

Early Childhood Education Program Update



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Outline

Topic	Federal Head Start	State Child Care
Federal Environment Updates	To date	
Child Care Center Services	Dec 2025	Dec 2025
Policy Council Actions	Jan 2026	
Budget	Dec 2025	Dec 2025
Monitoring	Dec 2025	Dec 2025
Official Funder Communication	Jan 2026	Jan 2026
Recommendation	✓	
Appendices	For Information	

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Federal Environment Updates

Sources of Information

1. Project 2025
2. Executive Orders
3. Federal Department Actions
4. Congressional Actions

Categories of Impact

1. Potential Funding Reduction
2. Potential Funding Increase
3. Changes to Program Regulations
4. Change that may Impact Customers
5. Change that may Impact Contracts with Partners

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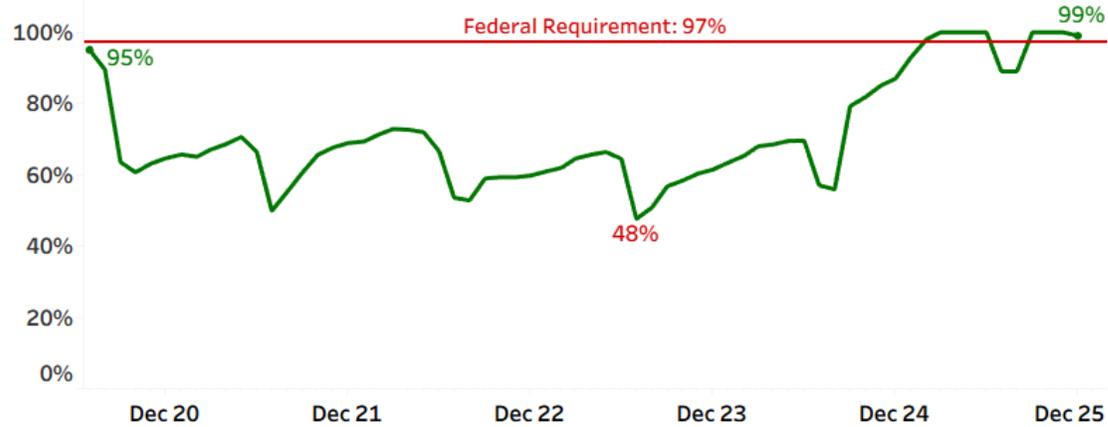
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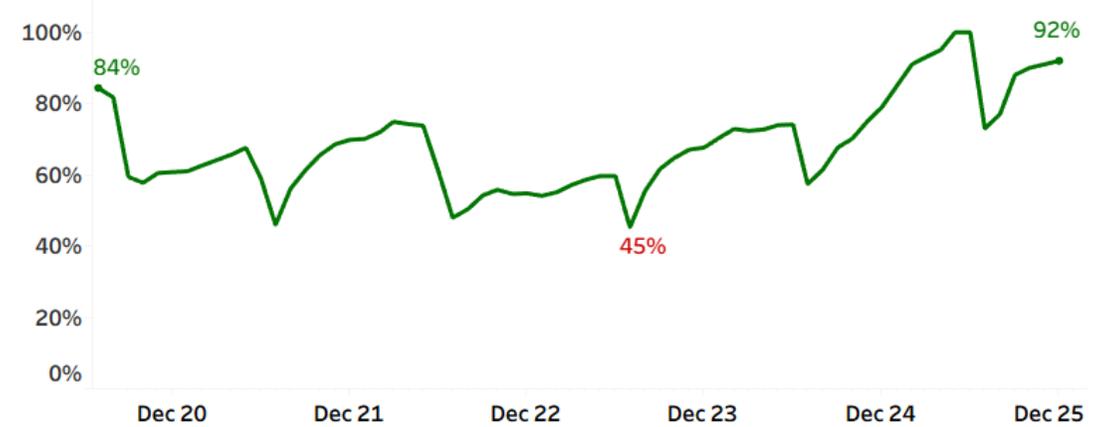


Center Enrollment Rates

Federal Filled Slots



State Filled Slots



Total Filled Slots



Current Slot Allotments:

