



ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026





DIRECTOR STATEMENT

This school year has been one full of transitions. Transitions for our staff, our children, and our families. Our program made the decision last school year, to enact our succession plan for our leadership team. This means that I began taking on a new role as Assistant Executive Director of our larger Community Action Program, PACE Inc., under the leadership of our Executive Director Pam Kuechler. Kristine Silva has risen in her leadership and will be taking over as the PACE Head Start program Director. We are excited to be taking on new roles at the agency and supporting the entire staff with the trickle down and changes these new positions have resulted in. Our community CPPI Team focused on Transitions for children. This meant working collaboratively to ensure that all children, families, and staff are supported at each step of the way as they learn, grow and move forward from infancy to toddlerhood, to preschool and then beyond. Each year as the school year comes to an end, we are reminded of how proud and lucky we are to witness our children's progress as they become ready and exited for their move to kindergarten.

Till Fox and Kristine Silva

PACE Inc Asst. Exec Director and PACE Head Start Director

PROGRAM GOALS

2025-2026



2025-2030

Program Goals

By 2030, PACE Head Start/Early Head Start will implement practices that support a strong early learning workforce with high morale

By 2030, PACE Start/EHS will prioritize relationship-building to deepen engagement with families and create stronger ties between the program and the community

By 2030, PACE Head Start/Early Head Start will strengthen and support the individual growth and development of all children through high quality teaching practices and comprehensive services

Parent, Family & Community Engagement Goal

PACE Head Start will engage families in service and build supportive partnerships in the community that promote their well-being and future success.

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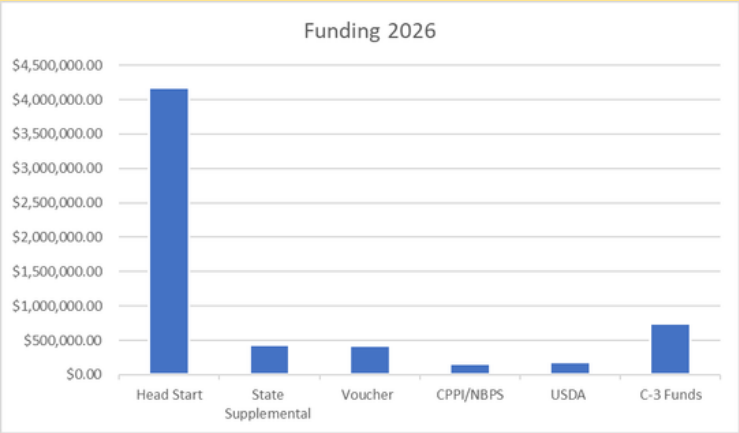
School Readiness Goal

All children will be provided the foundation to foster quality relationships that allow them to thrive and become healthy life-long learners.



FINANCES

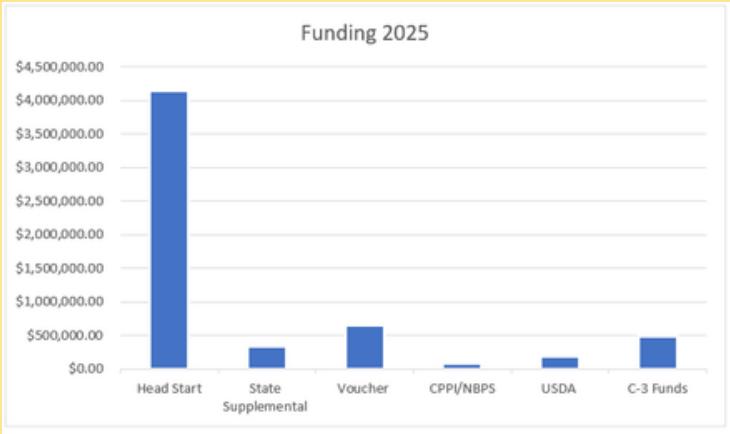
FY 2025 FUNDING LEVELS BY GRANT



PACE INC IS IN THE MIDST OF COMPLETING OUR ANNUAL FISCAL AUDIT, THOSE REPORTS ARE SHARED WITH OUR BOARD AND POLICY COUNCIL ANNUALLY

In 2025: C3 Funding supported the workforce and facilities improvements, State Supplemental funding increased and An additional CPPI Classroom was added.

