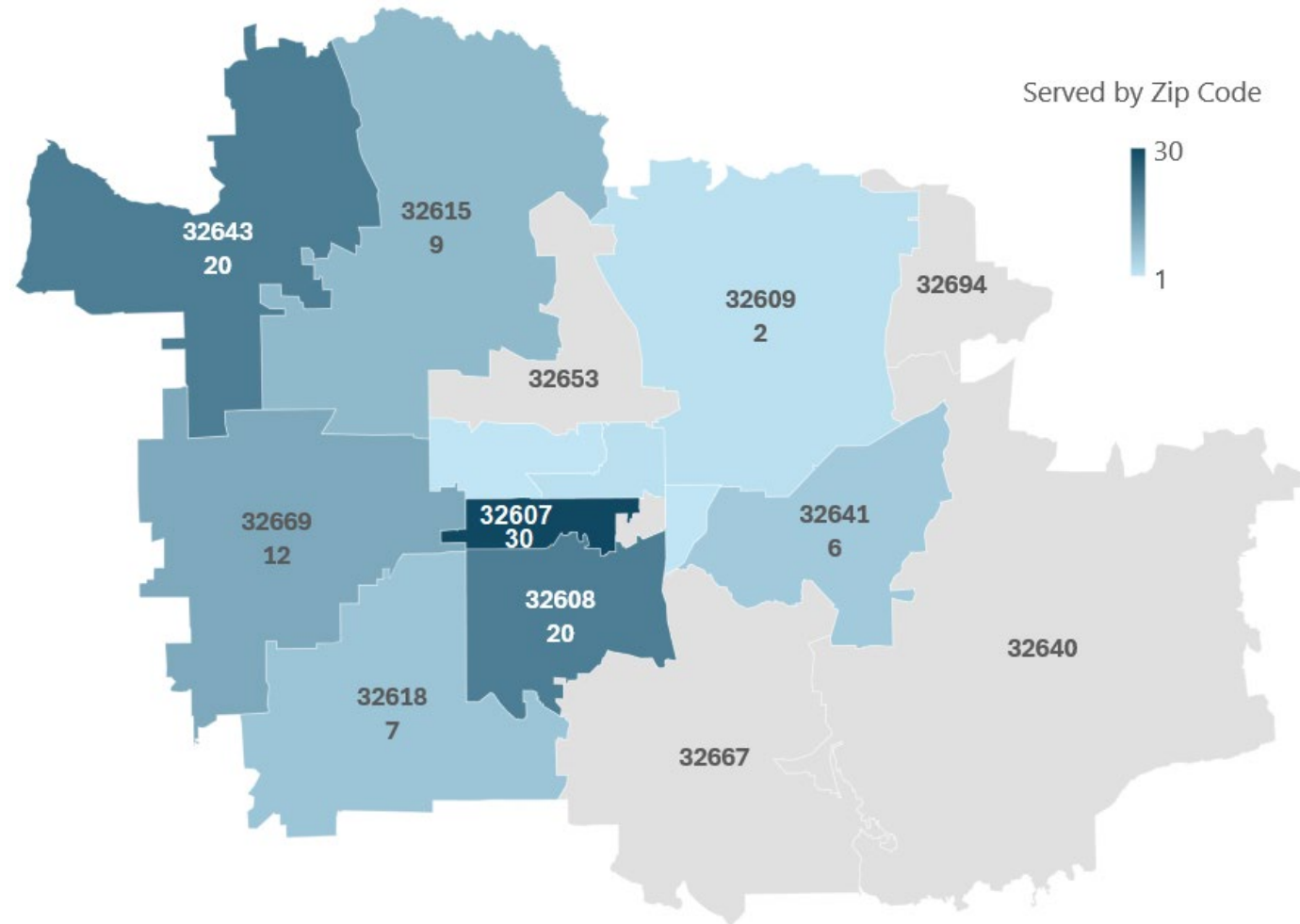


Who are Children Served?