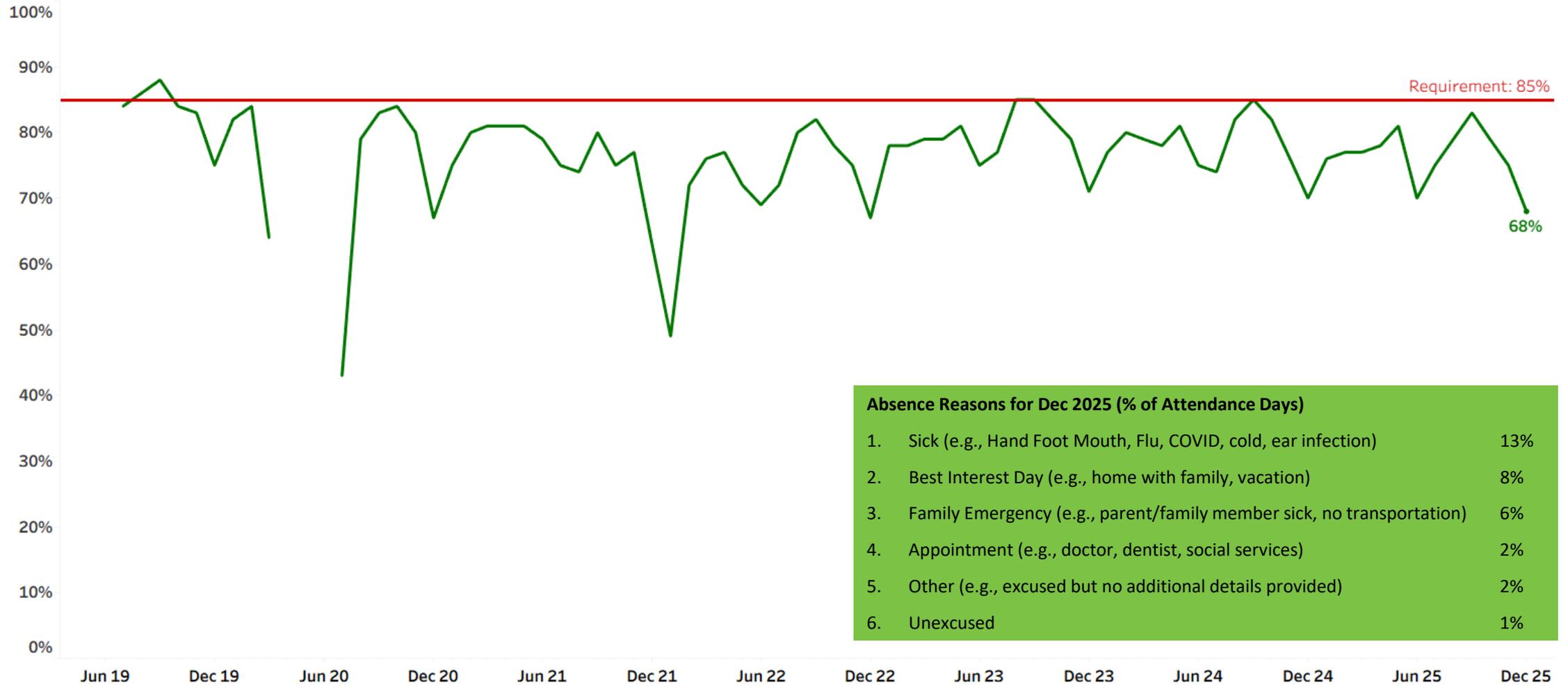
- Federal Slots (Head Start) = 1,201 (1,193 filled slots as of December 2025)
- State Slots (CDE and CDSS) = 764 (700 filled slots as of December 2025)
- Total Unique Slots = 1,345 (1,323 filled slots as of December 2025)

Current Enrollment Requirements:

- Federally Funded = 97% slots filled
- State Funded = Currently “hold harmless” meaning no penalties for not filling all slots. When “hold harmless” ends in June 2026, we will no longer be funded for unfilled slots.

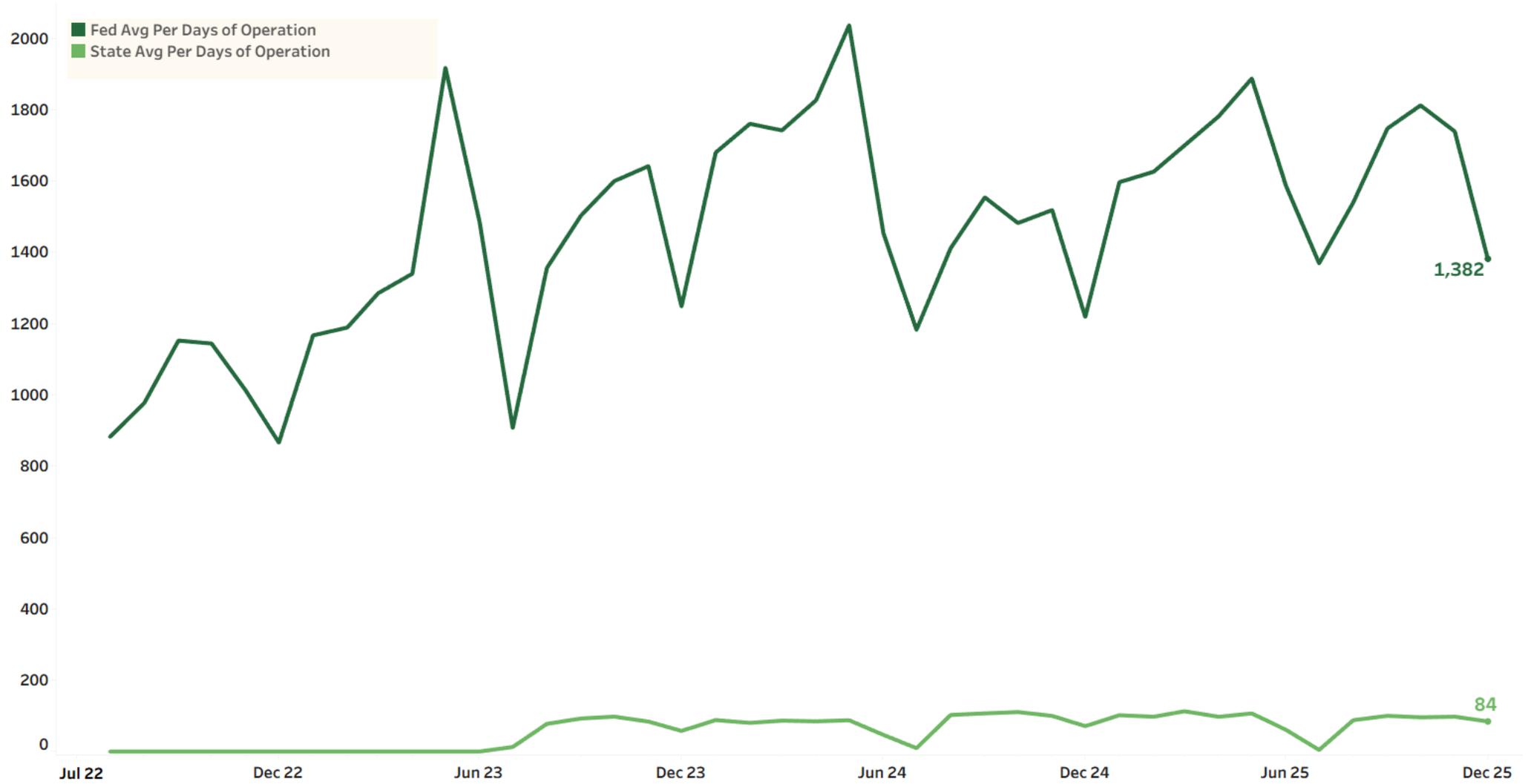
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Center Attendance Rates



