

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	May 2026	May 2026
Policy Council Actions	Jun 2026	
Budget	May 2026	May 2026
Monitoring	May 2026	May 2026
Official Funder Communication	Jun 2026	Jun 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

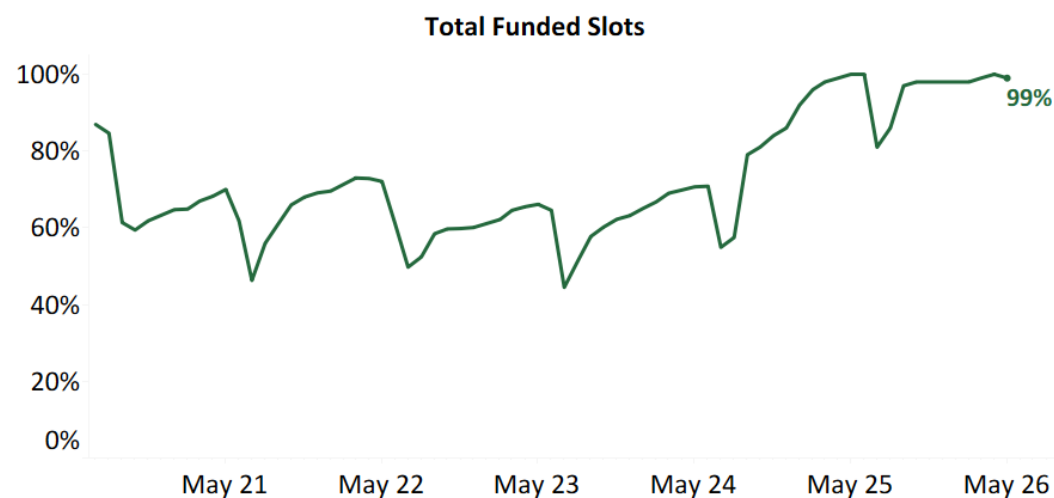
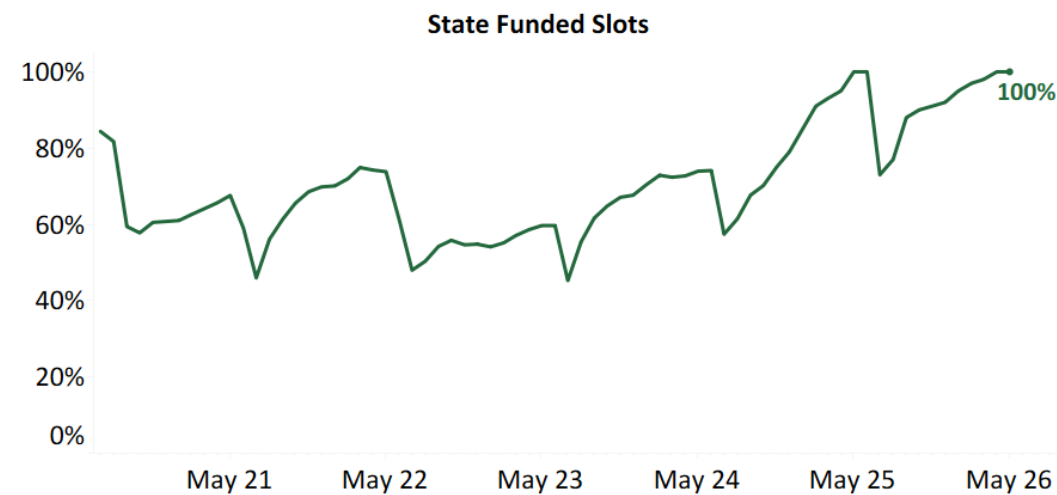
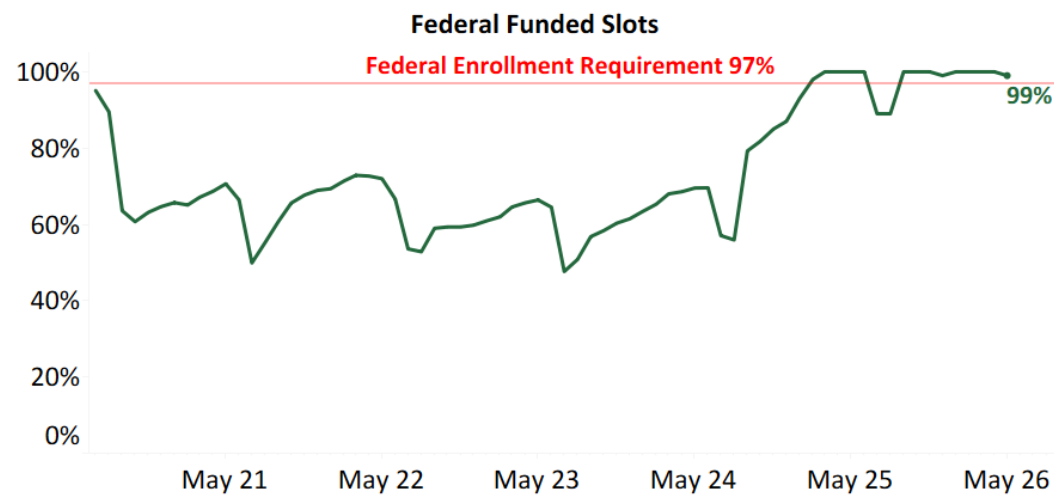
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Center Enrollment Rates



Current Slot Allotments:

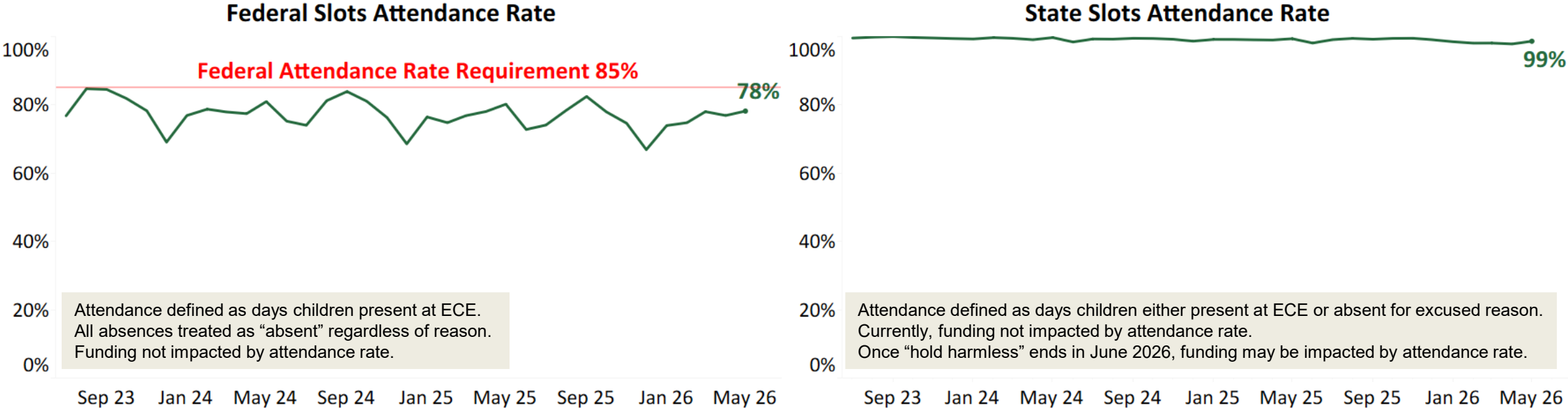
- Federal Slots (Head Start) = 1,201 (1,188 filled slots as of May 2026)
- State Slots (CDE and CDSS) = 764 (763 filled slots as of May 2026)
- Total Unique Slots = 1,345 (1,331 filled slots as of May 2026)

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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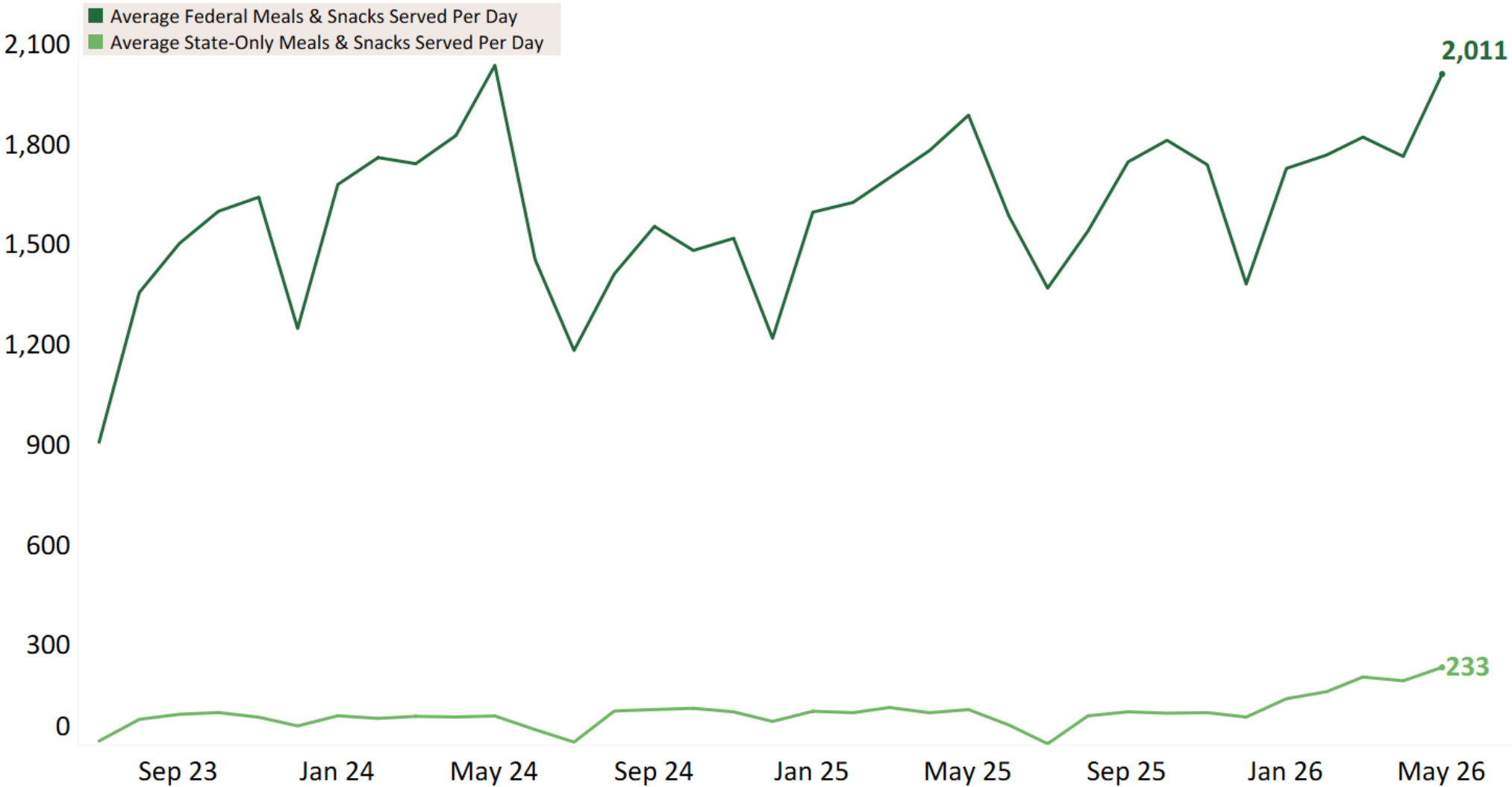
Center Attendance Rates