Children Served by Residence City and ZIP Code

City and ZIP code	Count (%)
Gainesville	62 (56%)
32607	30 (27%)
32608	20 (18%)
32641	6 (5%)
32609	2 (2%)
32605	2 (2%)
32606	1 (1%)
32601	1 (1%)
High Springs (32643)	20 (18%)
Newberry (32669)	12 (11%)
Alachua (32615)	9 (8%)
Archer (32618)	7 (6%)



How much programming was received?

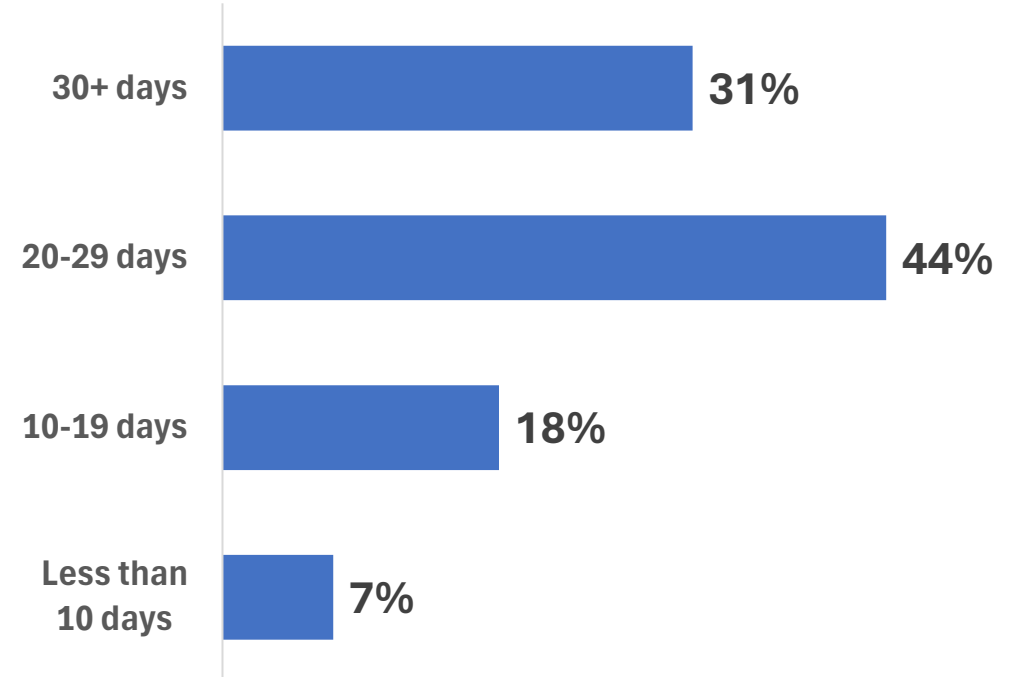


Children attended an average of 24 days with 75% of children attending for 20+ days.

Most parents planned for their child to attend all days offered. Relative to their anticipated attendance, on average, children attended 69% of the expected days.

Not all providers offered 35 days as expected.

