

Orange County Head Start

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Presentation Overview

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Purpose

Orange County Head Start staff shall report to the Governing Board on the continuing program progress toward achieving program goals and adherence to Head Start Program Performance Standards and the Head Start Act.

What's new

- Dr. Deborah Bergeron was appointed as Director for the Office of Head Start.
- Focus Area 2 and CLASS Federal review completed February 2018.
- Two new classrooms at Dillard Street Elementary in Winter Garden.
- Classroom expansion in East Orange County.





Program Goals

- **Goal 1: Orange County Head Start will increase engagement of fathers/males in support of children's school readiness.**
- **Goal 2: Orange County Head Start will eliminate barriers to learning by decreasing the number of children with oral health concerns.**
- **Goal 3: Orange County Head Start will improve child outcomes by strengthening the capacity of parents becoming advocates in the lives of their children.**
- **Goal 4: Orange County Head Start will assist families to improve their financial wellness.**



Program Outcomes

- 1727 children served
- 223 children with diagnosed disabilities served
- 295 children received mental health counseling
- 526 fathers/male participated in parent conferences
- 41 children served as a result of relocation from Hurricane Maria
- 117 homeless families served





Program Outcomes

Community Engagement



Fatherhood Engagement

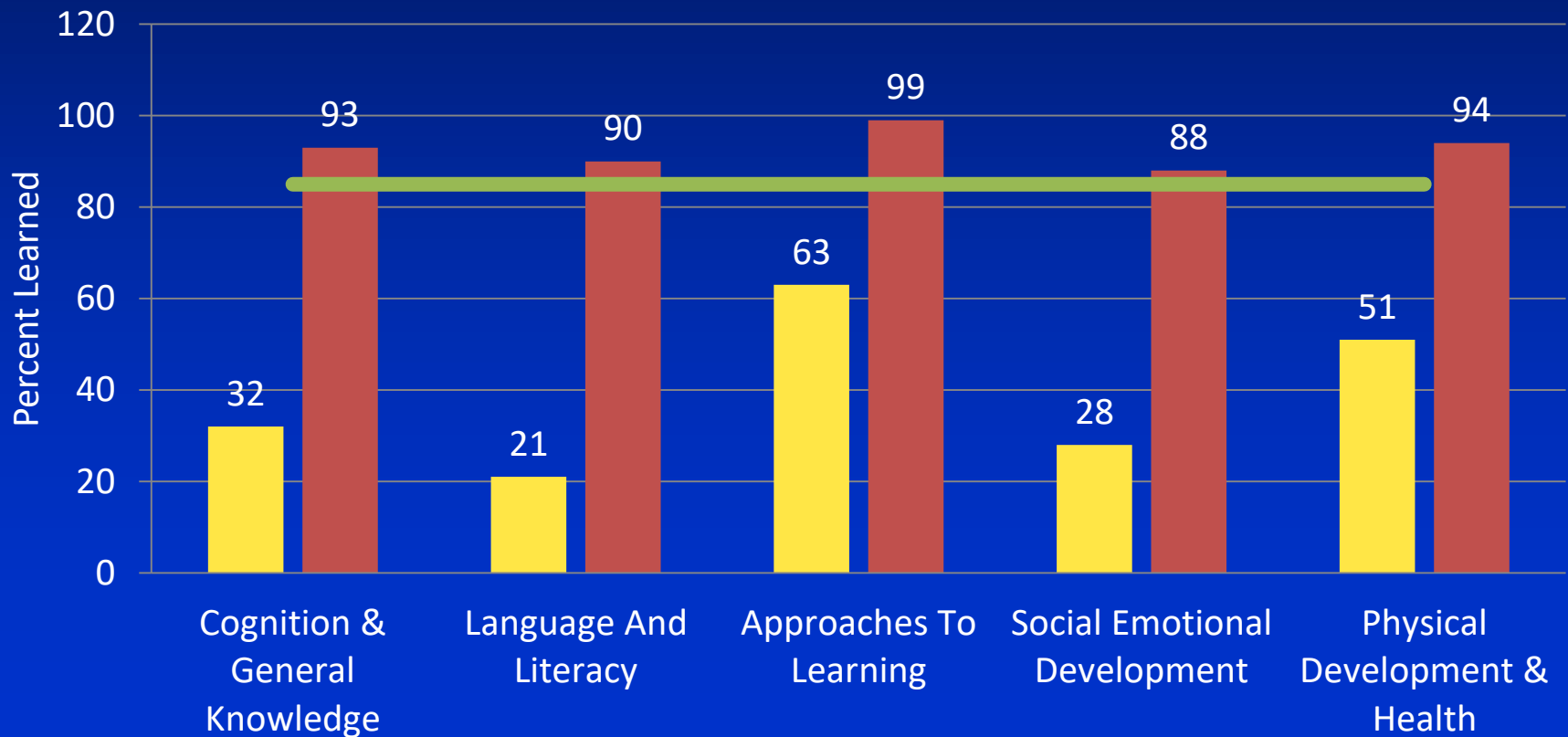




Child Outcomes

Developmental Summary 3 & 4 year olds Full Year Comparison

