



Item:

Head Start Summer Bridge 2024 Program Overview

Requested Action:

The Board is asked to receive this overview.

Background:

Head Start is a free program for children of families with low incomes, providing comprehensive early learning in both center-based and home-based settings. Episcopal Children's Services programs use a "whole child" approach that helps kids grow intellectually, emotionally, and socially. This successful program helps ensure children's readiness for school and increases parental knowledge in children's growth and development.

In March 2023, the Children's Trust Board approved one time funding to pilot Head Start Summer Bridge with Episcopal Children's Services. Due to the success of the pilot, the project was repeated the of Summer 2024 and will be funded again the Summer 2025. The extension of this program during the summer months is an opportunity to help with summer slide, provide continued support to families, and retain talent at participating he early learning centers throughout the County.

This presentation will highlight the outcome of the Head Start Summer Bridge Program for 2024.

Programmatic Impact:

Goal 2- Children and youth can learn what they need to be successful.

Fiscal Impact:

\$218,340.90

Recommendation:

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