Child Attendance Grouped by Days



Average Child Attendance and Program Days by Site

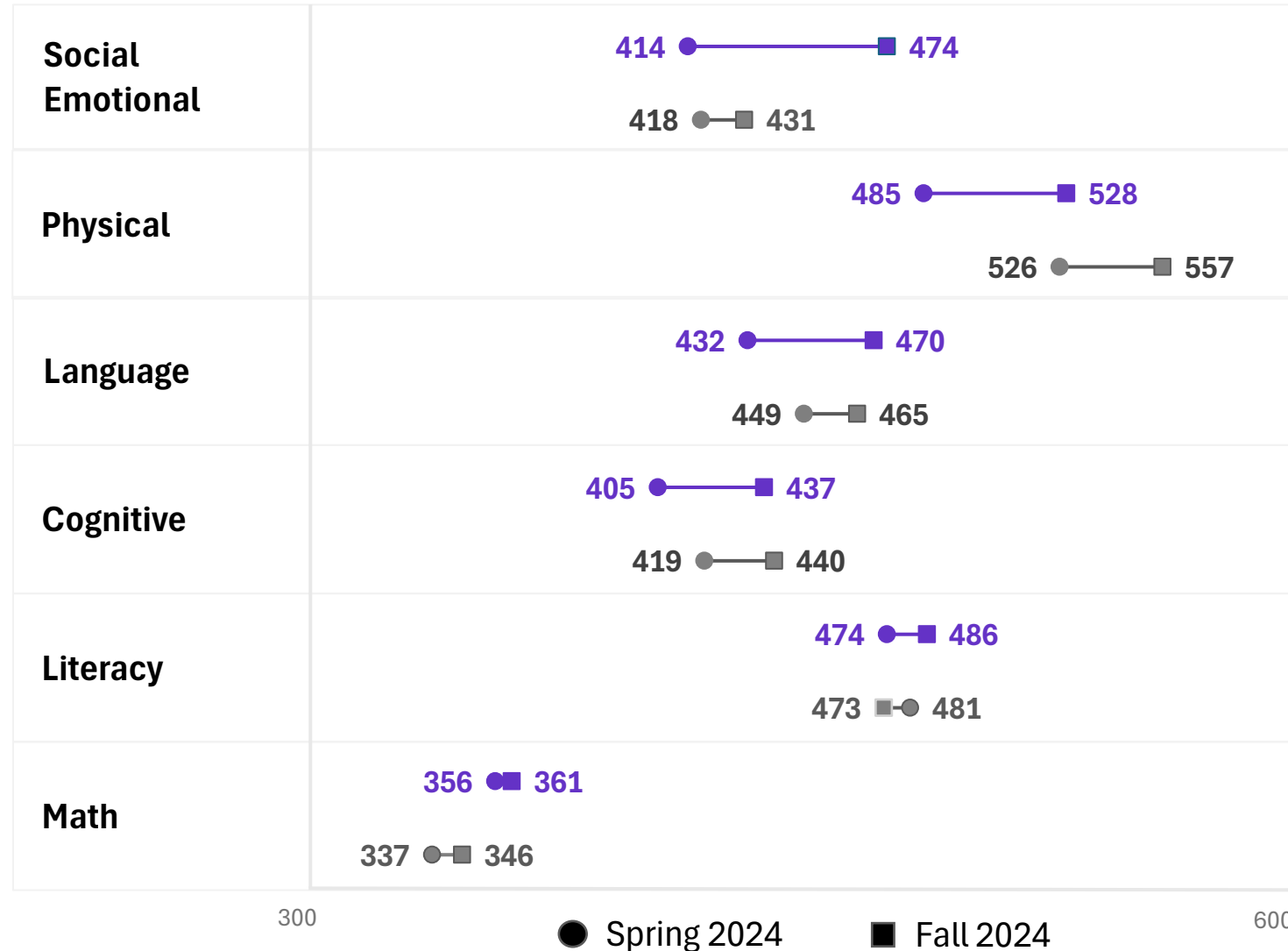
Provider Site	Average Child Attendance	Program Days Offered
Building Dreams	27.7	35
CHILD Center	23.3	35
I Rise Center	25.8	33
Just a Blessing	20.8	34
Martin-Rochelle	21.7	33
All Provider Sites	23.9 days	170 days



Teaching Strategies Strategies GOLD Results



Summer Bridge children's learning gains outpaced non-participants.



