



York County Board of Supervisors Head Start Presentation

February 15, 2022

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The Board of Supervisors Maintains the Legal and Fiscal Responsibility for the Administration and Oversight of the York County Head Start Program

Responsibilities include:

- Reviewing and approving the program's grant applications, budget, policies and procedures, criteria for the selection and enrollment of children.
- Monitoring the Head Start agency's action to correct any Federal audit findings
- Ensuring appropriate internal controls are established and implemented to safeguard Federal funds.



Eligibility Requirements

Children who:

- Reside in York County
- 3-4 years old
- Receive public assistance (TANF or SSI) or meet federal income guidelines and have certain risk factors
- In foster care
- Homeless
- Have a diagnosed disability

2022 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$13,590
2	\$18,310
3	\$23,030
4	\$27,750
5	\$32,470
6	\$37,190
7	\$41,910
8	\$46,630

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,720 for each additional person.

Program Demographics

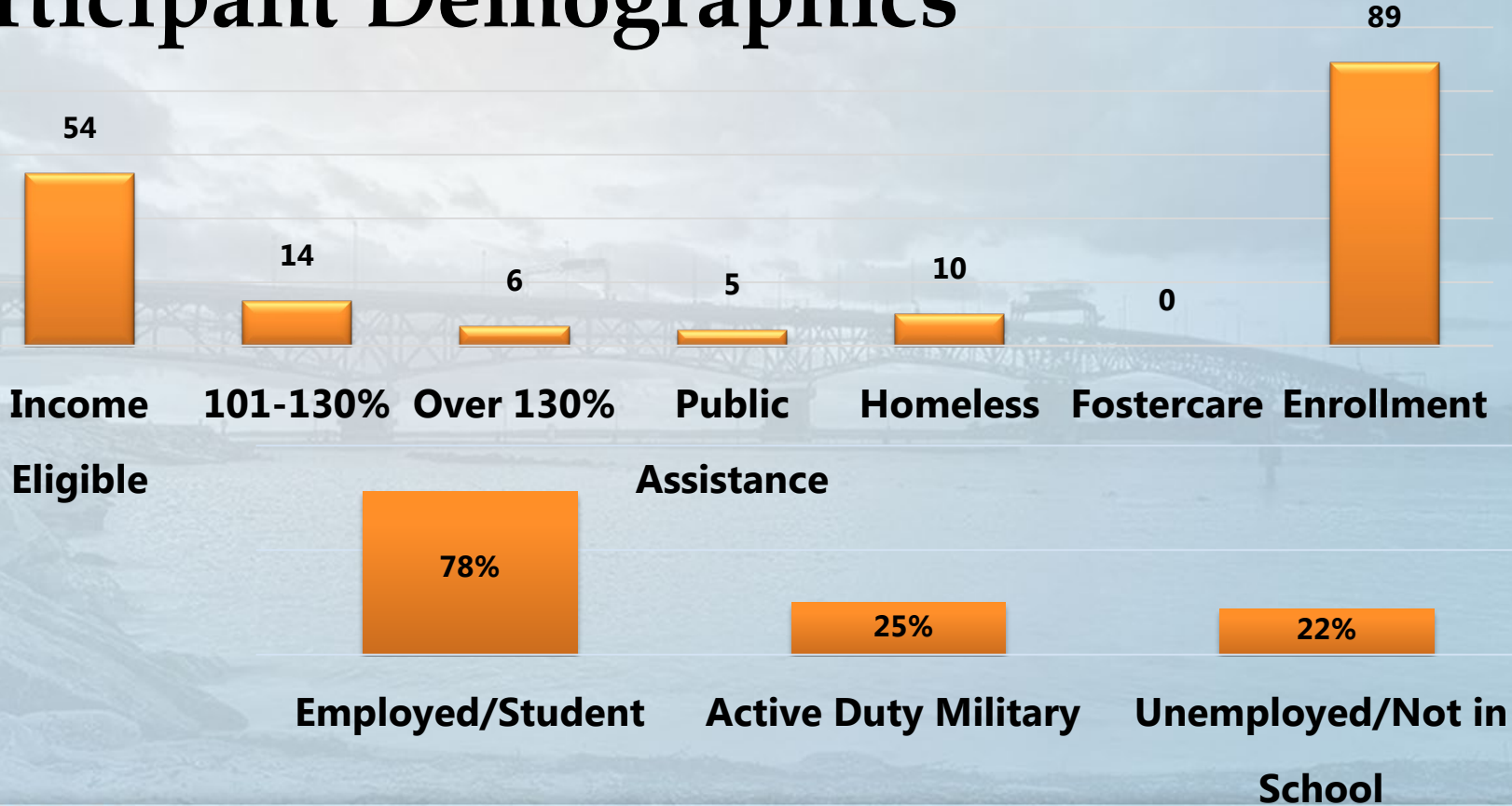
EMPLOYEES

Education Staff	14 Staff
Non-Education Staff	11 Staff
Staff Vacancies	1- Teacher 3- Teacher Assistants 1- Cook

ENROLLMENT

Griffin-Yeates	46 Students
Yorktown Head Start	16 Students
Bethel Manor Head Start	27 Students

Participant Demographics



2021-2022 Program Milestones

- Started Extended Care Program at GYC
- Became approved Childcare Subsidy Vendor
- Utilized ARPA funds to expand mental health services
 - i.e. hired a WAR Mental Health Specialist
- Operated Summer Screening Fair and Transition Program
- Developed COVID-19 Dashboard
- Expanded partnerships with community agencies to address the needs of families
 - Opened a fresh market sponsored by Peninsula Foodbank
 - Generous donation of clothes and shoes for students from Zion United Methodist Church

Challenges Ahead



- Hiring and retaining staff in a competitive job market
- Adhering to OHS COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate
- Meeting full enrollment
 - Low percentage of poverty in York County
 - Changes in Virginia's Early Education System to include Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI)
- Continuing to provide quality services with the current local and federal funding levels given the following:
 - COVID/ ARPA funding stops
 - Changes in the pay scale for Education Staff
 - Need to continue COVID-19 safeguards and protections



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