



Child Crisis Arizona
Safe kids. Strong families.

Annual Report

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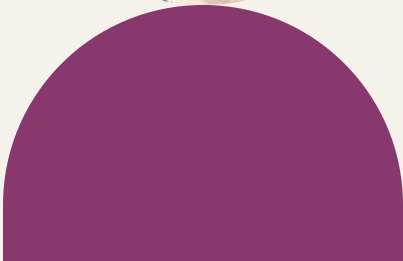
Child Crisis Arizona's
Early Head Start Program



Growing Together

Child Crisis Arizona's Early Head Start programs served 377 infants, toddlers and pregnant women in 2025 through prenatal, home-based and center-based services. Children receive a myriad of opportunities to develop the physical, social and emotional skills they will need to succeed in school. The program also has Family Support Specialists who work with families identifying strengths and needs, providing assistance and education.





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Enrollment

In 2025, we served a total of 389 children and 41 pregnant women from 340 families and had an average monthly enrollment of 100% of our funded slots. We served 7.5% of the eligible zero to three population in our service area which includes the entire City of Mesa and Phoenix zip codes 85006, 85008, 85009, 85016, 85018, 85034 and 85041.

Eligibility Type

** Children may be enrolled despite being over income if they have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay, or if their family is identified as having significant risk factors.*

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Families are over-income but would benefit from services*

221

Families receive public assistance

168

Families' income is at or below 100% of federal poverty line

12

Families experience homelessness

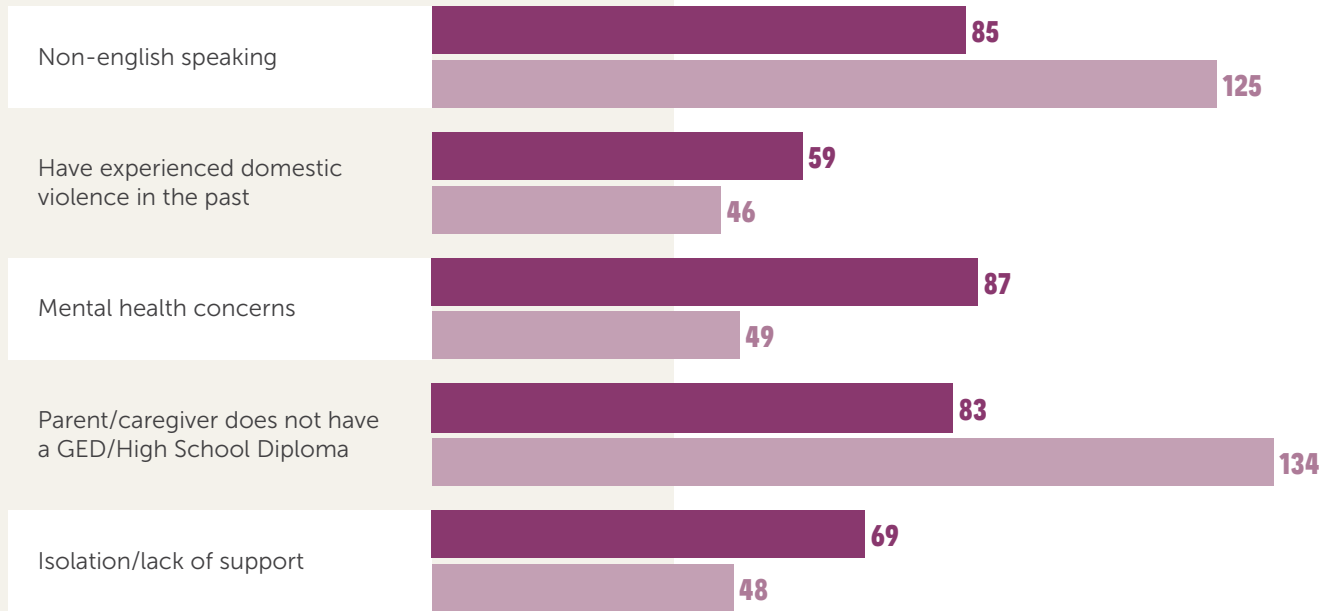
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Children in foster care