Absence Reasons for Federal Slots (% of Enrollment Days)	Dec 25	Jan 26	Feb 26	Mar 26	Apr 26	May 26
1. Sick (e.g., Hand Foot Mouth, Flu, COVID, cold, ear infection)	13%	13%	13%	11%	11%	11%
2. Family Emergency (e.g., parent/family member sick, no transportation)	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	6%
3. Best Interest Day (e.g., home with family, vacation)	8%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%
4. Appointment (e.g., doctor, dentist, social services)	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
5. Other (e.g., no details provided)	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

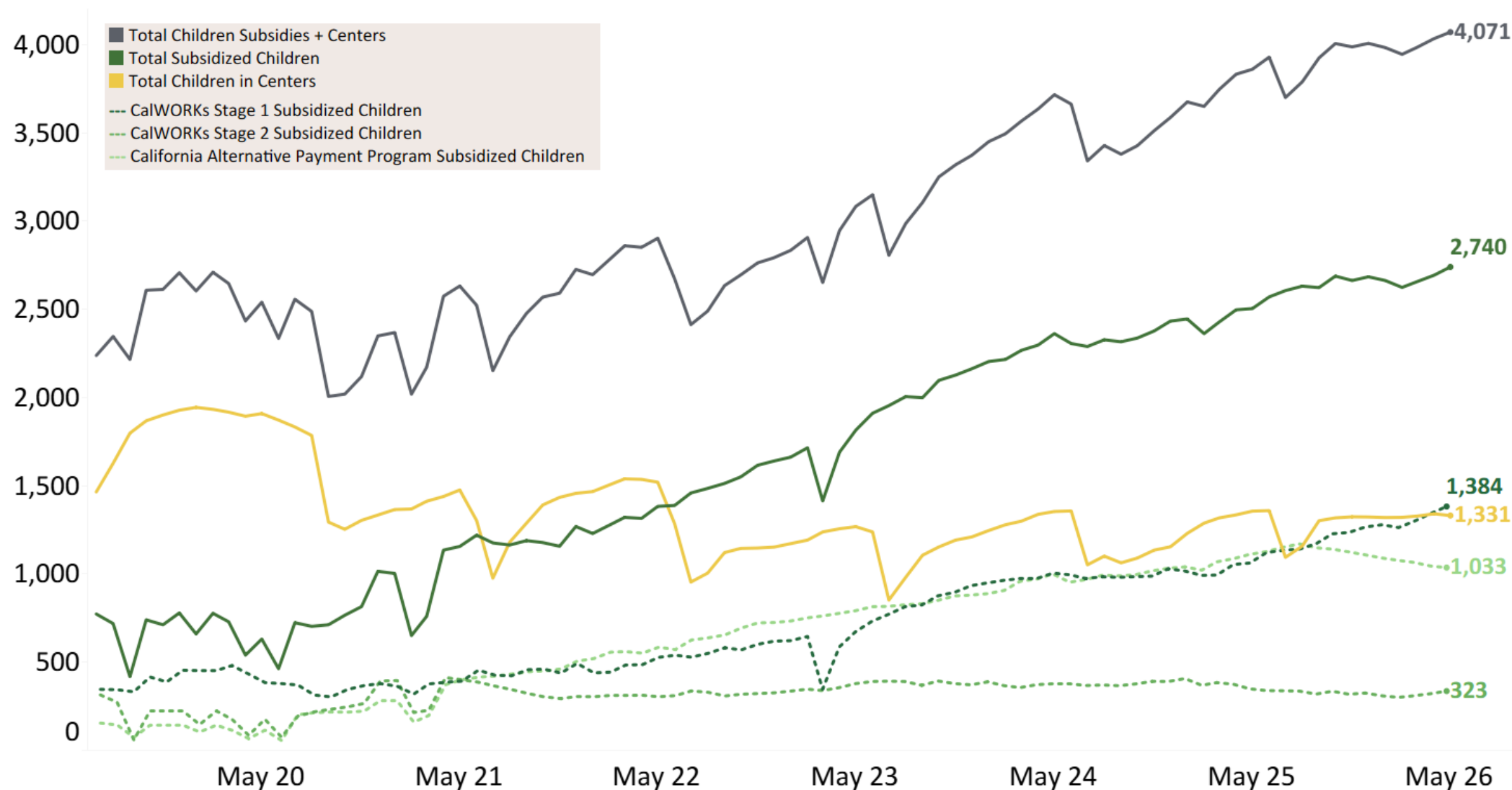
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Average Center Meals & Snacks Per Day



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Children Served in Child Care