Summer Bridge participants (n=27)

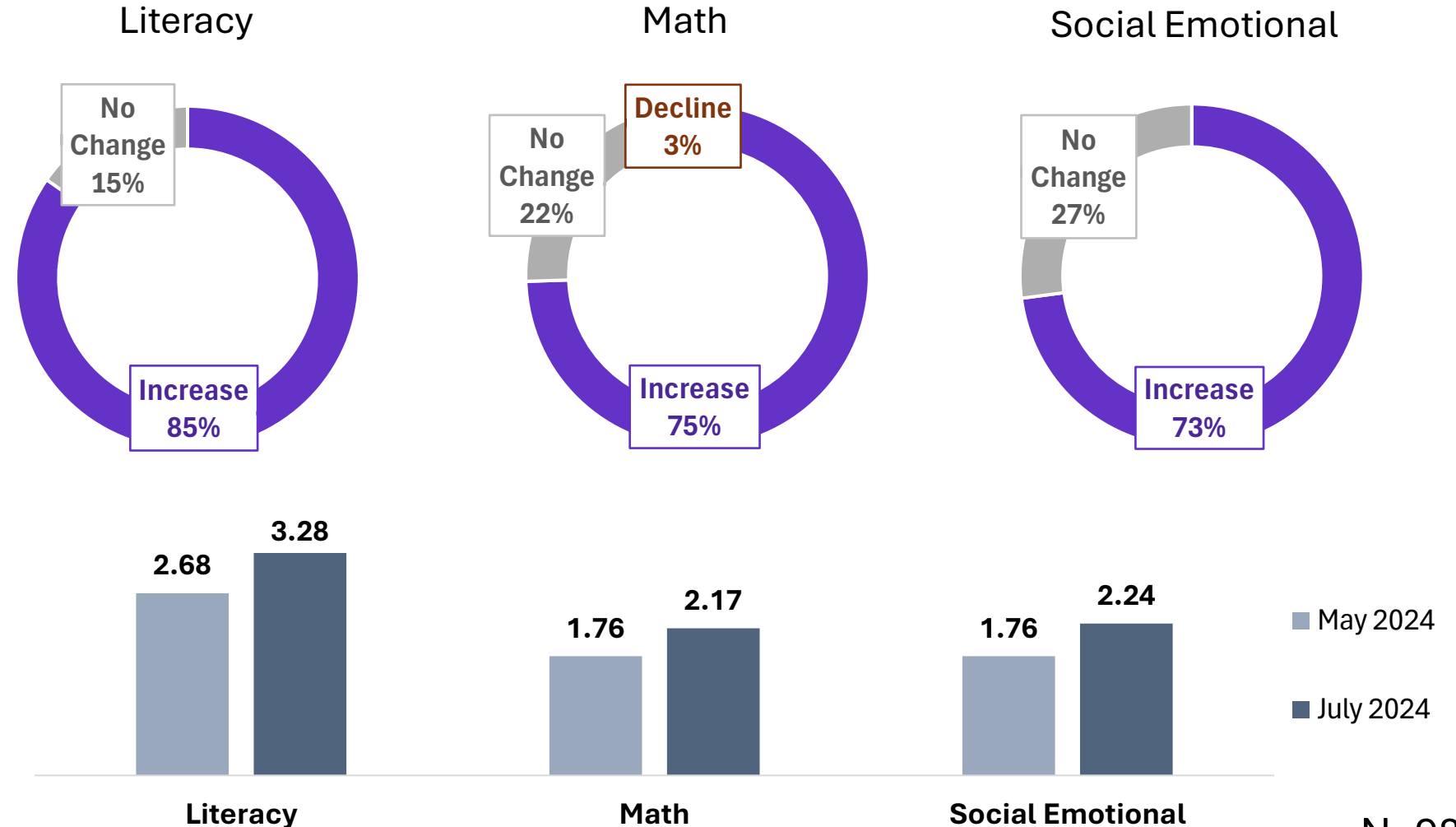
Alachua County Head Start participants not enrolled in Summer Bridge (n=76)



Hatch Ignite Results



Nearly all Summer Bridge children maintained or made gains in their **literacy**, **math**, and **social emotional** skills.