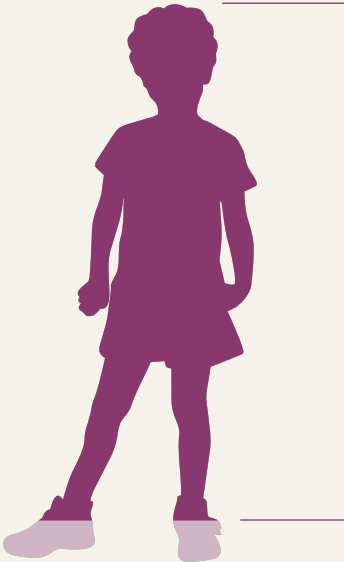
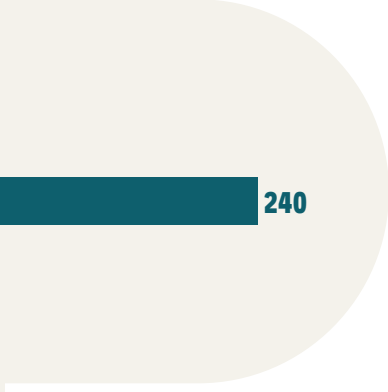
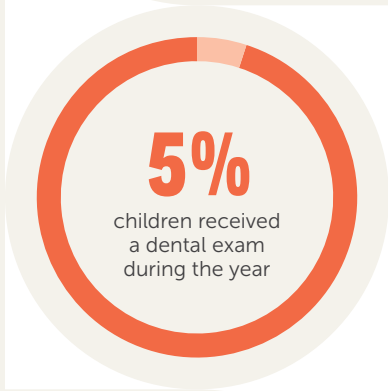
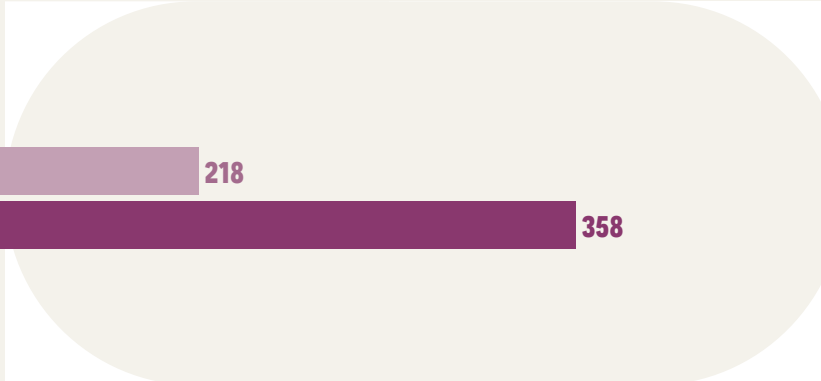
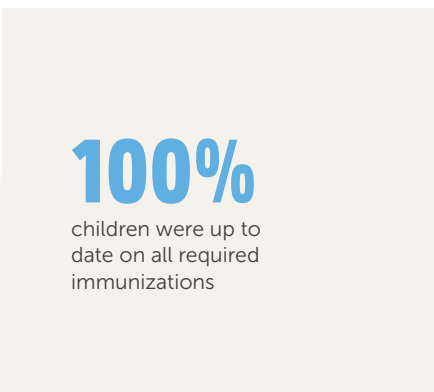
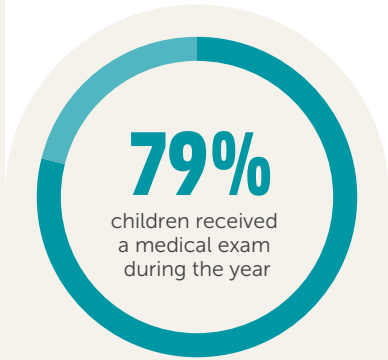
Highest Risk Categories