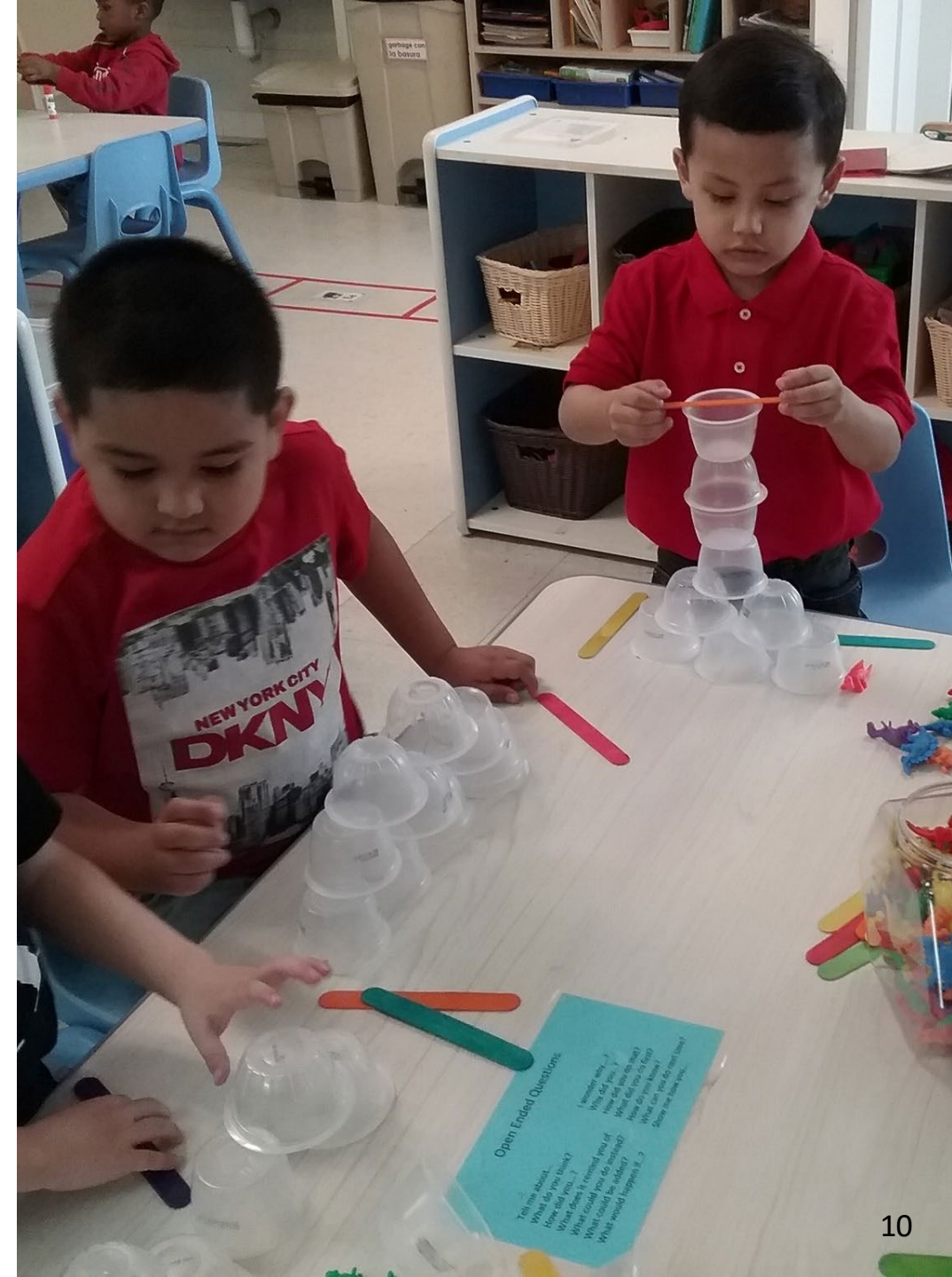


"Total Children in Centers" includes children enrolled with federal (Head Start/Early Head Start) and state (CCTR, CSPP) funding sources.

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June 2026 Policy Council

The Head Start Policy Council convened on June 17, 2026. Key activities included:

- Received standard monthly administrative, fiscal, and child nutrition reports
- Received presentation on AB 495 the Family Preparedness Act of 2025
- No recommended actions for the Board of Supervisors

The Head Start Policy Council does not meet in July. The last meeting of the current council is August 19th. The new council has orientation on September 19th and their first business meeting on September 23rd.