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Average Center Meals & Snacks Per Day



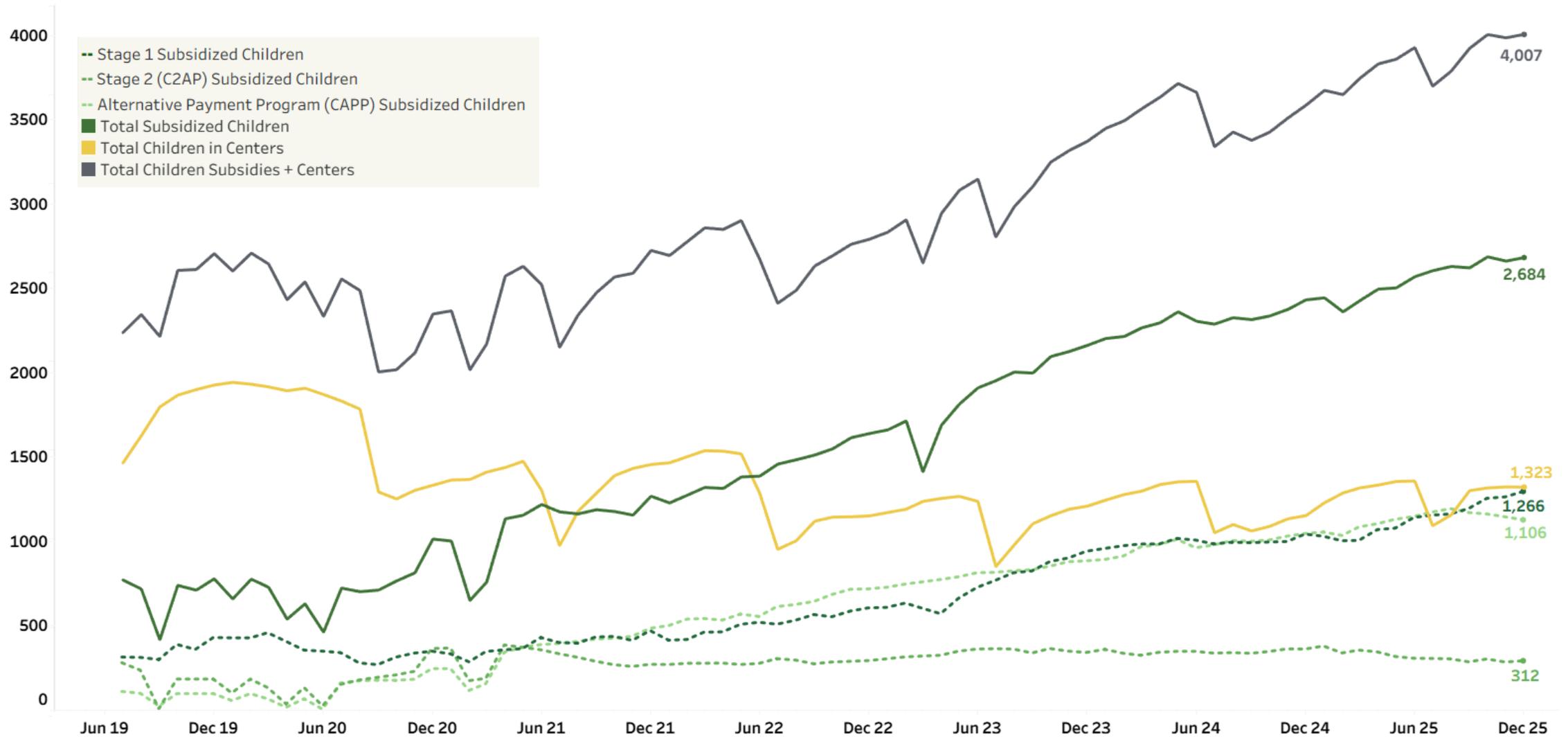
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Vended Meal Services

Contract with vendor (Trio) began February 1, 2026 following Board approval on January 20, 2026 (C31).

