



# Annual Report

*"It takes a village to raise a child."  
-Dr. Maria Montessori*

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2022



# About Us

Family Star Montessori has created a unique, authentic, and diverse Montessori school environment with comprehensive Early Head Start and Head Start programming. We believe in creating inclusive and nurturing spaces that are essential for learning at all ages. We are an oasis that supports every child's needs in an atmosphere of respect.



**Serving 208  
families**



**270 children  
served**

*The child is endowed with unknown powers, which can guide us to a radiant future."*

*-Dr. Martha Montesorri*

# Our Mission

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Through Montessori and other leading educational systems, we create learning environments that help guide and develop children. We seek to develop the whole child by providing high-quality, integrated environments and supports that educate children, strengthen families, and build community.



# Our Vision

To discover the child in inclusive Montessori environments and inspire a movement for educating children and caregivers, while breaking systemic barriers to allow children and caregivers to reach their fullest potential.



**178,000**  
pounds of food  
distributed to  
families

**55 families received support  
from our mental health  
professionals**

# Our Values

## Respect

Honor all with dignity and empathy

## Integrity

Conduct our work honestly, truthfully, and transparently

## Community

Value and work to strengthen the whole community

## Support

Support the wellness and wellbeing of children, staff, and families

## Communication

Practice ongoing, transparent, and consistent dialog with all

## Curiosity

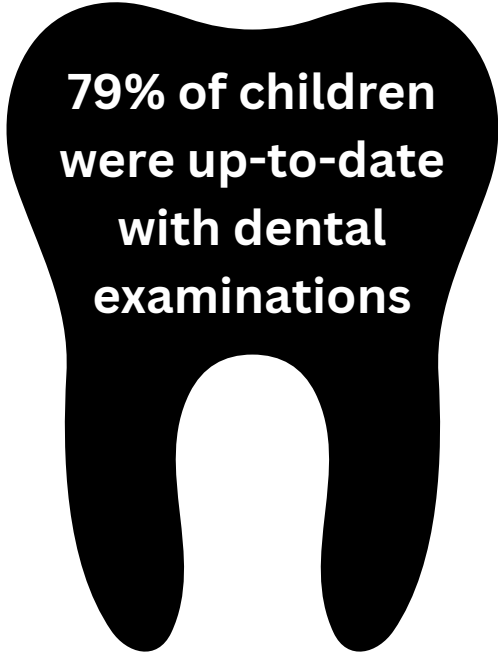
Approach our work with a spirit of wanting to continuously learn

## Individualization

Believe every child is unique, and we strive to support each child's development uniquely

## Equity

Meet children and families where they are and provide necessary resources to overcome barriers.



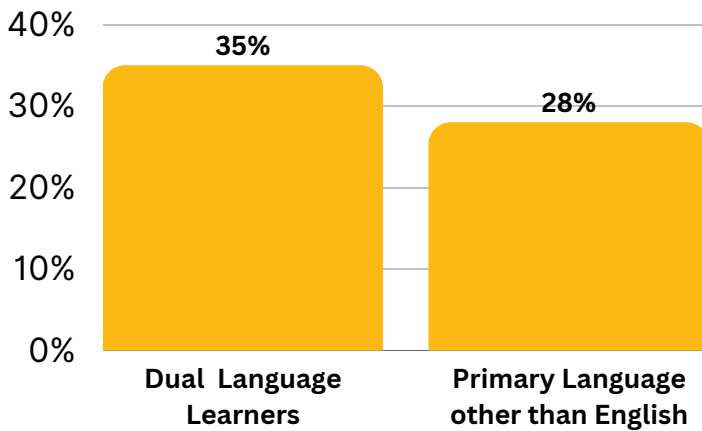
**79% of children  
were up-to-date  
with dental  
examinations**



# Our Community & Impact

Through school and home-based education programs, Family Star Montessori achieved great successes throughout 2022.

