

Every child deserves the opportunity to thrive.



ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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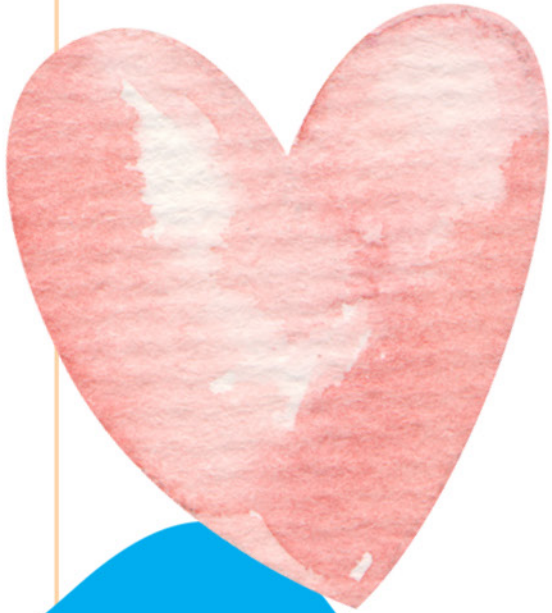




We are empowering parents to be the child's first and most important teacher.

Elizabeth "Budd" Bell, Founder

Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend
Thriving with our communities since 1972.



Message From the Chief Executive Officer

As the Chief Executive Officer of Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend, it is an honor to share the 2023 - 2024 Annual Report of the performance of our programming with the Jefferson, Leon, and Madison County communities and stakeholders. Our vision is that all children and families reach their full potential. This ensures that our focus is on early childhood education, family support, and the health of the children and families that we serve.

I am humbled to lead a team that are experts in their field and do an extraordinary job for the improvement of the lives we touch each day. We use information from the outcomes of the children and families to improve our service delivery and ensure that our team has the most up to date training and development possible. The staff are dedicated to all children and families, which allows for maintaining a positive learning environment that is essential for developmental gains.

Thank you to the Board of Directors, Policy Council Members, Staff, Parent Committee Members, community partners, and families for your support in helping to make this program year a success. We are committed to continuing to improve and to providing the services that at risk families in our community deserve.



La Fonda Heidel

Chief Executive Officer
Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend

Enrollment

Children Served

238

Eligible Children Served



FUNDED

Center-Based

196

ENROLLMENT

Children

208

Home-Based

12



Health

Received medical exams

100%

95%

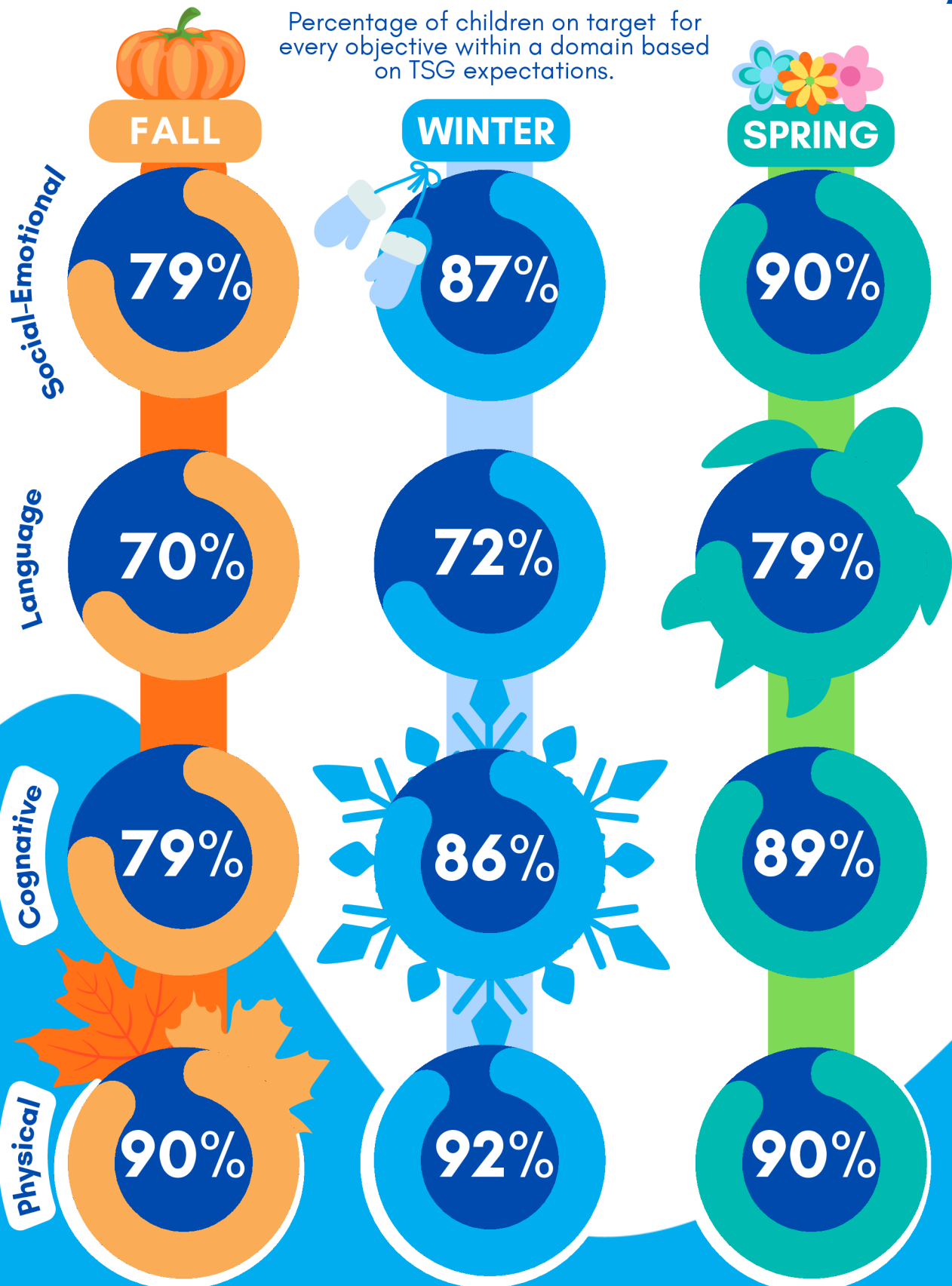
Up to date on schedule of appropriate preventative and primary health care including oral and dental exams

