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All-Staff Training

On January 16, 2017, CDS Lakeshore Head Start held its second in-house All-Staff Training of the 2016-2017 program year. This is a time when the entire agency has a chance to benefit from quality trainings in a collaborative atmosphere. CDS Lakeshore Head Start welcomed two main presentations for the day's schedule.

Mike Williams: Motivational Comedy

Using humor and his own personal story, Mike was able to remind CDS staff how they are making a difference in the lives of children and families every day and the trickle effect it can have on the world around us. He also taught staff how important it is to look for humor every day and pay attention to details. Find out more about Mike at www.mikewilliamscomedy.com.

Darkness to Light:

Darkness to Light's mission is to "empower people to prevent child sexual abuse." Their programs "raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse." While this may be an uncomfortable topic to discuss, unfortunately it is a reality when working with children. To read more about the Darkness to Light Curriculum, visit www.d2l.org.

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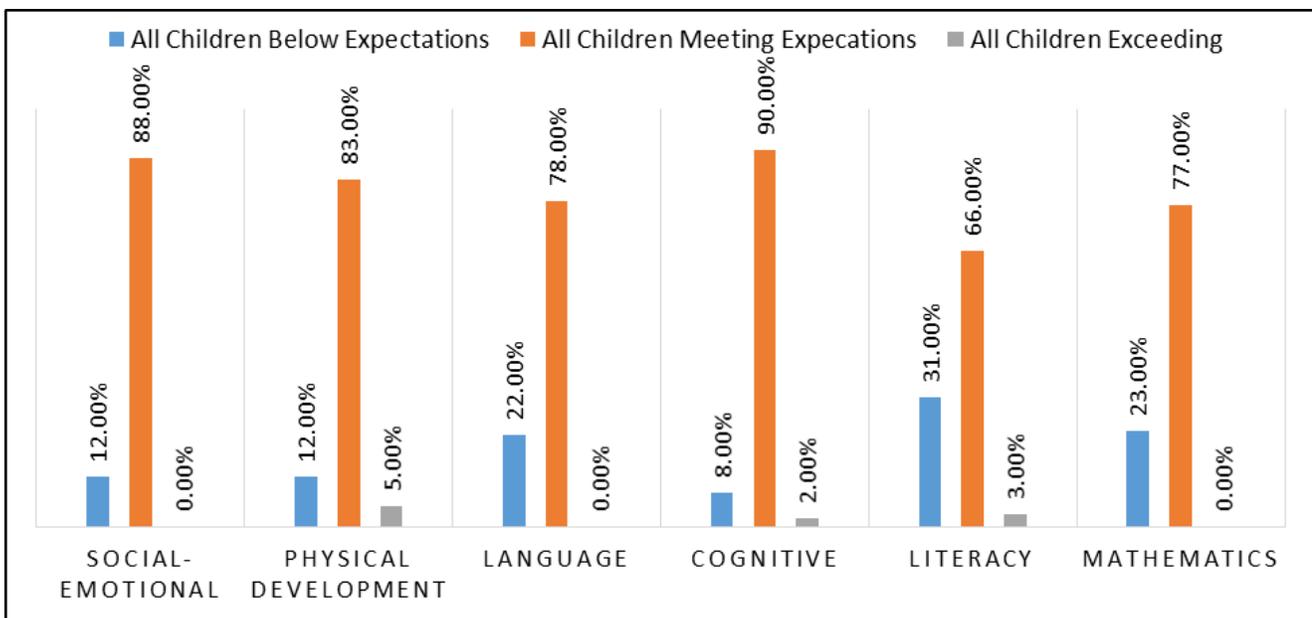