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Children Served in Child Care



“Total Children in Centers” includes children enrolled with federal (Head Start/Early Head Start) and state (CCTR, CSPP) funding sources.

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January 2026 Policy Council Actions

The Head Start Policy Council convened on January 21, 2026. Key actions included:

- Received update on Head Start Annual Report (shared with the Board of Supervisors January 20, 2026)
- Received standard monthly administrative, fiscal, and child nutrition reports
- No recommended actions for the Board of Supervisors

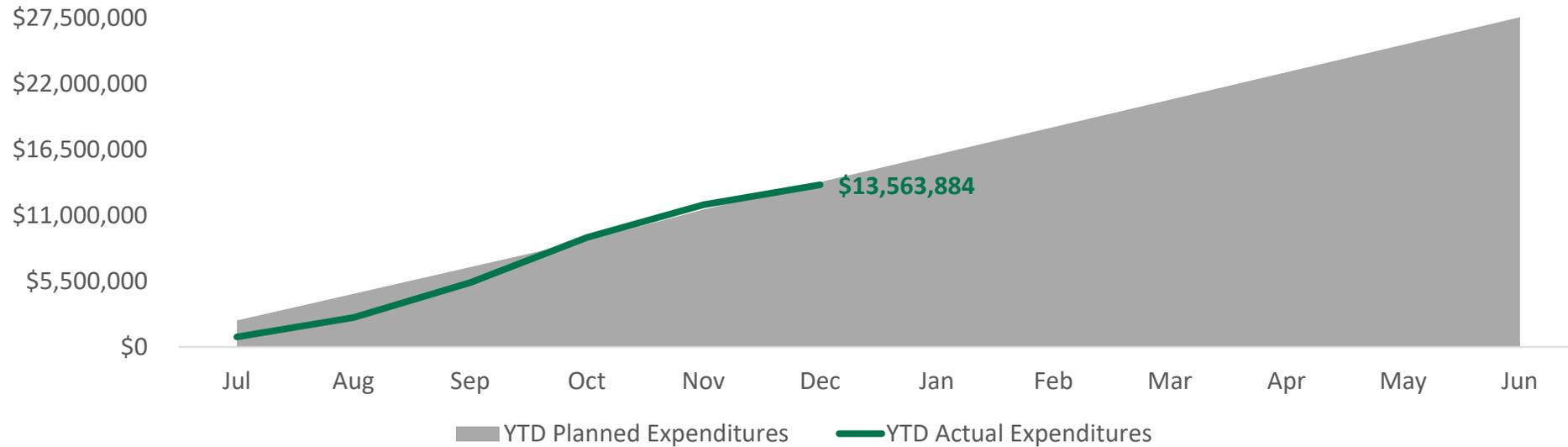
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Head Start Budget Expenditures

