



2025

ANNUAL REPORT



Investing in

CHILDREN, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY



Early Head Start & Head Start Preschool



Support For Families



Health & Nutrition

South Shore Early Education Head Start
A Program of South Shore Community Action Council

SERVING A CRITICAL NEED!



Started in 1965, South Shore Early Education, a program of South Shore Community Action Council, has delivered the gold standard in early education and care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and school-age children from eligible low-income households.

The program includes Head Start, Early Head Start, and state-funded early education and care for working families, homeless children, and families involved with the Department of Children and Families or foster care.

South Shore Early Education offers a safe and nurturing environment focused on comprehensive education and Kindergarten readiness. We educate and care for children between 3 months and 5 years of age using the comprehensive, research based Creative Curriculum that employs exploration and discovery as a way of learning and engages families in topics of study to extend children's learning to the home and community. With our whole-child approach, we provide school bus transportation, nutritious daily meals and snacks for all children, health and developmental screening and support with onsite nurses, and referrals for early intervention and supportive services.

Similarly, grounded in our whole-family philosophy, we offer parenting support, adult education, job training, information and referrals for social services, as well as opportunities for employment, socialization, and leadership. We provide Head Start and Early Head Start at our centers in Marshfield, Plymouth, and Wareham.

SOUTH SHORE EARLY EDUCATION 2025 IMPACT

- 538 children served by South Shore Early Education.
- 297 children served in our Head Start program.
- 130 children aged 3 months to 3 years and 3 pregnant mothers served in our home-based and center-based Early Head Start program.
- 217 preschoolers and school-age children served through MA Department of Early Education contracted slots or vouchers.
- 197 children received school bus transportation.
- 538 children received nutritious meals and snacks.
- 25 Children received before/after school programming



EAST WAREHAM SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

We are also thrilled to report on the completion of renovations of the East Wareham School that we purchased at auction in 2022. We opened doors in September 2025 for Head Start students and seek to expand to offer Early Head Start to even more children and families in need.



About SSCAC

Founded in 1965, South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC) works to eliminate poverty by coordinating, strengthening, and supplementing community efforts to empower individuals and families so they can live in decency, with dignity, realize their full potential, and participate to the extent of their capabilities in all that our communities have to offer. With a comprehensive range of programs and services, we make a powerful difference for 29,000 people of all ages living in 80+ communities in southeastern MA.

SERVICE AREA

In FY25 we proudly served families from communities across the South Shore, South Coast, and Cape Cod.

Barnstable, Brewster, Carver, Chatham, Cohasset, Dennis, Duxbury, Falmouth, Halifax, Hanover, Harwich, Hingham, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Orleans, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton, Scituate, Wareham, and West Yarmouth

South Shore Early Education Learning Centers in FY25:

196 S. Meadow Road, Plymouth MA
(508) 746-0333

832 Webster Street, Marshfield MA
(781) 837-6837

979 Falmouth Road, Hyannis MA
(School Age Only)
(508) 927-5771

314 Onset Avenue, East Wareham MA
(Preschool & School Age)
508-927-5772

367 Route 28W, West Yarmouth MA
(508) 927-5776



SCHOOL READINESS

During 2025, South Shore Early Education continued to focus on enhancing and implementing our School Readiness Plan.

- Ongoing collaboration with Public Schools and community agencies to ensure alignment between the goals of our program and the Public Schools
- Participated in quarterly school readiness meetings with the Public Schools to review goals and progress for individual children and families
- Maintained a uniform assessment and checklist for children entering kindergarten
- Shared assessment and outcome data with Public Schools to support kindergarten planning
- Prepared children and families for smooth transition into kindergarten
- Offered transition information sessions for parents of children entering kindergarten parent support & education

PARENT SUPPORT & EDUCATION

Parent Engagement activities throughout the school year were provided to all families.

- 237 parents participated in Nutrition and Health Education, Transportation Safety, CPR, First Aid, Abuse and Neglect
- 16 parents participated in job training that resulted in new employment at a living wage
- 683 parents received Positive Guidance and Active Parenting support
- Buddy Nights for Dads and Mom and Me Nights were a huge success
- 10 parents increased knowledge, advocacy and leadership skills through participation in Head Start Policy Council

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SCAN TO ENROLL



Kindergarten Readiness



Support For Family



Confidence Building



Nutrition & Health



Transportation & Safety



Job Training

CHILD DEVELOPMENT EXPECTATIONS

Percentage of children meeting or exceeding Developmental Expectations

South Shore Early Education establishes goals for children's outcomes for the program, each classroom, and for each of our 5 centers. In 2025, we tracked and evaluated student outcomes using this multi-level approach. We assessed all children using Teaching Strategies Gold and shared individual progress reports with families during the fall, winter and spring. Children made significant gains in the areas of mathematics and social emotional and language development.

Child Development Outcomes

- 63% demonstrated improved skills for school readiness, and basic grade-level achievement.
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- 63% showed improved physical, mental, and behavioral health and well-being

Note: Not all enrolled children receive full year of early education experience due to family relocation and other similar circumstances.

2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Our work is made possible through the strong support of federal, state, and community partners. In 2025, our total actual funding was \$15,944,976, a testament to the community's trust in our mission. We are proud to be responsible stewards of every dollar.

SOUTH SHORE EARLY EDUCATION	PROJECTED 2025	ACTUAL 2025
Head Start Preschool	\$3,884,853	\$3,884,853
Early Head Start	2,594,878	2,594,878
Wareham Facility Renovation:		
— Head Start Portion	349,900	349,900
— Other Non-Federal Portion	\$1,524,350	\$1,940,509
Non-Federal Match (NON-CASH)	250,000	283,492
MA State Early Education & Care	6,033,770	6,289,929
Private Child Care	105,000	101,243
USDA	475,000	506,172
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$15,217,751	\$15,944,976

Improving Futures with Early Education

Children who attend preschool are more likely to:

- Graduate High School
- Delay Parenthood
- Be In a 2-Parent Family of Their Own
- Earn Higher Median Incomes
- Achieve Home Ownership
- Have Better Mental and Physical Health



Medical Screenings



Vision Screenings



Dental Screenings



Developmental Screenings



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HEAD START