Some of the highest risk categories include:

● Mesa ● Phoenix



Medical & Dental



92%
children had health insurance

- Children at enrollment
- Children at end of year



88%
children were up to date on EPSDT well child visits by the end of the year

- Children at enrollment
- Children at end of year

Family Engagement

Parent Workshops

Our family workshops are designed to empower caregivers with the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to support their children's growth, health, and well-being. 85% of participating caregivers found these workshops were beneficial to their family.

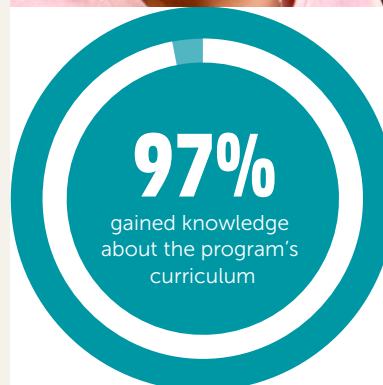
Workshop Topics

- Navigating Mental Health for the Whole Family
- Emergency First Aid/CPR
- Discipline & Guidance of Children and Teens
- Navigating the AZ System: IFSP and IEP
- Sharing TSG Assessment Data
- Health & Safety Practices for the Home
- Increase Your Finances
- Family Nutrition and Healthy Snacks
- Navigating the AZ Health System: Child and Family Medical & Dental Health
- Legal Aid and Immigration
- Healthy Relationships

Referrals

Highest areas of referrals included:

- Food Banks and Pantries
- Community Family Events
- Financial Assistance
- Medical and Adult Education



100%

of parents reported
satisfaction in our
program services

3,540

REFERRALS

referrals were provided
to Phoenix and Mesa
families

2,344 REFERRALS

resulted in families receiving
the services they requested

Family Engagement

Family Goals

Highest goal categories included:

- Health, Positive Parent Child Interactions
- Family Engagement
- Home Nutrition
- Adult Education

Community Partnerships

In 2025, Early Head Start had 64 community partnerships, with the top five focus areas being adult education, family and child activities, nutrition and food access, mental health services, and physical health services for both children and adults.