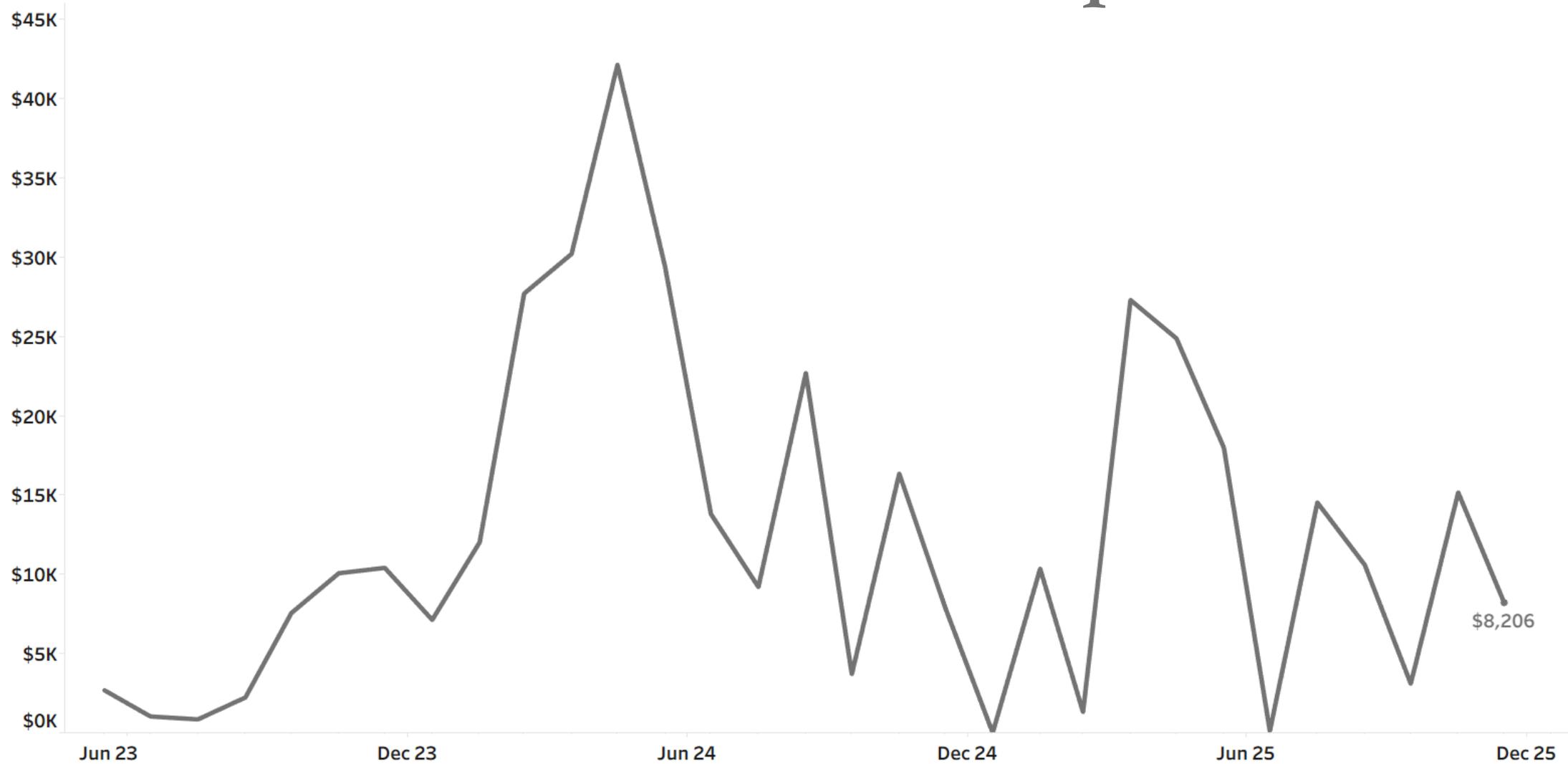


Category	FY25-26 Funding	Dec 2025 Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total Federal Funding	\$20,577,342	\$1,331,136	\$10,669,689	\$9,907,653
Required Non-Federal Share	\$5,144,336	\$344,789	\$2,679,428	\$2,464,908
Measure X Overmatch*	\$1,859,690	\$0	\$214,767	\$1,644,923
Total Federal and Non-Federal	\$27,581,368	\$1,675,925	\$13,563,884	\$14,017,484

*Measure X Overmatch includes roll over funds as of 1/20/26.

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Head Start Credit Card Expenditures



All credit card expenditures are made by authorized staff for budgeted purchases to support reasonable program expenditures.

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OHS FY26 Federal Monitoring Review

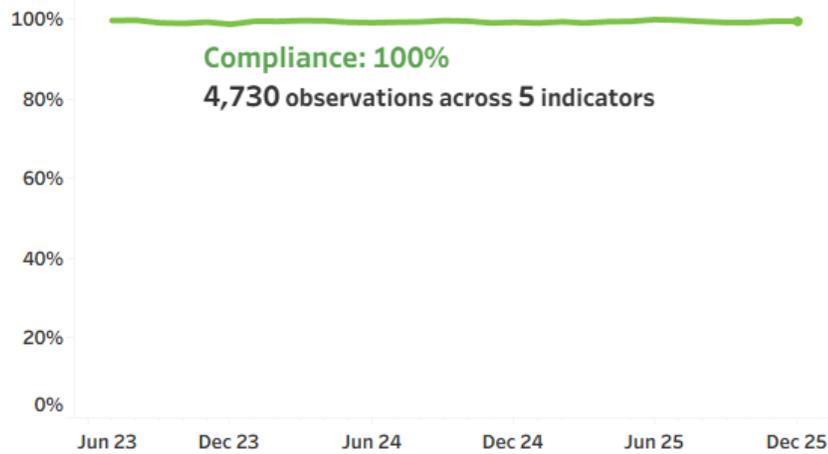
Notified on November 21, 2025 of our scheduled Focus Area 1 (FA1) review. Review conducted January 6-8, 2026.

Results expected in coming months.