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Volunteers



PACE HEAD START RELIES ON THE GENEROSITY OF THE COMMUNITY AND OUR SUPERSTAR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS THAT SPEND TIME SUPPORTING OUR PROGRAM THROUGH

- * LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE
- * ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS FOR CHILDREN ON SITE AND IN THE COMMUNITY
- * CLASSROOM SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE
- * CLERICAL HELP
- * FACILITIES SUPPORT AND CLEANUP EFFORTS



IN FY 25-26 PACE HEAD START HAD 5094.75 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES WE ARE ON TRACK TO MEET OR OVERREACH THAT GOAL FOR THIS YEAR



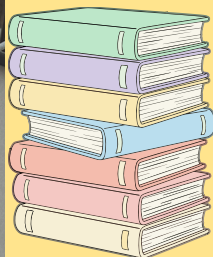
PACE HEAD START LITTLE LENDING LIBRARIES

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE POLICY COUNCIL AND THE GENEROSITY OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER NEW BEDFORD, THE PROGRAM HAS INSTALLED TWO NEW LITTLE LENDING LIBRARIES. SWING BY AND GRAB A BOOK FROM ONE OF THE SITES



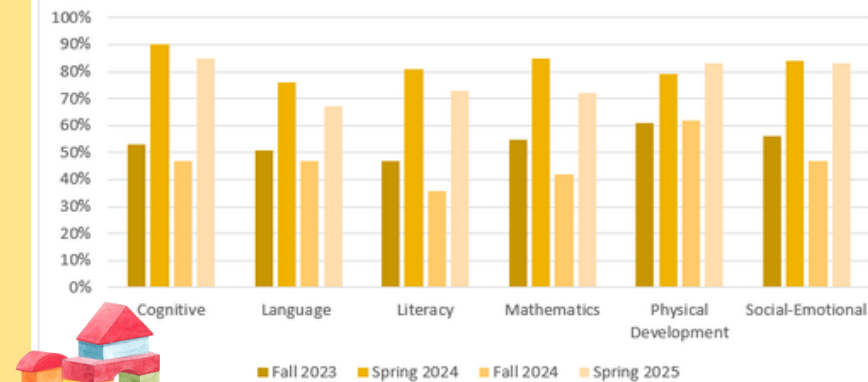
UNITED WAY

Greater New Bedford

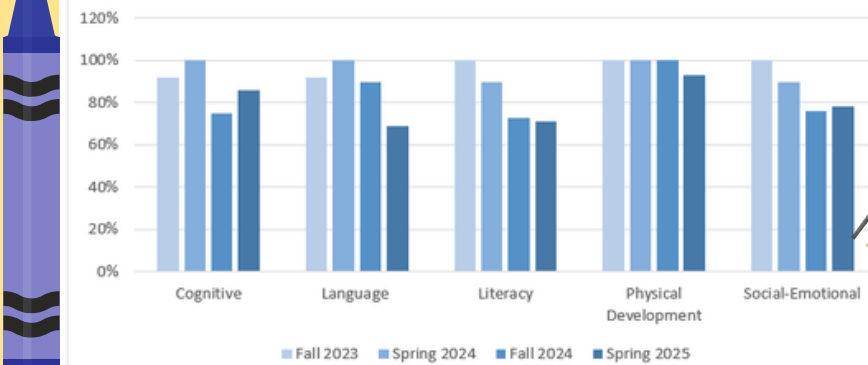


LEARNING

Head Start Developmental Gains



Early Head Start Developmental Gains



Community support

Local partnerships are key to the
innovation and success at PACE
Head Start



- COMMUNITY NBPS/CPPI CLASSROOM
- SHARED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- COLLABORATION ON OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS/STRATEGIC PLAN
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR BUSSING FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY QUINN'S OFFICE DURING THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN
- ENGAGEMENT IN THE BIRTH-GRADE3 PARTNERSHIP
- COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT IN DATA COLLECTION AND SELF-ASSESSMENT
- SUPPORT WITH OUR CHILDREN'S SERVICE AND HEALTH ADVISORY
- GNBVOC, OLD COLONY VOC, DIAMOND DCF
- PROTECTING ALL SMILES
- NB BALLET COMPANY FIELD TRIPS AND SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Advocacy in 2025

Head Start staff worked on advocacy efforts locally, in the state and federally in an effort to address the following systemic issues in Early Education:

- Maintain level Federal funding and remain operational during the Federal Shutdown
- Increase State Supplemental funding
- Maintain the NPRM Salary and Quality Measures for OHS Grants