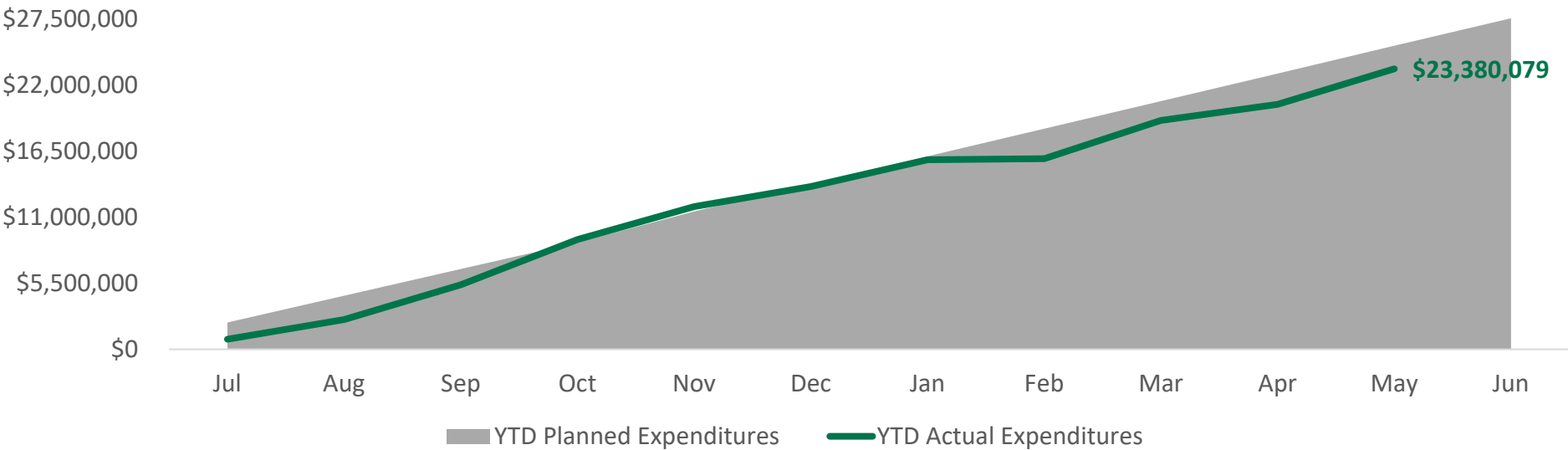
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Head Start Budget Expenditures



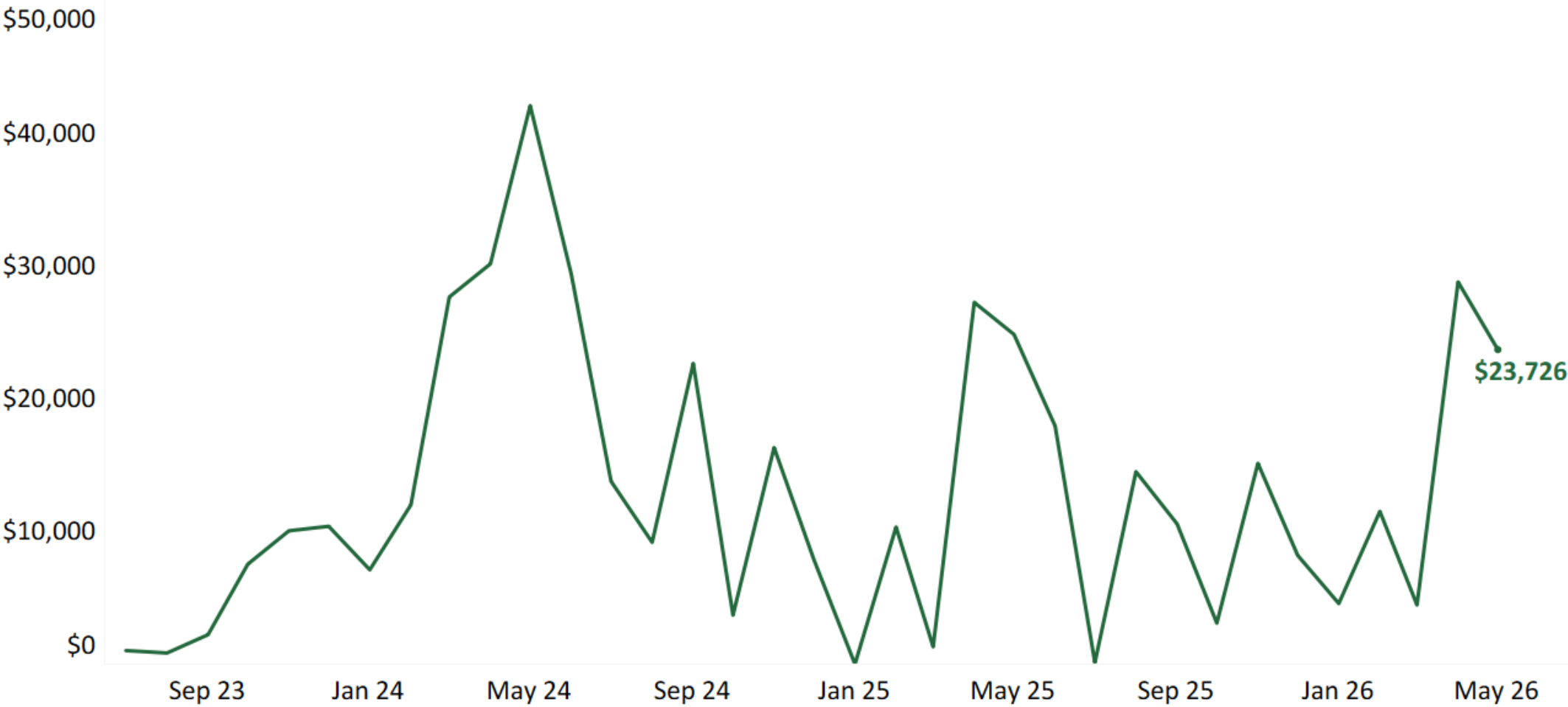
Category	FY25-26 Funding	May 2026 Expenditures	YTD Expenditures	Remaining Balance
Total Federal Funding	\$20,577,342	\$2,305,041	\$18,277,931	\$2,299,411
Required Non-Federal Share	\$5,144,336	\$576,260	\$4,569,483	\$574,853
Measure X Overmatch ¹	\$1,873,029	\$82,755	\$532,665	\$1,340,364
Total Federal and Non-Federal	\$27,594,707	\$2,964,056	\$23,380,079	\$4,214,628

1. Includes roll over funds as of 1/20/26; updated 4/14/26 to reflect BDA-25-00156.

Fiscal Data Sources: General Ledger “CCC 1102 Expenditure details report”; General Ledger and Budget Formulation Management system; and Claims submitted as drawdowns through PMS system on monthly basis.