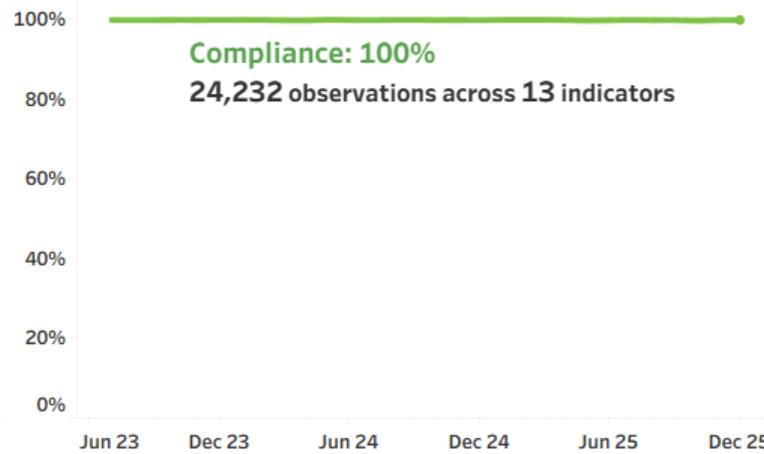
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Health and Safety Compliance

Daily Playground Safety



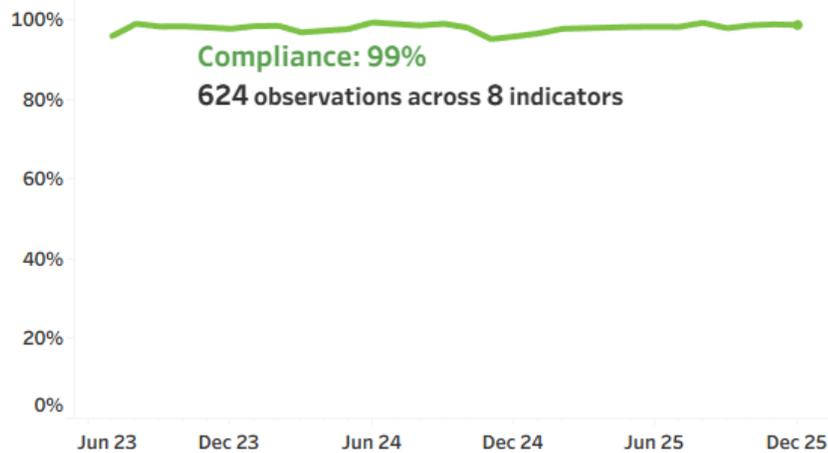
Daily Classroom Health & Safety



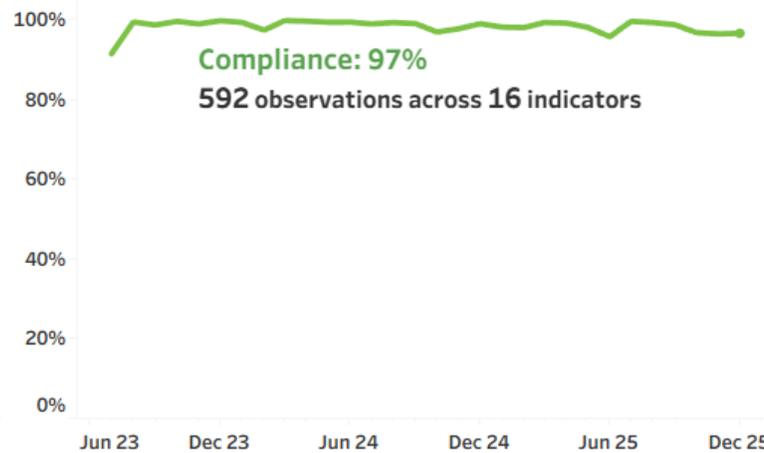
Child Transition & Safety



Weekly Facility Safety



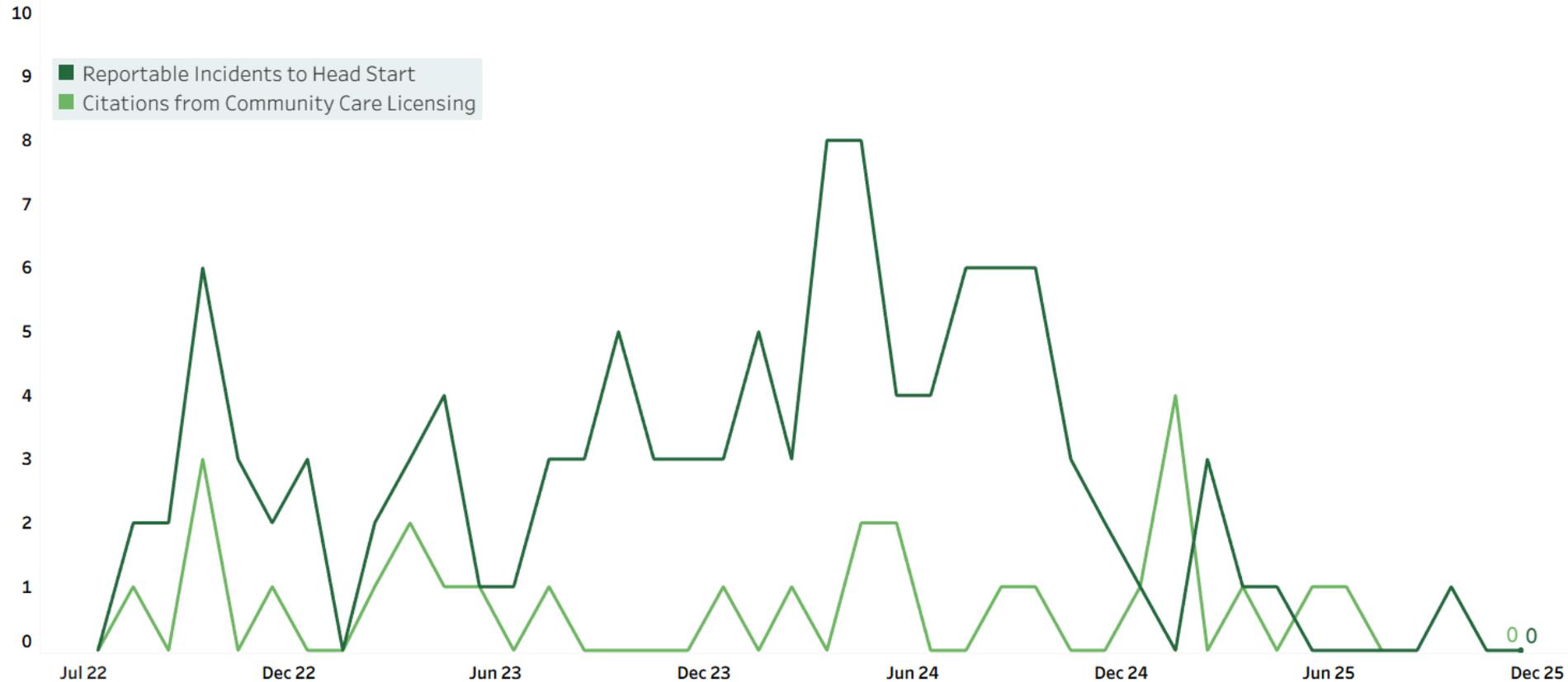
Monthly Playground Safety



- Indicators with non-compliance rates over 10% in Dec 2025:
1. Wood on playground equipment: There are no splinters, cracks, rotting, or sharp ends. (5/37 = 14%)
 2. Safe environments are evident and promote active supervision of all children. (4/28 = 14%)
 3. The most recent site Weekly Facility Tool, Daily Classroom Health & Safety Checklist, and Daily Playground Checklist accurately reflect your observation today. (3/28 = 11%)
 4. Current lesson plan is posted and includes individualization activities and at least 1 Health & Safety component. (3/28 = 11%)

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Reportable Incidents & Citations



Reportable incidents as defined by the Office of Head Start (OHS)
 OHS considers a “significant incident” to be any incident that results in serious injury or harm to a child, violates Head Start standards of conduct at [45 CFR §1302.90\(c\)](#), or results in a child being left alone, unsupervised, or released to an unauthorized adult. A program must report all significant incidents affecting the health and safety of children with 7 days.

California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing Citations
Type A: An immediate risk to the health, safety or personal rights of children in care.
Type B: If not corrected right away, may be a risk to the health, safety, and personal rights of the children in care.

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OHS Funding Guidance Letter

Date issued: January 12, 2026

Subject: Funding Guidance Letter - Annual - 09CH012839

Information: Provides guidance for submitting our FY26-27 non-competitive continuation grant application by April 1, 2026. Our annual funding level is \$20,577,342 to support 764 Head Start and 437 Early Head Start slots each month.

Action: Staff are preparing the grant application to include in our March 17, 2026 Board of Supervisors presentation for approval. It will go to the Policy Council for approval on March 18, 2026.