64

COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS



520
GOALS

were achieved by

260
FAMILIES

during the 2025 year

41%

of Phoenix families
attended at least one
workshop



44%

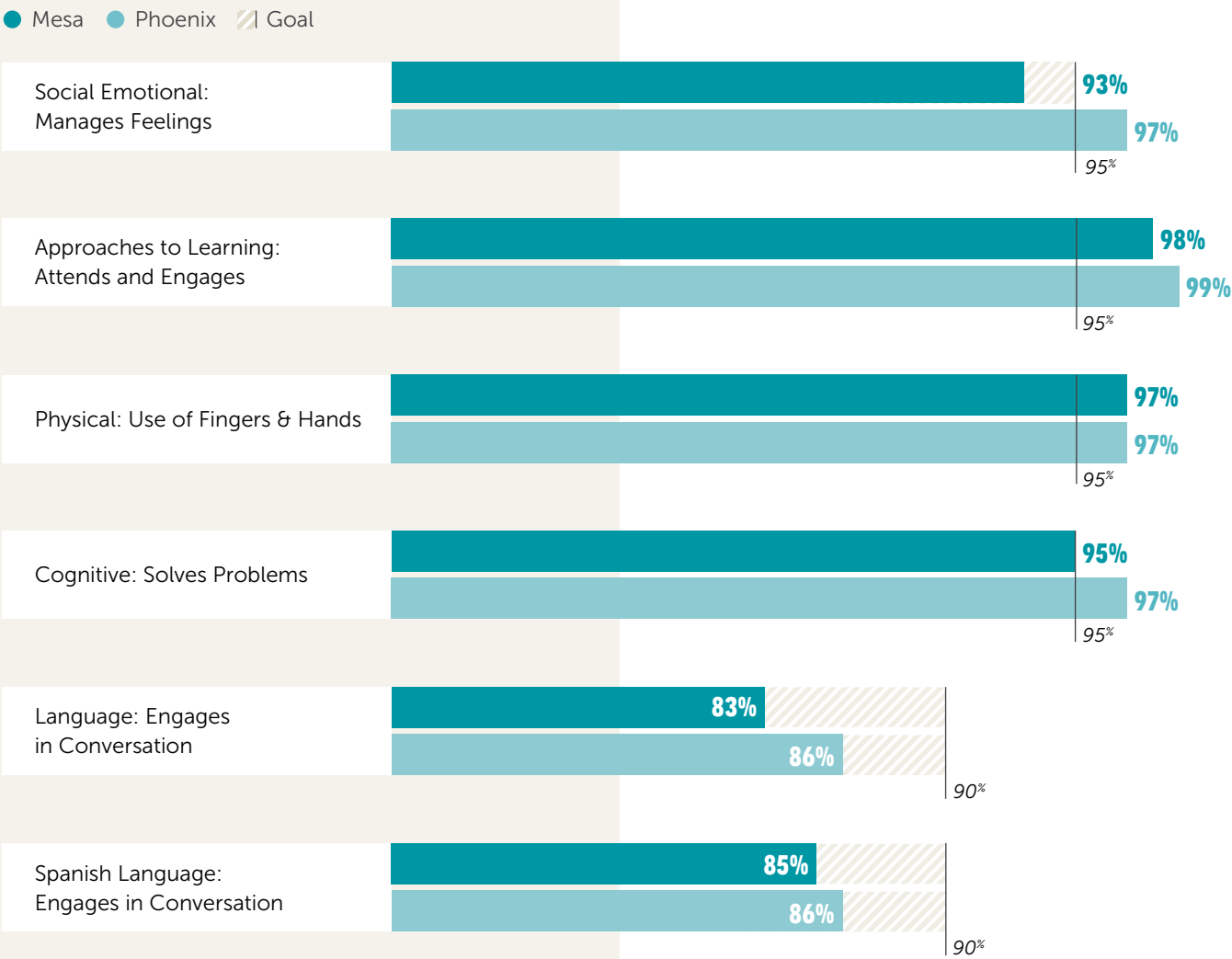
of Mesa families
attended at least one
workshop

School Readiness

School Readiness Goals outline the skills children need to succeed in school, including social-emotional, cognitive, physical, and language development. To support these goals, teachers receive ongoing training and participate in regular classroom observations using tools such as Toddler CLASS and ITERS.

Child assessments and observations help guide individualized learning experiences, measure progress throughout the year, and inform professional development to strengthen teaching practices and support positive outcomes for every child.

Our early education programs maintain strong engagement, with an average attendance rate of 87%, supporting consistency in learning and developmental growth.



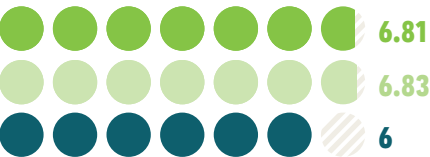
School Readiness

Toddler CLASS Data

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is a tool that examines teacher-child interactions. The tool observes in the areas of emotional and behavioral support and engaged support for learning. Through these areas Teachers are assessed on specific examples of practices that examine behaviors and responses including, supportive relationships and language skills.

● Mesa ● Phoenix
● Quality First 5 Star Rating

Emotional & Behavioral Support



Engaged Support for Learning



Infant and Toddler Environment Rating Scale

The Infant and Toddler Rating Scale (ITERS) is a tool that measures classroom environments including indoor/outdoor spaces, activities, health and safety practices, and teacher-child interactions. ITERS observations are completed annually and provide a comprehensive assessment of all the components that make up a teaching environment.