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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.
Fiscal Data Source: Head Start and Early Head Start monthly credit card report.

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HS Continuation Grant FY26-27 Awarded Budget

Category	FY25-26 Award	FY26-27 Award	Change
Program Operation (salaries, benefits, equipment, supplies, travel)	\$20,311,191	\$20,440,167	\$128,976
Training and Technical Assistance	\$266,151	\$266,151	\$0
Total Federal Funding	\$20,577,342	\$20,706,318	\$128,976
Required Non-Federal Share (25% non-federal)	\$5,144,336	\$5,176,580	\$32,244
Measure X Overmatch	\$1,024,000	\$1,024,000	\$0
Total Federal and Non-Federal	\$26,745,678	\$26,906,898	\$161,220

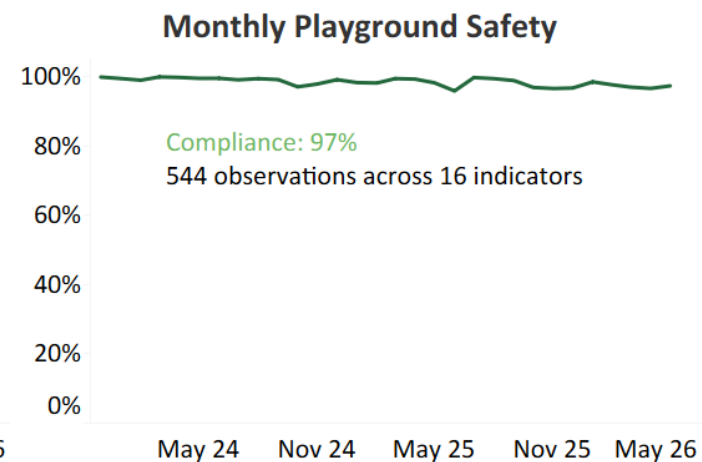
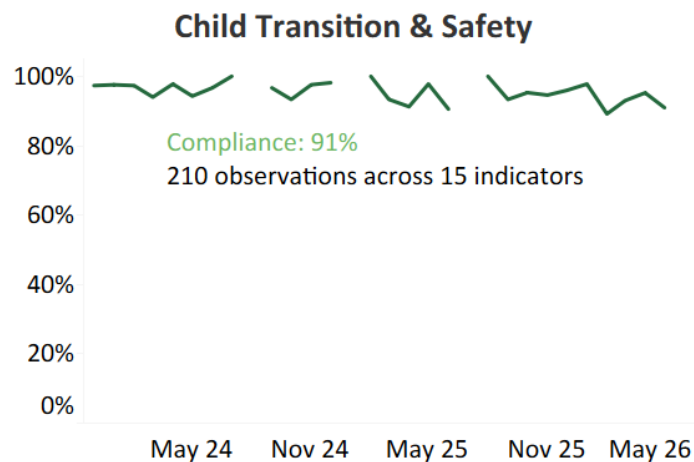
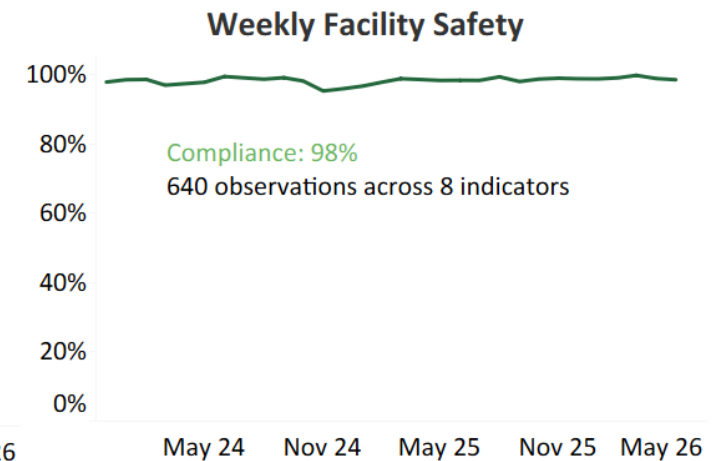
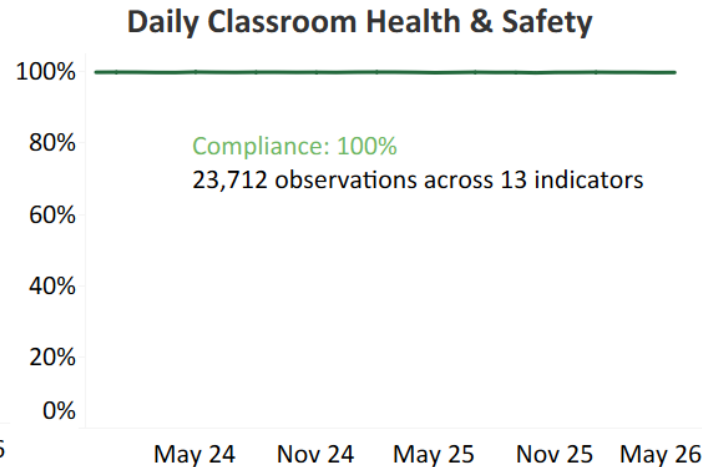
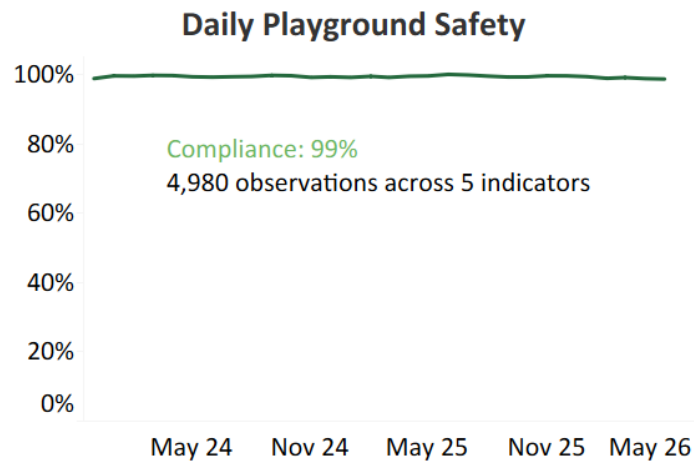