CDSS Child Care Bulletin 25-34

Child Care Bulletin 25-34 issued: December 23, 2025

Subject: Mandatory Transition to the Updated Desired Results Development Profile (DRDP) 2025

Information: Informs child care and development contractors of the implementation of the new DRDP 2025 as the official child assessment tool effective July 1, 2026. The transition to the DRDP 2025 tool aligns with California's commitment to quality improvement and equitable outcomes in early education.

Action: We are training staff on the new tool ahead of the transition date.



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Recommendation

CONSIDER accepting the monthly update on the activities and oversight of the County's Head Start Program and provide guidance, as recommended by the Employment and Human Services Director.

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2026 Head Start Governance Updates Calendar

	Federal Requirement*	1/20/26	2/10/26	3/17/26	4/14/26	5/19/26	6/23/26	7/14/26	8/25/26	9/15/26	10/20/26	11/17/26	12/15/26
1. Monthly Program Updates	HSA 642(d)(2) HSPPS 1301.2(b)(2)	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26
2. Monthly Financial Updates	HSA 642(d)(2) HSPPS 1301.2(b)(2)	Nov '25	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26
3. Funder Communications	HSA 642(d)(2) HSPPS 1301.2(b)(2)	Dec '25	Jan '26	Feb '26	Mar '26	Apr '26	May '26	Jun '26	Jul '26	Aug '26	Sep '26	Oct '26	Nov '26
4. Annual HS Governance and Eligibility Training	HSA 642(d)(3) HSPPS 1301.5, 1302.12(m)		Training										
5. Annual Goals and Objectives (included in Grant application)	HSPPS 1302.102(a)			Approval Item									
6. Annual Non-Competitive Grant Renewal Application	HSA 642(c)(1)(E) HSPSS 1301.2(b)(1)			Approval Item									
7. Annual Community Needs Assessment	HSA 640(g)(1)(C) HSPPS 1302.11(b), 1302.102(d)(2)			Share Results									
8. Annual Self-Assessment	HSA 642(d)(2) HSPPS 1302.102(b)(2)			Approval Item									
9. Annual Selection Criteria and Recruitment Plan	HSA 642(c)(1)(E) HSPPS 1302.13, 1302.14(a)						Approval Item						
10. FY26-27 Planning Calendar	HSA 640(g)(1)(D) HSPPS 1302.11(b), 1302.102(d)(2)						Approval Item						
11. Annual County Single Financial Audit	HSA 642(d)(2) HSPPS 1301.2(b)(2)						Approval Item*						
12. Annual Program Information Report	45 CFR Part 75											Share Results	