25

Children with an IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan)

School Readiness - Outcomes Mastery

Percentage of children on target for every objective within a domain based on TSG expectations.



Family Services

191

Families Served

10,277

Peer Card Hours
(At Home Educational Activities)

128

Families Attended
Engagement Events

10,483 Learning Log Hours

(At home time spent reading to child or children)

"Families are the compass that guides us. They are the inspiration to reach great heights,
and our comfort when we occasionally falter."
♥ Brad Henry

Success Story

The Egoh family has brought such joy to Kids Incorporated during their children's enrollment. Aruoture (called Joseph) and Olabimpe enrolled twins, Elomena and Elozino, in August of 2022. The boys started in the infant room at Pamela Davis Early Learning Center with Ms. Ulacy Sinclair as their teacher. As they grew they moved to the early toddler room with Ms. Breonna Daniels. At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, both boys were enrolled at Budd Bell Early Learning Center. There they spent most of the school year with Ms. Jayla Rhodes and Ms. Breonna Daniels.

During this time everyone in the family had a success story that I'm thrilled to be able to share. Both boys were screened for delays in speech development and began working with speech therapists through the Early Steps program. They made great progress! Mom, Olabimpe, was able to get her driver's license and began sharing drop-off and pick-up duties with Aruoture in Spring 2024. She hopes to start classes in pursuit of her MBA.

While a part of the Kids Incorporated family, Aruoture has been very involved in the program. He and his family attended almost every Family Engagement event. Aruoture joined Budd Bell's Parent Committee in Fall 2023 and attended Policy Council meetings. During this time, Aruoture completed his Ph.D.

in Engineering at Florida A and M University. The family will be moving to St. Louis, Missouri, as Aruoture is joining Proctor and Gamble in the Manufacturing and Engineering division.

We wish the whole family good luck in St. Louis.
We will miss them greatly!

Written by: Linda Thalheimer
Family Advocate | Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend

Congratulations

Aruoture, Olabimpe,
Elomena and Elozino!



Community

241 volunteers

Non-Federal Share (NFS) Value

\$528,142

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"There is no power for change
greater than a community
discovering what it
cares about."
- Margaret J. Wheatley

Finance

REVENUES		EXPENSES	
Early Head Start	\$4,174,777	Personnel/Benefits	\$4,172,915
Local	\$173,131	T&TA	\$85,565
Other Revenues	\$849,662	Occupancy	\$344,923
Non Federal Share/ In-Kind	\$528,142	Supplies	\$337,965
		Other	\$805,805
TOTAL	\$5,725,712	TOTAL	\$5,747,173

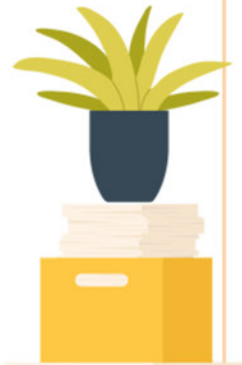
“The only wealth in this world is children,
more than all the money,
power on Earth.”

- Mario Puzo



Financial Audit

Kids Incorporated receives a financial and compliance audit each year. The most recent Financial Audit Report was completed on November 17, 2023 and expressed an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend were prepared in accordance with GAAS (Generally Accepted Auditing Standards).



Federal Program Monitoring

No Federal Monitoring Visits occurred during this reporting period. From March 8, 2021 to March 12, 2021, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a Focus Area Two (FA2) monitoring review of the Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend Early Head Start program. Based on the information gathered during this review, the program met the requirements of all applicable HSPPS, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.



Look at the family, not
just the children.

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Highlighting a few of the many engagement opportunities Kids Incorporated brings to the communities we serve.

