



# 2023-2024 COMMUNITY REPORT

## Early Head Start, Head Start, and PA Pre-K Counts in Lebanon & Lancaster Counties

Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 provides Early Childhood Education to families and children birth through age five in Lancaster and Lebanon counties. These programs are federally grant-funded and provided in partnership with the Office of Head Start, Community Action Partnership of Lancaster County, and the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning. The following provides information on each program. The information includes the number served by each grant at any moment in time along with the cumulative total served throughout the year.

### EARLY HEAD START

The Early Head Start (EHS) Home-based programs provide services to pregnant women and children through the age of three. Weekly 90-minute home visits are done with families to assist them in their role of being their child's first teacher. The Lebanon County EHS Home-based program serves 96. During 2023-2024 a cumulative total of 133 pregnant women and children were served. The Lancaster County EHS Home-based program provides services to 48. In 2023-2024 a cumulative total of 84 pregnant women and children were served. For both programs, the numbers include children who transitioned to Head Start in August 2023.

The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Program grant, reflected in the budget on page 2, ended during 2023-2024.

### PA PRE-K COUNTS

Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts programming provides developmentally appropriate education to 284 children, ages three to five, in both Lancaster and Lebanon counties through various partnerships with school districts and childcare centers.

### HEAD START

In 2023-2024, Lebanon County's Head Start program utilized funding from Pennsylvania's Head Start Supplemental, and Federal Head Start. The Head Start program serves 282 children in 11 classrooms throughout the county and through a partnership with the Lebanon School District K4 program on a daily basis. Head Start participants are selected based on income guidelines set forth in the Head Start Performance Standards and additional eligibility criteria established by a committee of parents, community representatives, and staff.

The Head Start program works with the family to prepare their child for kindergarten. Family service staff work with the family to develop family goals. Parents participate in monthly parent meetings and family days. In addition, two parent trainings are held during the year. At the beginning of the year, parents at each site select parents to represent them on the Head Start Policy Council, which meets monthly to provide oversight for the program.

A total of 302 children were served in the IU13 Head Start preschool classes during the 2023-2024 year. The classrooms served 102 children with individual education plans, which represents 30% of the program.

The Head Start curriculum and instruction provided for young learners is designed to support kindergarten readiness. Areas of concentration include the growth of early literacy skills, math skills, and other key developmental areas including physical, cognitive, language, and social-emotional development. The program went to a four day in-person, one day at-home learning model due to staff shortages. Four of the classrooms located in Lebanon City were temporarily relocated at the Myerstown Borough office while renovations and repairs were made to the IU13 building. They returned to the Lebanon location in January 2024.

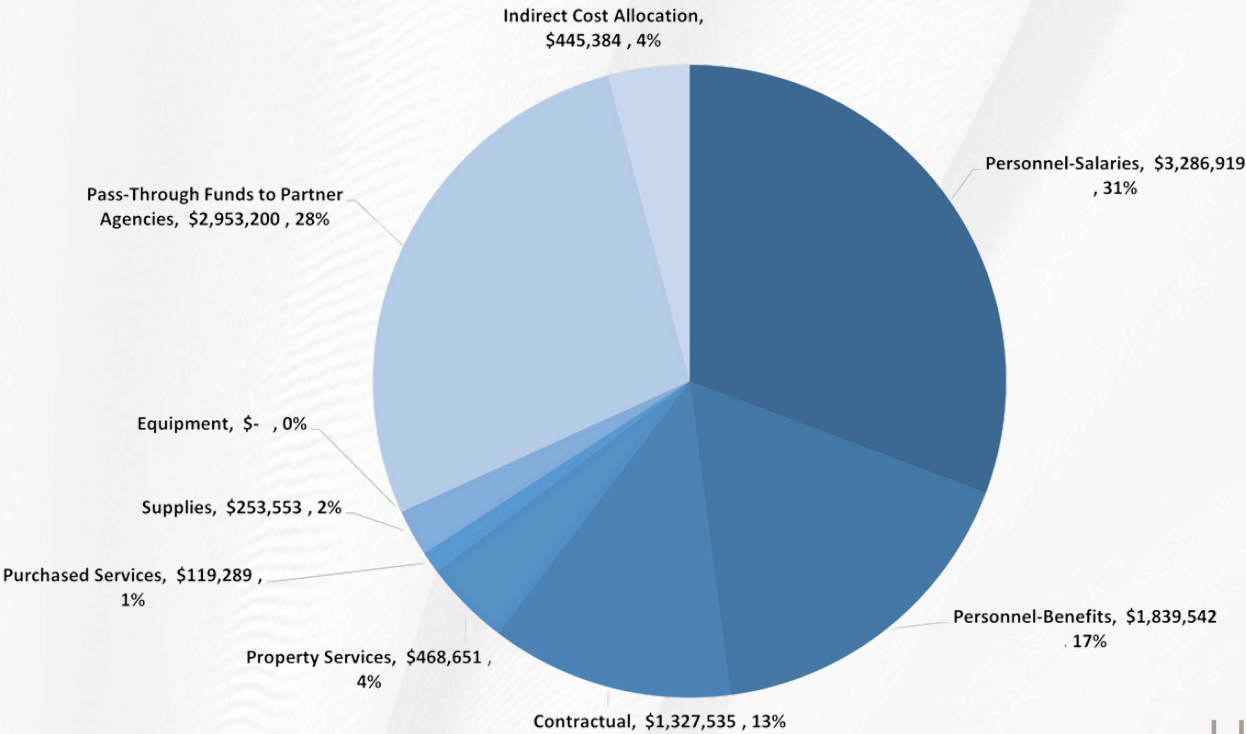
**% of Children Meeting or Exceeding TSG  
Widely-Held Expectations**