As Needed

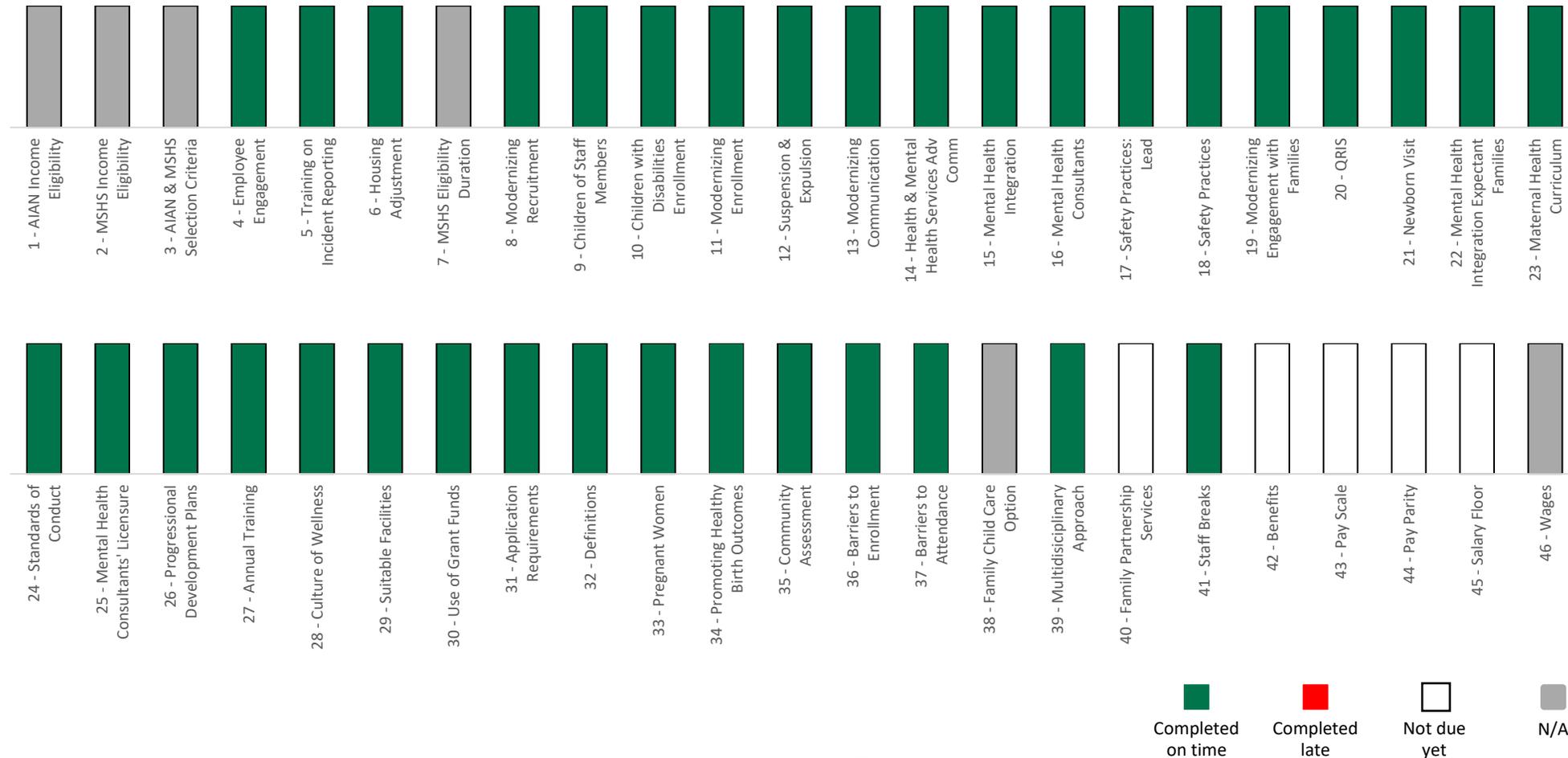
CSB Agency Policies (HSA 642(c)(1)(E)). Results from Head Start Monitoring Activities (HSA 641(A)(c)).

Contra Costa County Resolution 2023/274 includes all of these requirements.

*Pending approval by Finance Committee of FY24-25 Single Audit.



HSPPS Compliance Timeline Progress Chart



3. New HSPPS Compliance Timeline and Analysis

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