N=98

Parents acknowledge program quality and several key benefits via survey responses.



This program provides a lot of **quality educational experiences** for my child.



The program helped keep my child's **routine consistent.**



My child is **learning more** because we were part of the program.



The **teachers** at the program are professionals who **truly care.**



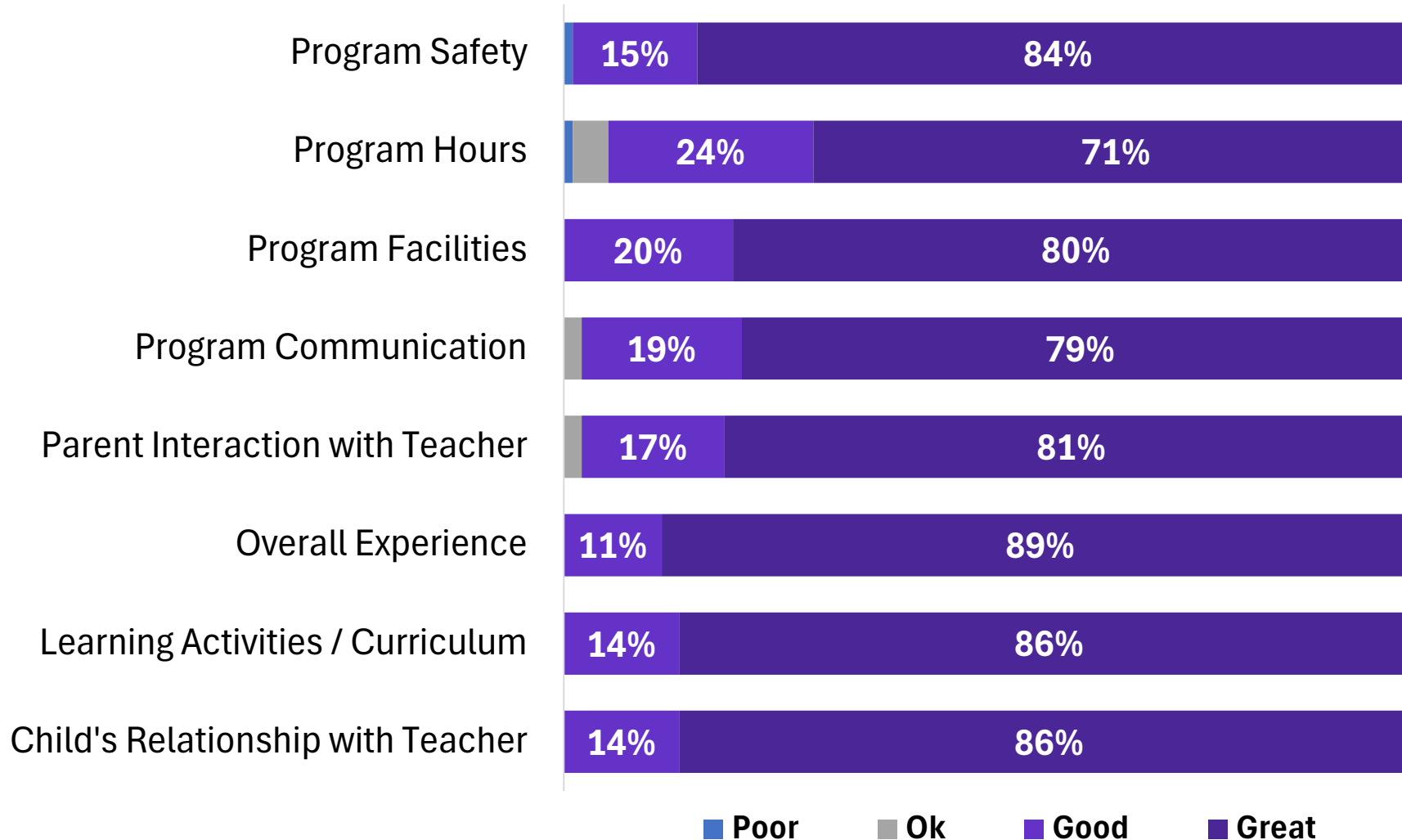
My child **enjoys attending** this program.