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Health and Safety Compliance

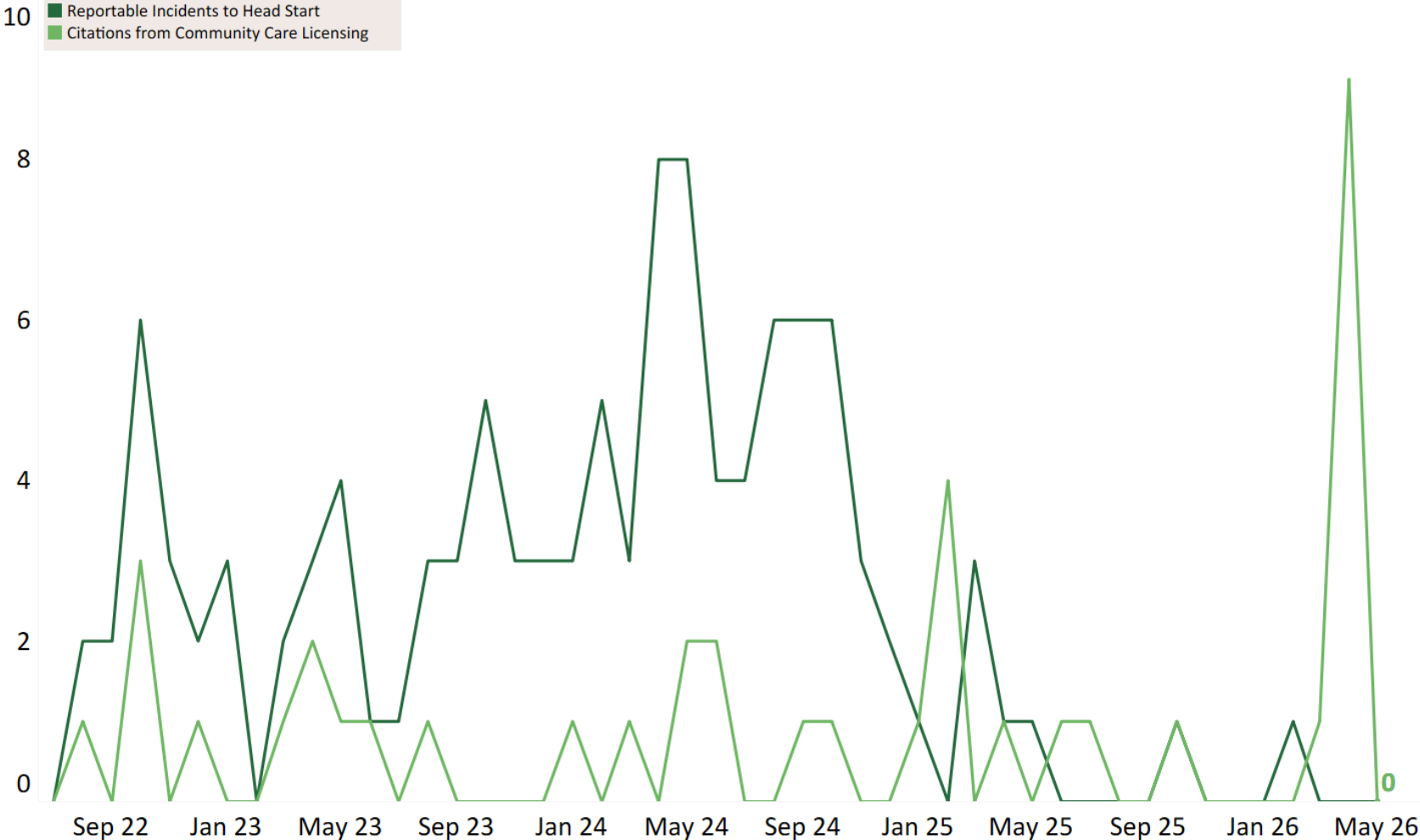


Indicators with non-compliance rates over 10% in May 2026:

1. A review of the most recent Weekly Facility Tool, Daily Classroom Health & Safety Checklist, and Daily Playground Checklist reflect the findings in today's observation. (5/14 = 36%)
2. Safe environments are evident and promote active supervision of all children, including door alarms. (4/14 = 29%)
3. Current lesson plan is posted and includes individualization and at least 1 Health and Safety component. (4/14 = 29%)
4. Classroom schedules are posted and followed. (2/14 = 14%)
5. Classroom teachers can articulate how they uphold children's personal rights, including what they cannot do. (2/14 = 14%)
6. Fall zones are appropriately padded. (4/34 = 12%)

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Reportable Incidents & Citations



Office of Head Start (OHS) Reportable Incidents

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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CDE Management Bulletin 26-06

Management Bulletin 26-06 issued: June 22, 2026

Subject: Reimbursement Based on Enrollment Beginning Fiscal Year 2026-27

Information: Effective July 1, 2026, the California Department of Education (CDE) is ending the hold harmless policy for contract reimbursement for the California State Preschool Program (CSPP). Contract reimbursement is transitioning to an enrollment-based model where it will be based on the lesser of (1) the contract maximum reimbursable amount, (2) net reimbursable program costs, or (3) the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment multiplied by the contract rate.