● Mesa ● Phoenix
● High Quality Rating



Home Visit Rating Scales

HOVRS (Home Visit Rating Scales), is an evidence-based observational tool used to assess the quality of home visits in two main areas: Home Visitor Practices, which measures the skills the home visitor uses to support the family; and Family Engagement, which assesses how involved and responsive the parents and children are during the visit.

In 2025, both Phoenix and Mesa home-based programs achieved strong results, earning scores within the Good to Excellent range on the HOVRS scale (3 = Adequate, 5 = Good, 7 = Excellent).

● Mesa ● Phoenix

Home Visitor Practices



Parent/Child Engagement



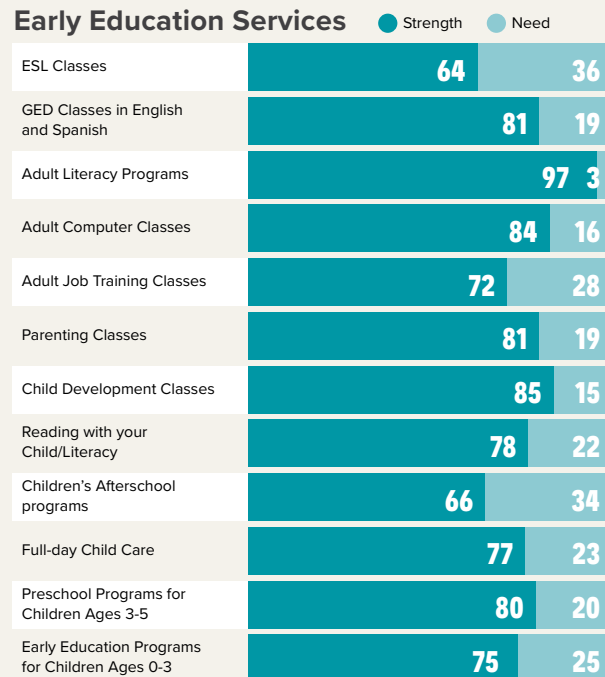
Community Needs Assessment

Child Crisis Arizona surveyed parents in Mesa and Phoenix to ask about strengths and needs in their community. Strengths are topics parents felt they had the resources to address while needs are areas they felt they could use more assistance in. The following is a summary of their responses:

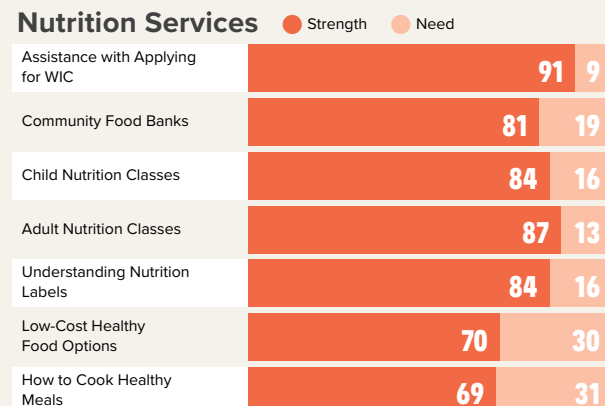
Mesa

97% of families reported that their knowledge of community resources has increased since enrolling in our program.