Domain Area	Fall	Winter	Spring
Social-Emotional	74%	87%	94%
Physical	79%	90%	95%
Language	38%	82%	89%
Cognitive	35%	88%	94%
Literacy	45%	73%	87%
Math	55%	61%	78%

FUNDING

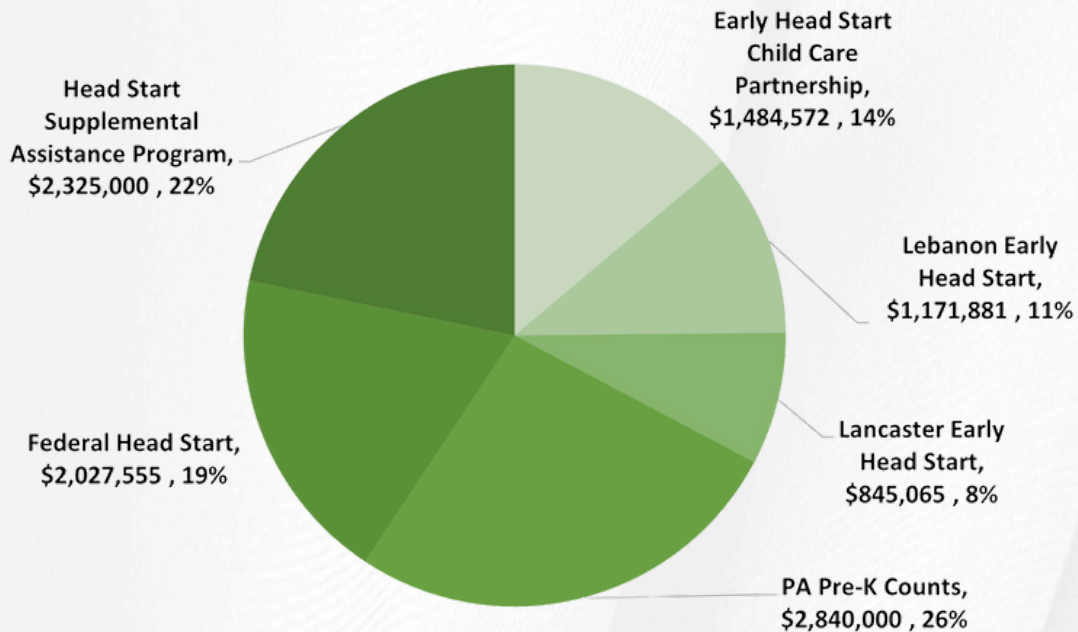
Funding and expenditures for the program are as follows:

**2023-24 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS**





## 2023-24 BUDGETED REVENUES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



### PROGRAM REVIEW

The Administration of Children and Families conducted a monitoring review of the program in the spring of 2020. The program was found to be in compliance in all areas.

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