School Readiness

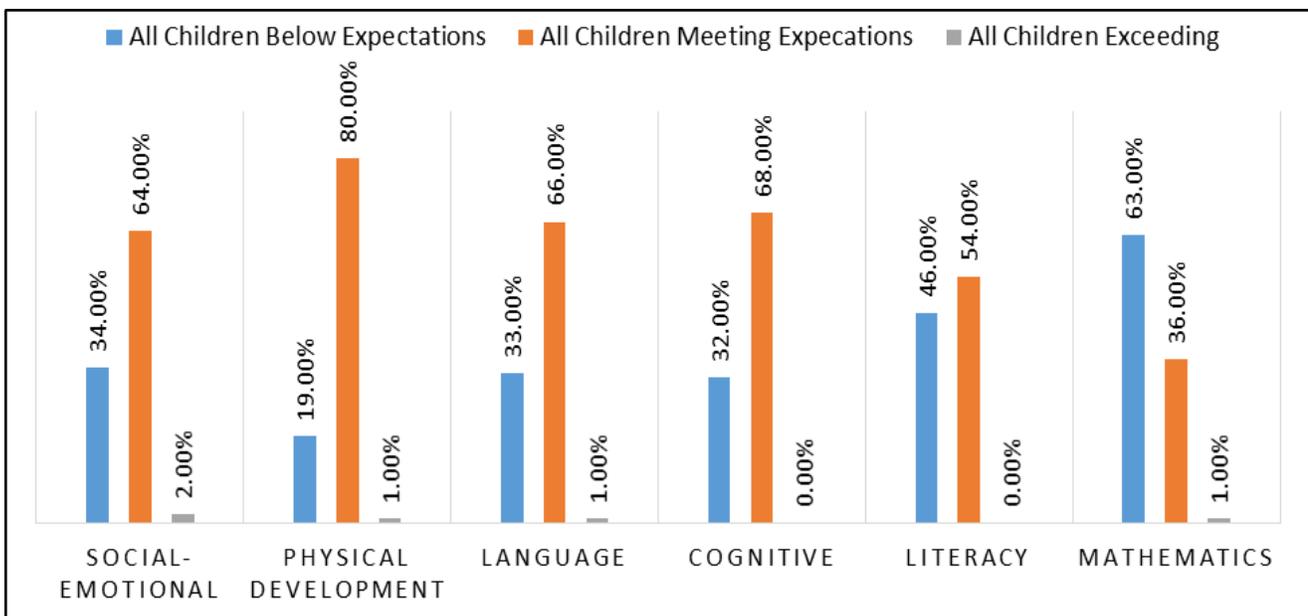
by Lesley Faull - Education Manager at CDS Lakeshore Head Start

Each child in our program is very important to us. We want to do the best job in meeting their needs and individualizing their education. One of the ways we do this is by assessing where children are developmentally. This process is ongoing and takes place daily as we work with the children. Teachers are writing anecdotes on children, working with children on specific skills and offering scaffolding for children to bring their learning to the next level. After the teachers plan, write anecdotes and assess children by using Teaching Strategies GOLD, we run data to see where the children are and continue to work with each child. Our goal is to meet the children where they are and bring them to the next level of development. Below is our first checkpoint of the data:

Infants and Toddlers Fall 2016:



Preschoolers Fall 2016



The Head Start Advantage

by Cody Kornack

What is the Head Start Advantage? A lifetime of better outcomes, empowered families and communities, and increased opportunities for children to succeed collectively. The Head Start Advantage lasts through high school, college, and even into parenthood. It changes children's life trajectories, one at a time.



The face of poverty is changing in America. This past year the United States saw the largest one-year decrease in its overall poverty rate since 1999; as compared to last year, 3.5 million fewer people live in poverty, and median household incomes have grown more than five percent.

However, while millions of Americans found their way out of poverty, significant inequality persists. For example, poverty rates are down for African American and Hispanic households, but these demographics did not see income increases as large as others. While the economy and poverty rates continue on their roller coaster, Head Start continues to evolve to best serve its children and families. Head Start's holistic, innovative approach to serving children and families means that the program remains steadfast in its commitment to ensuring that all Head Start children receive a Head Start Advantage.

The Head Start community received an exciting announcement about the arrival of new Program Performance Standards. These standards create a strong vision for the future of Head Start as a research-based program of the highest quality, with the flexibility for innovation, a drive for continuous quality improvement, and a reinforcement of local design to support each community's unique children and families.

To view full article, visit
www.ChildCareExchange.com or the Exchange
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