## Languages



**11** The number of languages spoken by children

147 in Early Head Start  
53 in Head Start  
26 in CCAP  
87 in home-based programming  
60 private pay

### Ethnicity

55% Hispanic/Latinx  
25% Caucasian/White  
11% Multi-Racial  
7% African American/Black  
0.4% Asian  
1.6% Native American

### Families

76% of families are living at or below the federal poverty level

22% of families pay full tuition

31% of families experienced homelessness

50% of children come from a one-parent household



**1,501**  
home visits  
conducted



**14** women  
received prenatal  
services



**3,218** referrals  
or services  
provided

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## KINDERGARTEN READINESS

From toddler exploration to school-aged expectations, Family Star fosters independence by focusing on practical life skills and advancing social/emotional learning, to academic preparedness that will help children thrive.

- 98% of 3-5 year-olds were meeting/exceeding **physical** expectations, which focuses on balance and coordination, personal care routines, manipulating smaller objects, and identifying healthy and unhealthy foods
- 87% of 3-5 year-olds were meeting/exceeding **cognitive** expectations where children can classify and sort objects, recognize and name shapes, knows 1-1 correspondence such as up and down
- 87% of 3-5 year-olds were meeting/exceeding cognitive expectations that they can develop friendships, know how to take turns and share, express emotions, can express emotions and respect, show belief in their abilities, and has a sense of accomplishment

