



MARYLAND  
FAMILY  
NETWORK

EARLY HEAD START  
FY 23 ANNUAL REPORT

# About Maryland Family Network

Maryland Family Network's (MFN) mission is to ensure that Maryland's children have strong families, quality early learning environments, and a champion for their interests. Here's how we accomplish that mission:

- Every day our statewide network of Family Support and Early Head Start Centers help hundreds of families with infants and toddlers become stronger and self-sufficient. MFN is Maryland's largest Early Head Start grantee;
- Our LOCATE: Child Care helps tens of thousands of parents a year find quality early learning environments that are just right for their growing families;
- Our network of Child Care Resource Centers offer state-of-the-art training, mentoring, coaching, and other supports to Maryland's dedicated child care workforce;
- Our advocacy efforts ensure that the needs of young children and their families are a priority with lawmakers in Annapolis.

Learn more about our work and get involved by visiting [marylandfamilynetwork.org](http://marylandfamilynetwork.org).

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Cecil Family Education Center

*Front cover photo:  
Our House Early Head Start Center*

# EARLY HEAD START

Early Head Start (EHS) is so much more than early learning. MFN's 19 EHS Centers provide early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive two-generational support services to low-income families with children six weeks through three years old. Children who participate in EHS programs experience better physical, social, emotional, and intellectual outcomes than children without access to these life-changing programs. At the same time, EHS supports adults' efforts to fulfill their parental roles and achieve self-sufficiency.

**Total funds received in FY 23 to support MFN's Early Head Start Network:**

- **Federal funding: \$15,221,145**
- **Non-Federal Share: \$2,216,427**

**During FY 23 our Early Head Start Centers served 529 children.**

**By the end of FY 23:**

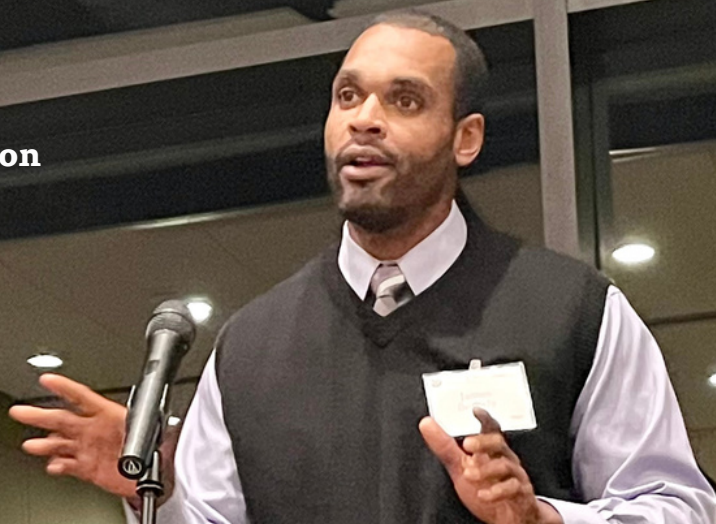
- **98.3% of children had health insurance.**
- **Almost all parents (99.4%) confirm that they had a primary health care provider.**
- **96.6% of children were up to day on their recommended immunizations.**
- **96.2% of children had a dental home.**
- **89.5% of children diagnosed with a chronic medical condition received medical treatment. Of these asthma was the most common diagnosed condition.**
- **17.2% of children enrolled had an IEP or IFSP.**
- **5% of children enrolled experienced homelessness during their enrollment period. Of those, 35.1% acquired housing during FY 23.**

“My overall experience with Early Head Start has not only been enriching but rewarding as well...I love that they advocate for River to make sure she gets all the support she needs such as speech therapy and structured based learning to help with her growth and development.”

-- Sherice S. Stern,  
St. Vincent de Paul Early Head Start

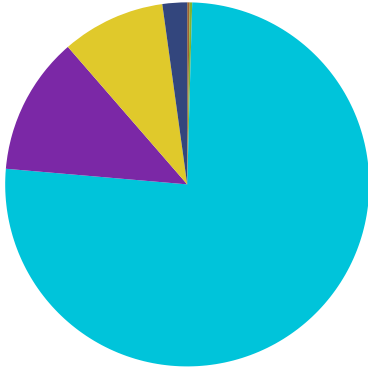
“My daughter has grown and become more of a beautiful person since she's been here.”

-- James Beverly, Parent,  
Coppin State Early Head Start



# EARLY HEAD START

- American Indian or Alaska Nat...
- Asian
- Black or African American
- White
- Bi-racial/Multi-racial
- Other or Unspecified



## Early Head Start Center parent's race.

72 children served in FY23 were from Hispanic or Latino origin.

- Advanced Degree
- Associate, Vocational or Som...
- High school diploma or GED
- Less than high school graduate



## Parent's current education level.

## LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT EHS CENTERS

15% of EHS students were dual language learners

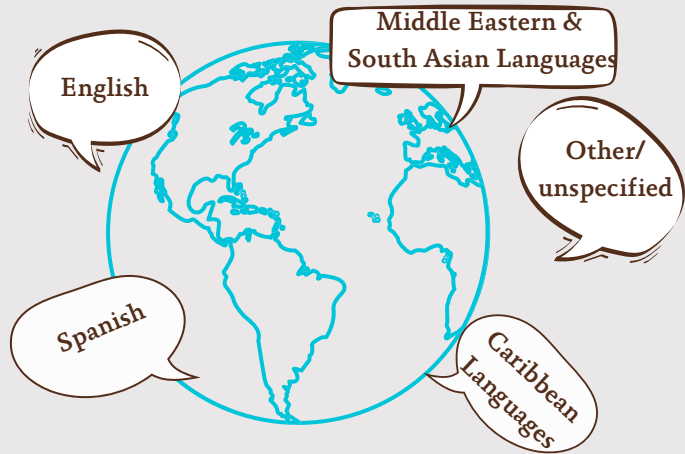


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