Action: No action needed.



CDSS Child Care Bulletin 26-15

Child Care Bulletin 26-15 issued: June 9, 2026

Subject: New Reimbursement Based on Enrollment Policy

Information: Effective July 1, 2026, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) is ending the hold harmless policy for contract reimbursement for the General Child Care and Development (CCTR) contracts. Contract reimbursement is transitioning to an enrollment-based model where it will be based on the lesser of (1) the contract maximum reimbursable amount, (2) net reimbursable program costs, or (3) the product of the adjusted child days of enrollment multiplied by the contract rate.

Action: No action needed.



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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.

*#7 and #8 moved 1 month to align with Head Start Committee schedule.

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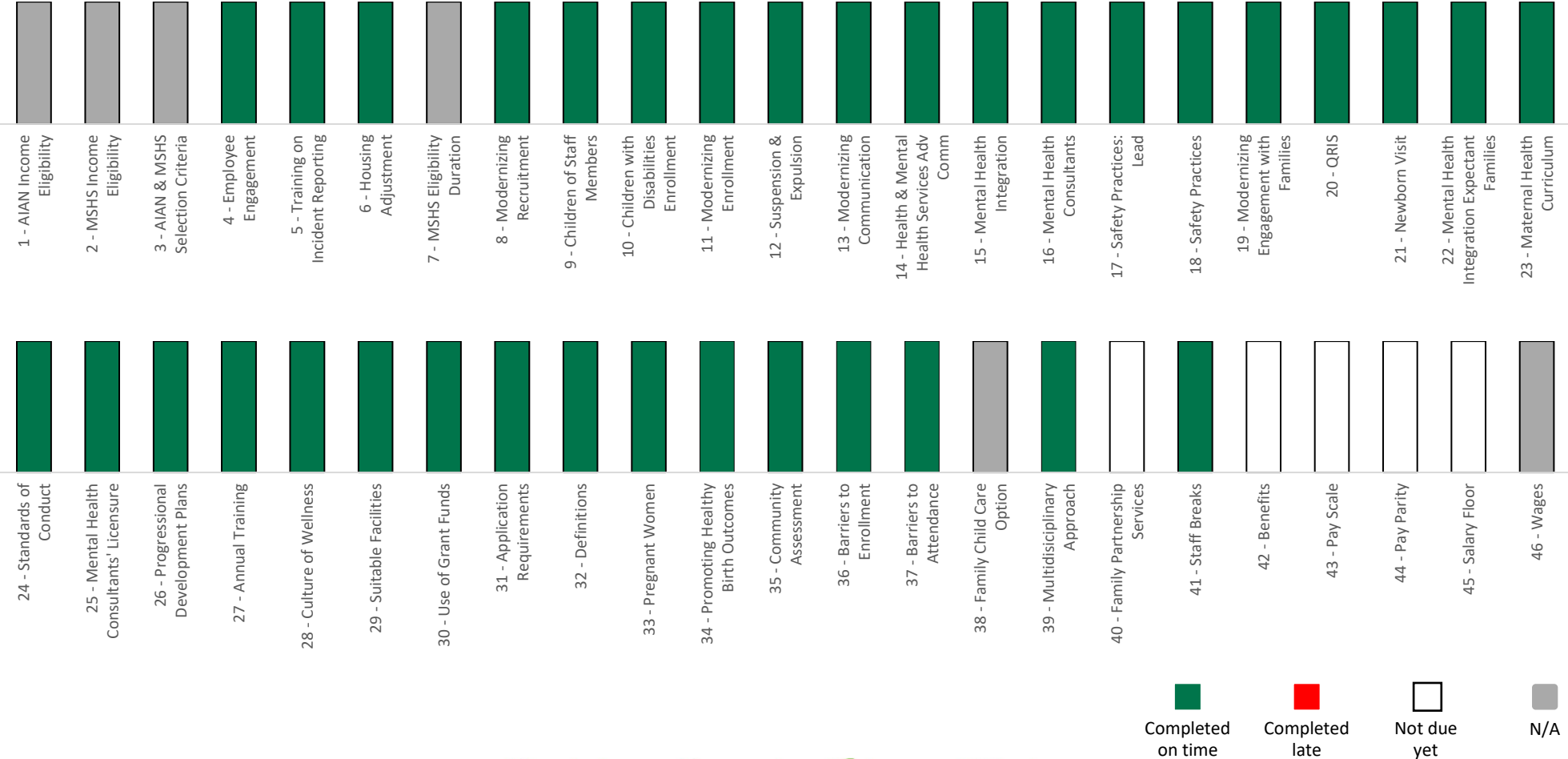


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HSPPS Compliance Timeline Progress Chart



4. New HSPPS Compliance Timeline and Analysis

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