### Average Monthly Enrollment

Early Head Start: 80%

Head Start: 98%

Denver Great Kids Head Start: 100%

For all program models: 84%

**72%**  
of children  
served were in  
either Early Head  
Start or Head  
Start



**35 Caregivers**  
participated in  
school governance  
activities



**82% of children**  
were up-to-date  
on physical  
exams

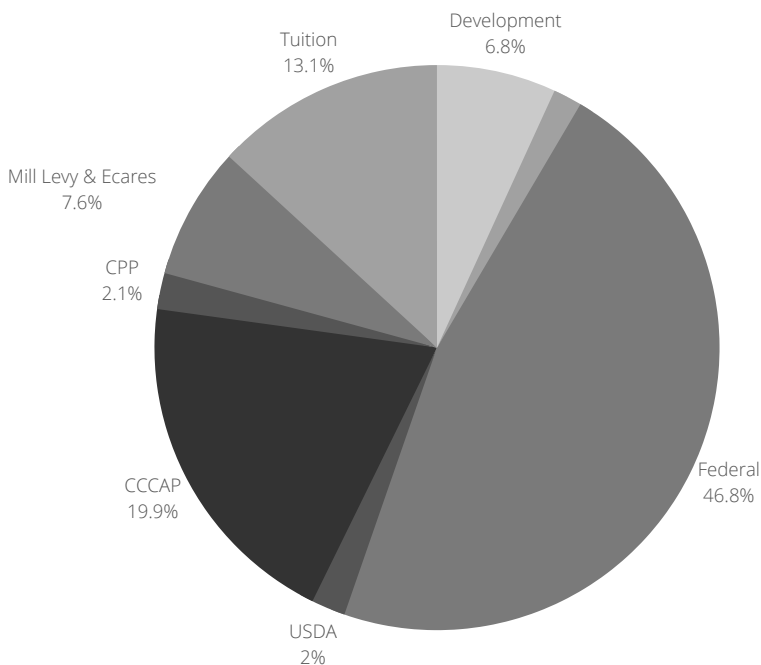


**22% increase of**  
children with a  
medical home

# Our Financials

## Family Star Montessori Revenue

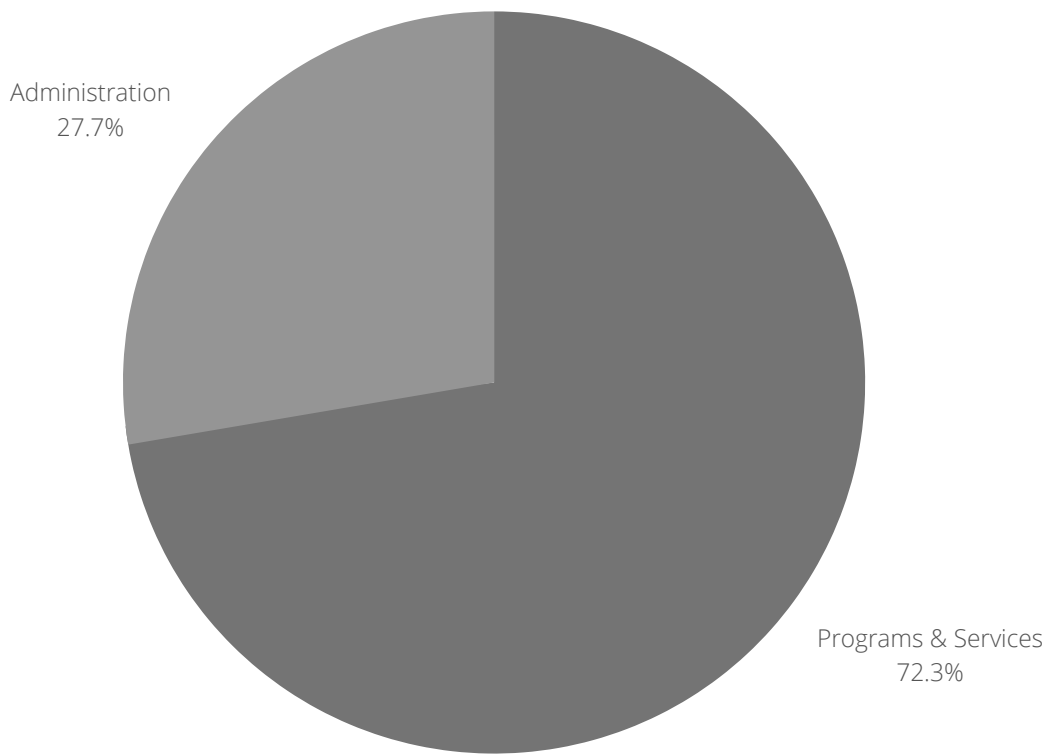
Development Revenue	\$ 471,000.03
Other	\$ 113,534.72
Federal	\$ 3,229,702.12
USDA	\$ 134,460.62
CCCAP	\$ 1,373,241.17
Denver Preschool Program	\$ 8,389.17
CO Preschool Program	\$ 142,776.00
Mill Levy & Ecares	\$ 522,132.00
Tuition	\$ 900,054.37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,895,290.20</b>



# Our Financials

## Family Star Montessori Expenses

Programs and Services	\$ 5,634,167.00
Administration	\$ 2,156,258.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,790,425.77</b>



*\*Note: Auditors found no instances of noncompliance or others matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.*



# Our Donors

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Charles Schwab  
Colorado Trust  
Conscious Alliance  
Cooking Matters Colorado  
Energy Outreach Colorado  
Foodbank of the Rockies  
Vectra Bank  
United Way of SLC

## VOLUNTEERS

Family Star would not be able to provide so many programs and services without the plethora of assistance from volunteers! It is through your generosity that we can keep this amazing work going. Thank you!



### Because of YOU 100%:

Of 5 year old's met/exceeded  
language development

Of 2-3 year old's  
met/exceeded social  
emotional development

Of 1-2 year old's  
met/exceeded literacy  
expectations

Of infants met/exceeded  
cognitive development

Of 5 year old's met/exceeded  
mathematics expectations

# Our Leadership

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR

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The previous few years offered unprecedented challenges. We witnessed social isolation, loss of jobs and housing, and overall hardships. But Family Star rallied and renewed our dedication to our students, families and caregivers, staff, and the community.

I hope that you had time to review the accomplishments that were achieved, and would not have been possible without the support of our community. The Board and staff at Family Star Montessori would like to extend our most heartfelt thanks to the individual donors, foundations, sponsors, and volunteers who continued their engagement during difficult times.



# THANK YOU FOR BEING A PARTNER!

## Locations

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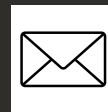
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