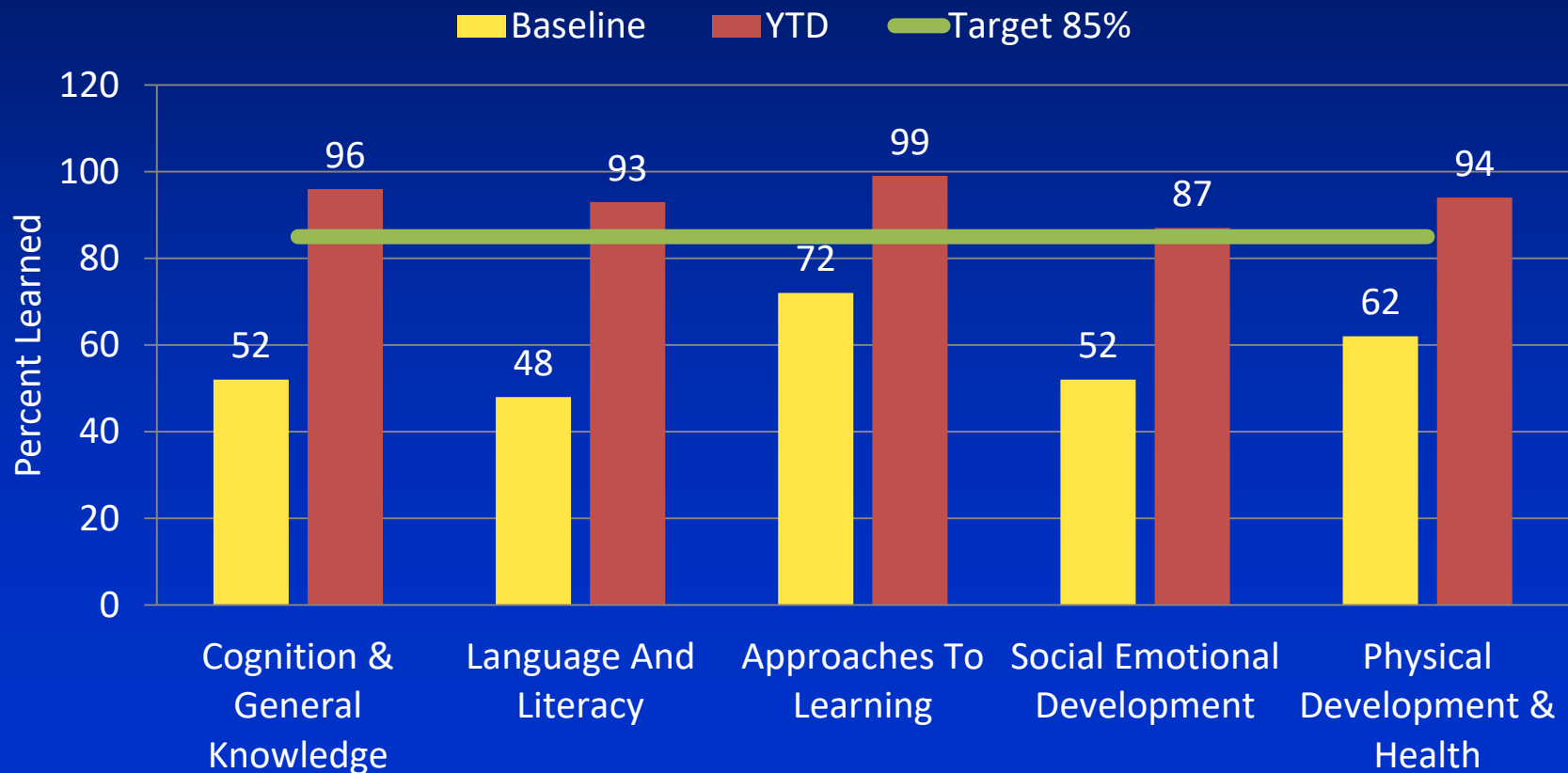
■ Baseline ■ YTD — Target 85%





Child Outcomes

Developmental Summary 4 year olds
Transitioning to Kindergarten
Full Year Comparison





Accomplishments

- Head Start parent Maritza Vazquez, was elected to Region IV Head Start Association representing parents from Florida.
- Implemented the School Messenger Notification system .
- Two new mentor coach positions added to the division.
- Partnership with Orange Blossom Family Health Clinic that provides dental mobile unit at centers, dental home, dental treatment.





Accomplishments

- Met federal regulation 1302.14 (b)1 to serve at least 10% of the enrollment of children with a diagnosed disability
- Orange County Head Start Presented at the Orange County Public Schools Early Literacy Summit for kindergarten teachers
- Increased parent participation in financial wellness trainings





Challenges

- Develop a stronger social media presence to recruit potential parents and partners
- Recruiting Teacher/Teacher Assistant
- Meeting dental treatment needs of children





Future Goals

- Obtain additional space in East Orange County .
- Expand relationship with Valencia College, University of Central Florida and Ana G. Mendez University System (SUAGM) for the recruitment of early childhood professionals.
- Train staff on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Star Early Literacy test.
- Use scanning system to track attendance and meals.
- Resurface all county playgrounds.
- Create more inclusive playground and classroom environments for children with diagnosed disabilities.



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