■ Strongly Disagree ■ Disagree ■ Neutral ■ Agree ■ Strongly Agree

N=96

Parents expressed high rates of satisfaction with the program.



Liked Best:

- Teachers
- Friends/Classmates
- Learning
- Activities Sent Home

“The book and activity sheet sent home every week was great!”

“So many learning activities done with my child.”

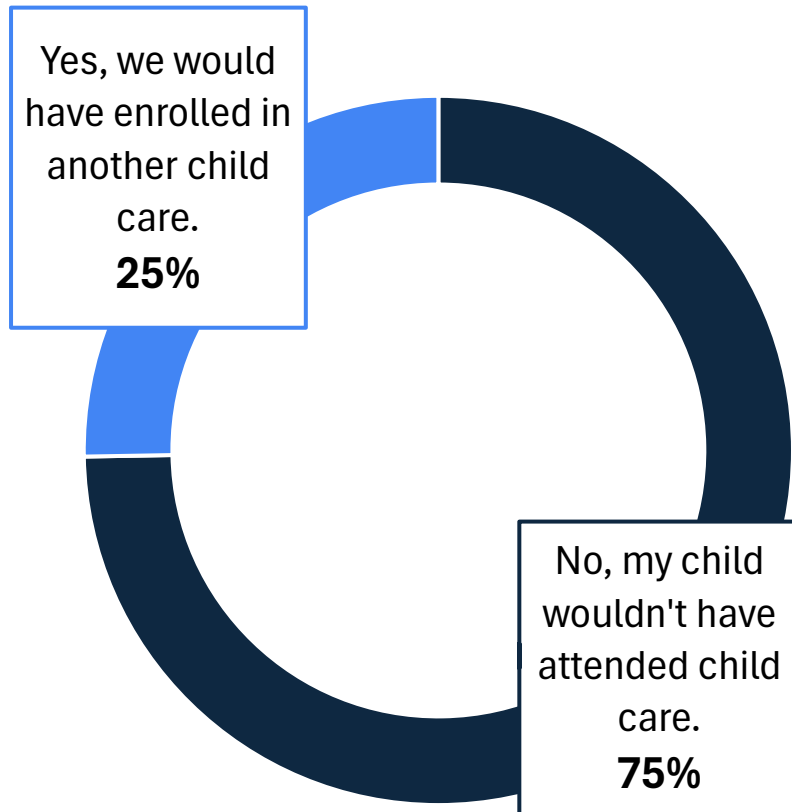
“We love the teachers.”

Liked Least:

- Waking Up Early
- Program Hours
- Nap Time



Most parents said their child wouldn't have received programming without Head Start Summer Bridge.



Why Not?

- Too expensive (44)
- Don't feel comfortable sending my child somewhere else (13)
- Not worth the effort to find a new provider just for the summer (13)
- No availability (5)
- Other (4)
- No transportation (3)

Performance Measures



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How Much?

Measure	Target	Actual
Children Enrolled	70	110
Program Days	175	170

How Well?

Measure	Target	Actual
Children Attend as Anticipated	75%	69%
Satisfied with Communication	85%	98%
Satisfied with Overall Experience	90%	100%

Better Off?

Measure	Target	Actual
Children Enjoyed Experience	90%	100%
Satisfied with Learning Activities	90%	100%
Parents report Child is Learning More	70%	99%

Moving Forward



- Continue Program Manager position.
- Create application, criteria, and expectations for center participation.
- Consider adding ECS owned centers.
- Start program sign up for Centers in January.



- Start program sign up for Families in February.
- Increase number of children enrolled.
- Increase average attendance.
- Continue education enhancements.
- Continue extended day.