



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

AGENDA

Head Start Policy Council

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Program Services Committee

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Call to Order and Welcome
2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).
3. DISCUSS the FY24-25 Annual Report and provide input. [26-05](#)
Attachments: [FY24-25 Annual Report](#)
4. Next Steps and Meeting Evaluation.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for February 4, 2026 at 5 pm .

5. Adjourn

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Staff Report

File #: 26-05

Agenda Date: 1/7/2026

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Advisory Board: Head Start Policy Council Program Services Committee

Subject: DISCUSS the FY24-25 Annual Report and provide input.

Presenter: Ayalew Lidete

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Information:

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FY24-25 CSB HEAD START PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT

By Ayalew Lidete



CHILDREN & FAMILIES SERVED

Served over 3,000 children and families in FY 24-25

- Up 5% from the prior program year

Maintained 100% monthly enrollment from March through June

Of the 13,000 children living in the county, CCC Head Start only serves 12%.



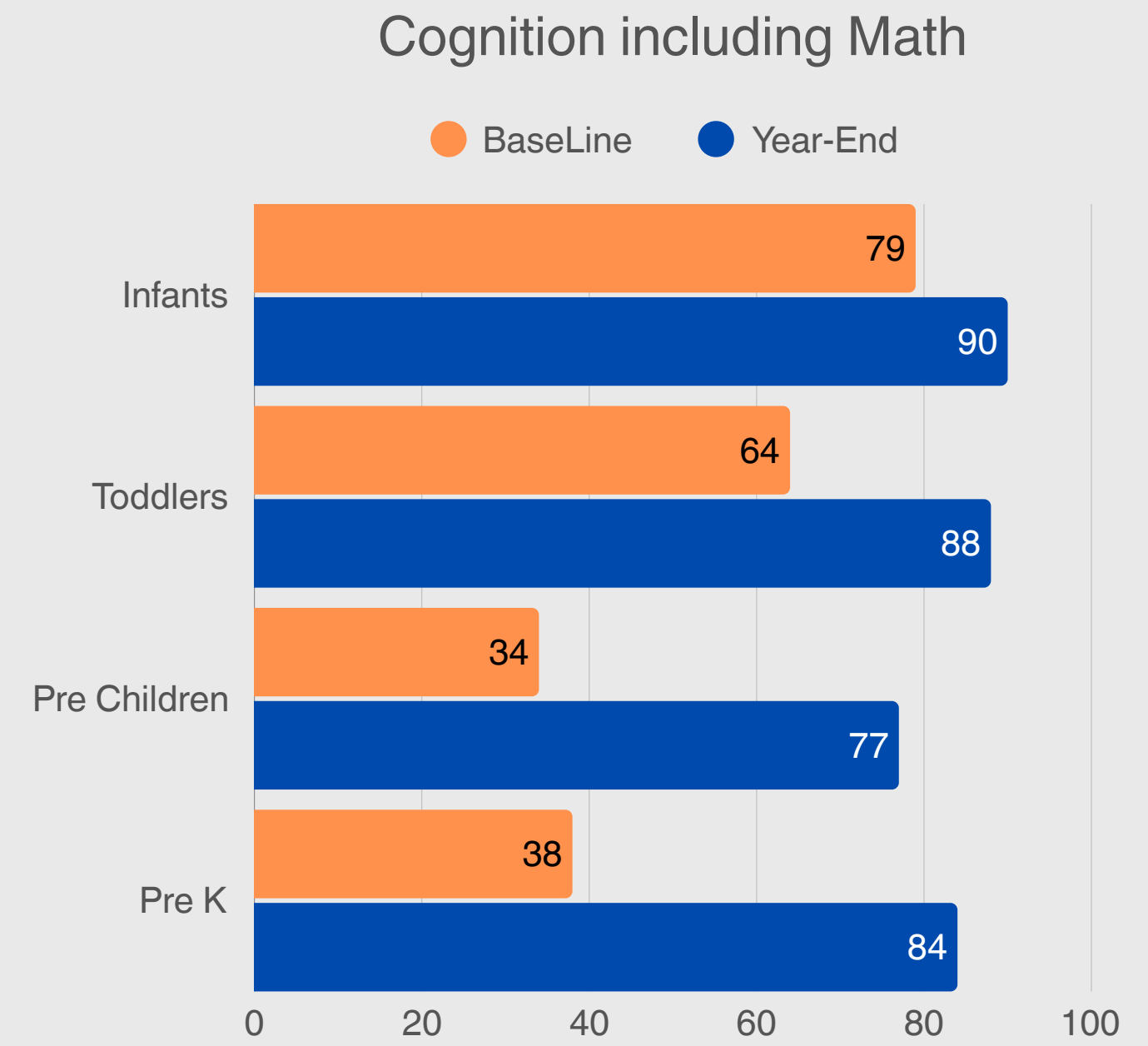
FAMILY SUPPORT & HOUSEHOLD IMPACT

- Nearly 70% of enrolled children received medical and dental exams
 - Over 80% of parents participate in at least one program service
 - Medical and oral health education
 - Financial education
 - Parent Curriculum
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SCHOOL READINESS

Kindergarten readiness is tracked with DRDP (Desired Result Developmental Profile) across four age groups, assessed three times yearly to measure growth.

- Average rate increase by 31%





PROGRAM FUNDING

- FY24–25 Head Start funding was provided through Year 1 of a five-year grant (2024–2029), covering September 2024–June 2025, and is 100% publicly funded.
- Most recent Single Audit conducted by the Secretary reported no findings



IN CLOSING

- FY 24-25 showed strong growth, even with enrollment initiatives we were still able outperform our benchmarks
 - Child outcome data validate the program impact on children
 - As community need remains high, we are committed to continuing to expand our reach and impact
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