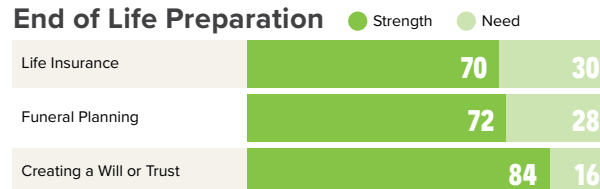
Early Education Services



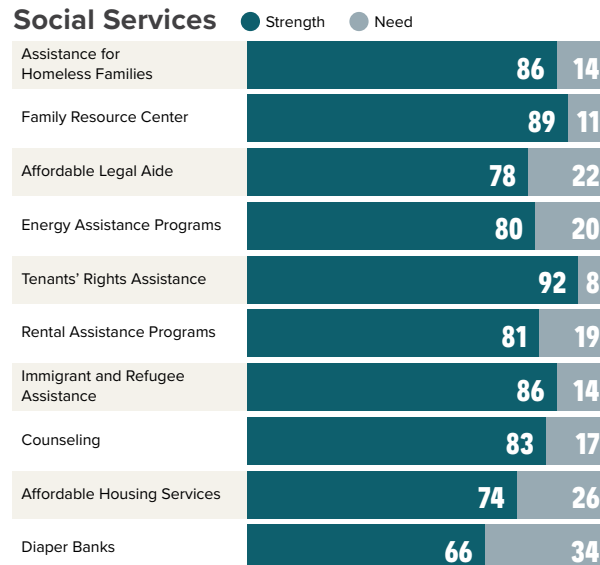
Nutrition Services



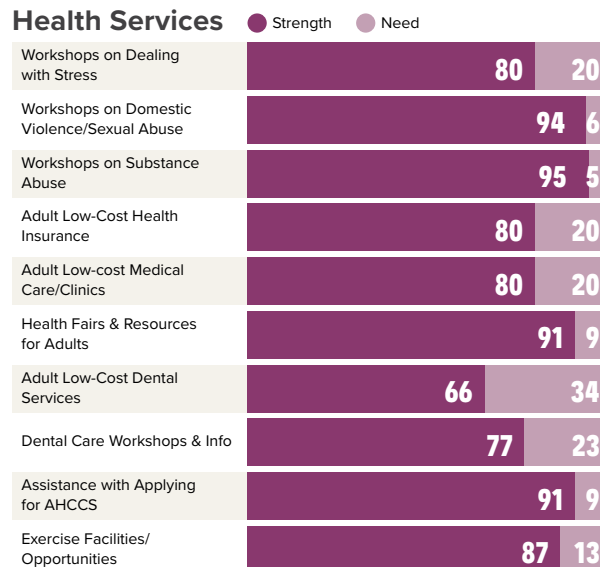
End of Life Preparation



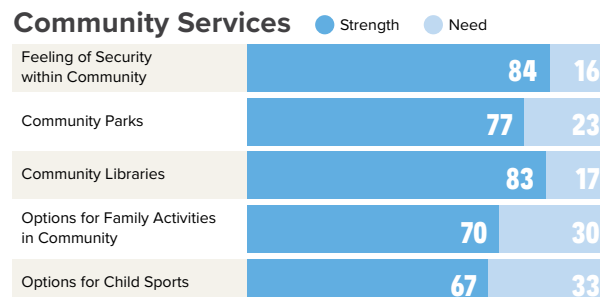
Social Services



Health Services



Community Services

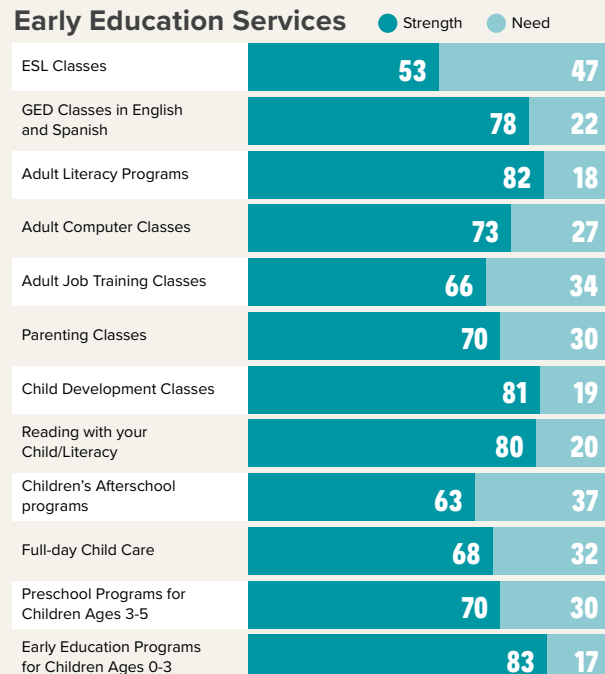


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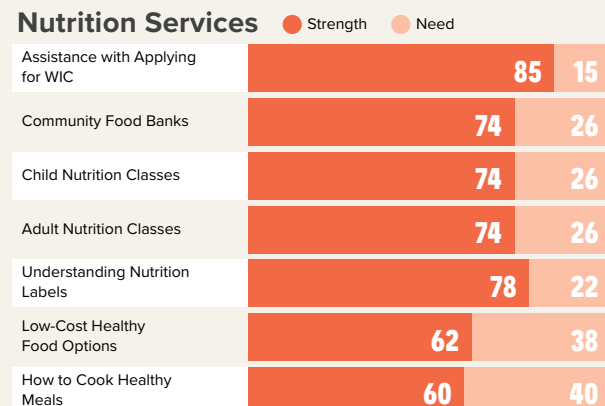
Phoenix

