



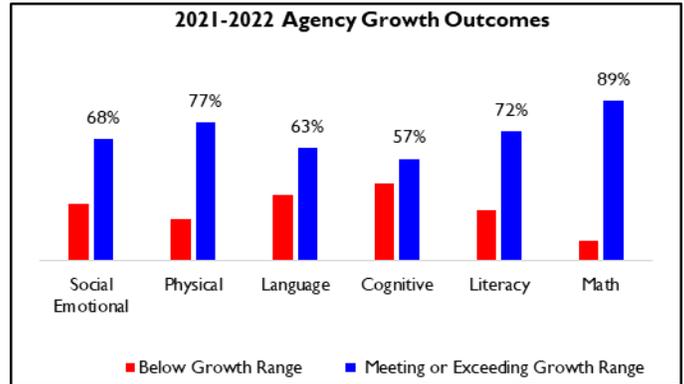
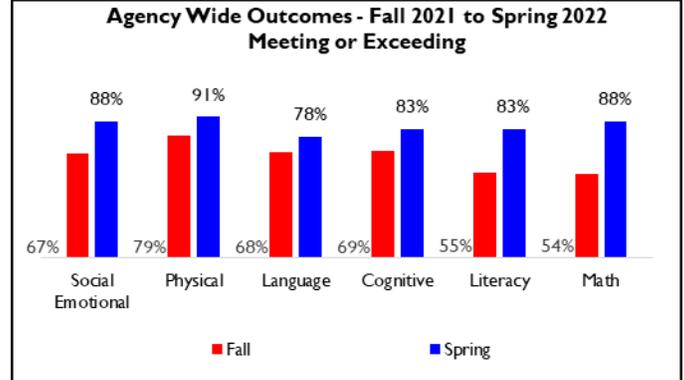
**Investing in our Neighbors  
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**SENCA HEAD START....MOVING FORWARD!**

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SENCA Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children from age 3 to 5 & their families. Head Start is a child-focused program & has the overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low-income families. Comprehensive child development, school readiness, & family support are provided and have a direct impact on their future success.

During the 2021-2022 school year, 157 children and 140 families received comprehensive services. Twenty-six percent (26%) of enrolled children received special education services. Ninety-two percent (92%) of enrolled families developed a partnership agreement with 96% of those families meeting their goals or needs. The number children meeting or exceeding expectations increased across all domains from fall to spring & those same children met or exceeded the expected growth rate for their age. The average increase was 22%. The outcomes are not as high as we would like to see them, which may be attributed to returning high child illness, modified schedules, & staff turnover. These situations create transition struggles for children which can ultimately impact child outcomes. Large class sizes with less staff may also be affecting these outcomes.

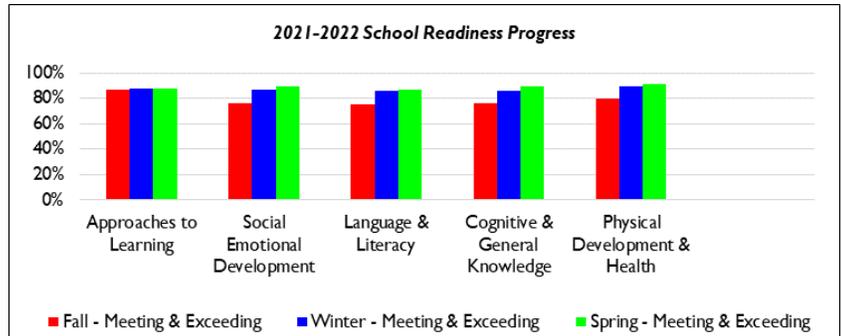


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SENCA Head Start has established school readiness goals to ensure services are provided that will help children be successful as they move to public school. Progress

on these goals is tracked over the course of the five-year project period. The program is currently in year two and the follow graph outlines progress towards these goals this past year.



The beginning of the 2022-2023 school year is scheduled to start on August 22, 2022 and we are pleased to announce that we will have several new staff members joining us this year. Staff will return to work well-ahead of the children to ensure for new staff, curriculum, parenting, child behavior, and mental health training. We are excited for children, families, and staff to return to school this fall!