83% of families reported that their knowledge of community resources has increased since enrolling in our program.

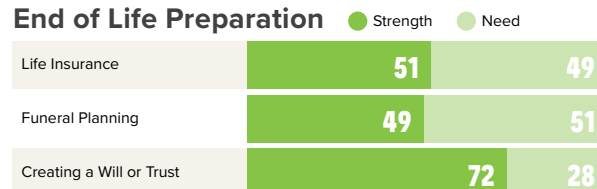
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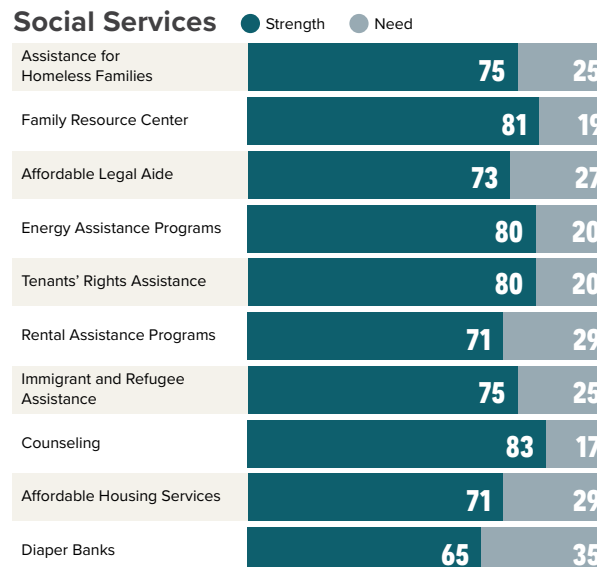
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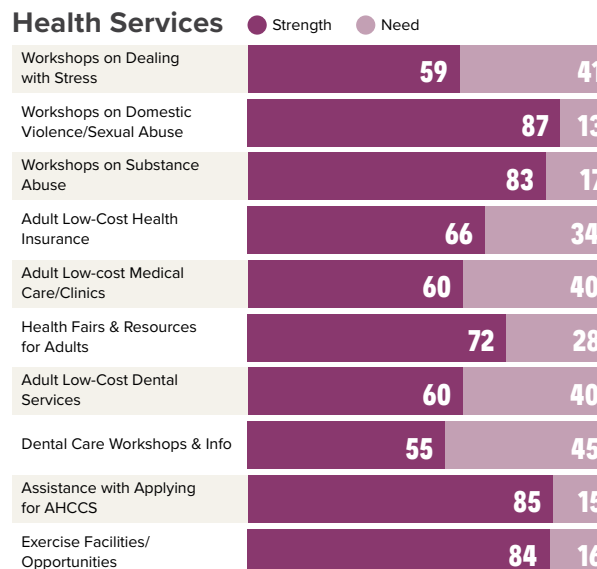
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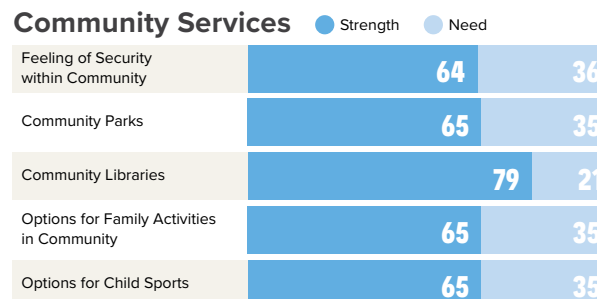
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Community Services



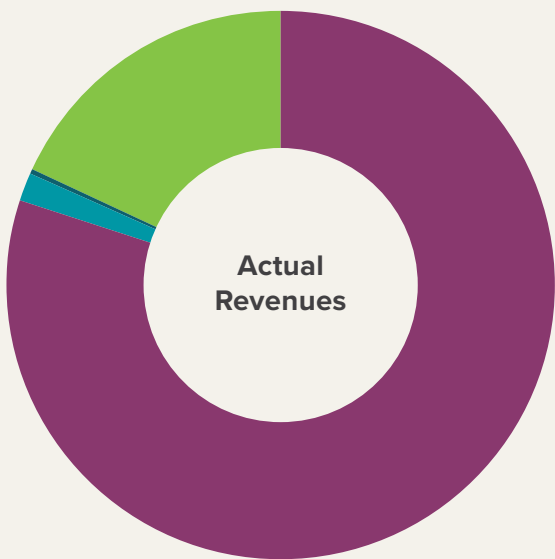
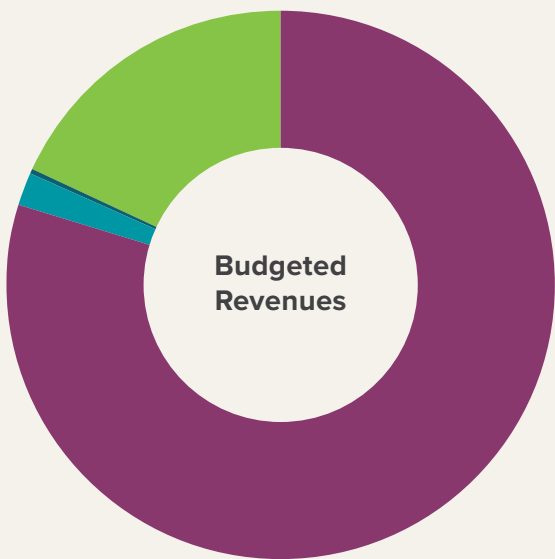
Financials

The majority of budgeted expenditures for the Early Head Start program are primarily for salaries and benefits of program staff. Personnel expenses were budgeted at \$3,446,300 and fringe benefits were budgeted at \$933,500. These items combined equal 74% of the budget. Other budgeted line items include supplies, contractual expenses, travel, and other expenses.

The Early Head Start program was part of the Child Crisis Arizona single audit for federal funds for the year ended December 31, 2025. The audit was conducted

by the independent accounting firm of Baker Tilly US, LLP. No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies were identified in the auditors' report on internal control over major programs. The auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs was unqualified. No audit findings or questioned costs were reported.

Our most recent federal review was a Focus Area 2 review conducted by the Office of Head Start in July 2023. There were no findings during the review.



Budgeted Revenues

\$4,730,605
\$100,015
\$27,000
\$1,055,636

- Federal Fund | EHS Grant
- CACFP
- Donated Supplies & Services
- Contributions & Grants

Actual Revenues

\$4,730,605 **\$23,409**
\$102,608 **\$1,056,634**

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**Continue motivating
our families and children
as always. Continue to
do an excellent job as
you have done so far
with our children.
Thank you very much.**

Mesa Early Head Start Parent



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