

Annual Report

2021 - 2022



HobeSound**EarlyLearningCenter**

Foundations For A Brighter Future



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Mission Statement

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center provides families, regardless of income, an affordable early-education program incorporating nurturing, education, and recreation to stimulate their children's healthy emotional and social development and help them excel in school and life.

Vision Statement

For all children to realize their full potential in an impactful high-quality, high yield early learning environment.

History

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center has been serving children and families in Hobe Sound and surrounding areas since 1962. Our programs and services have evolved over the years but our quality and commitment to early children development remains the forefront of everything we do.

Our Early Learning Advocates are ambassadors of our mission and generously support the cause. Thank you for your commitment to the education of our young students.

EARLY LEARNING ADVOCATES

Frank Bell	Sue Lester
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Welcome Friends and Families,

As we reflect on our 60th year of providing an exceptional early education to children in our community, I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your support. You make it possible for each child who attends our Center, benefits from a high quality social and educational learning environment.



Ashley Connors, who became our Center Director in January 2022, has done an exemplary job transitioning into her leadership role and teeing up school operations for the new year. Ashley's role as a model faculty member for five years prior has allowed for a smooth transition carrying many traditions established by former director Mary King forward, while implementing her vision of elevating teaching standards and creating a more inclusive family culture amongst the students and staff. In addition, she has also been dedicated and successful in recruiting quality staff who are experienced and passionate about their craft.

"There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

- NELSON MANDELA

The well-being of our students and staff is a high priority at the Center. We are collaborating with both the Martin County School District and Martin County Sheriff's Department to implement the latest technology and safety measures available to secure our school. My commitment to the children who attend our Center, their parents and our team is that we will not compromise their safety and security.

We are well into our school expansion which will allow us to further our reach to educate over 200 children. We have completed several safety upgrades to our playground areas and play equipment. We have painted our buildings, obtained permits to remove invasive plant material, clearing the way to build three additional classrooms, an administration office and modifying existing classroom space to accommodate our new infant program.

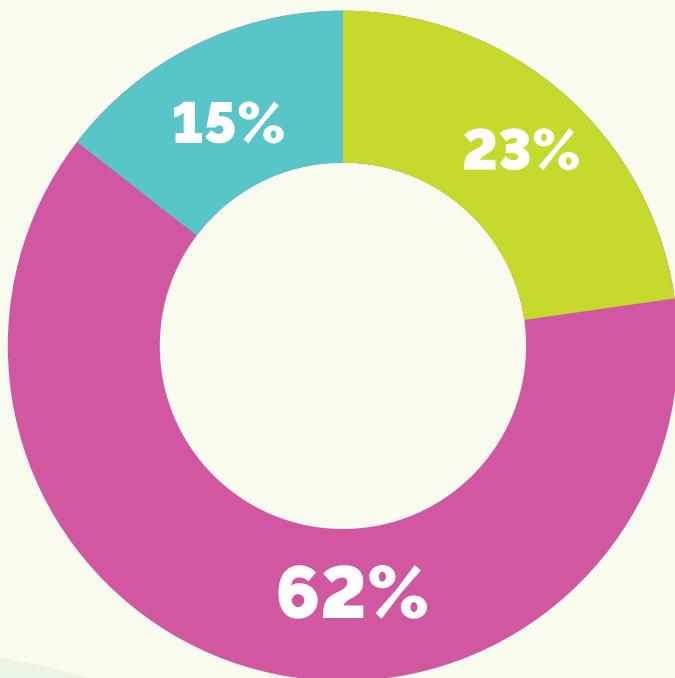
We realize we are truly blessed to have the support of our generous donors, our community partners, and funding from various grant resources. This generosity will help keep us on track to provide our students with the very best early education available. The need for experienced and skilled educators has come to the forefront in recent years and the benefits of sending children to a well-established early learning center is critical to their future success in school and in life.

I love coming to the center each day seeing the smiling faces and excitement from all the children as they grow and develop their skills to be the best they can be!

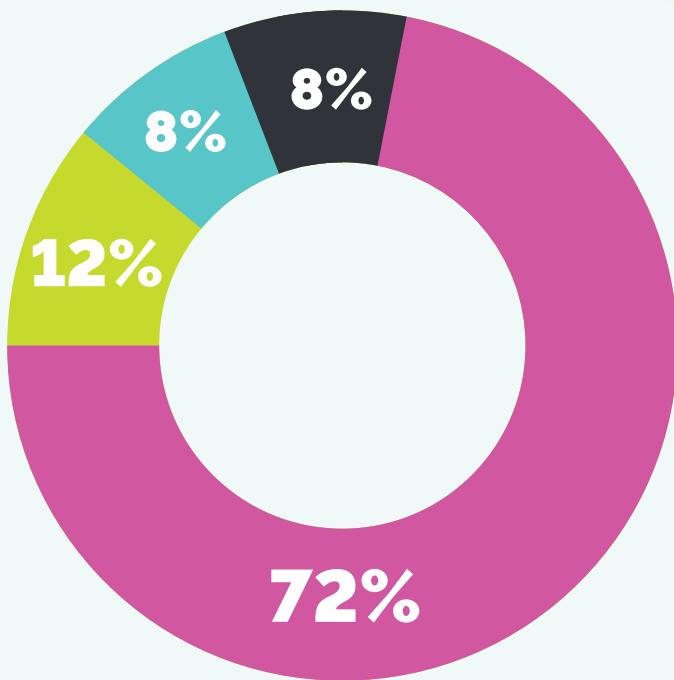
Tom Weber
Chief Executive Officer
Hobe Sound Early Learning Center

Revenues

- Tuition, Reimbursements, Subsidies
- Community Support
- Fundraising



Expenses



20 **TOTAL REVENUE** \$1,404,184
21 **TOTAL EXPENSES** \$1,357,604

21 **TOTAL REVENUE** \$2,177,609
22 **TOTAL EXPENSES** \$2,265,167

Alumni Stories



FROM STUDENT TO PARENT AND NOW EDUCATOR

"In 1990, I started attending the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center as a curious toddler. I spent the rest of my early educational years here and graduated from the class of 1994. As a young child, I wasn't aware of the opportunities that would come from this special place, a place I now call home. My son, who is now a 13-year-old middle school student, also attended and graduated from the Center. I knew after my experiences; the Center was the best place for him to learn and grow as a young child. During his time, I was employed with a different organization. One day as I was picking up my son, Miss Mary approached me about a potential job opportunity and I never looked back. It has been 10 years since that day and I feel grateful each and every day for the opportunity to work with caring, dedicated, and encouraging teachers. We are able to provide the educational experiences to prepare our young children their future. There is a sense of loyalty and a sense of belonging. I am currently working on my Bachelor's degree and plan to teach Kindergarten after graduation. The Center has allowed me to follow my passion of working with children and has given me the confidence to further my career in early education. I look forward to the day when the Center can reach and serve more children, provide additional opportunities to families in our community, and continue to build foundations for a brighter future."

-NICOLE BANKS, ALUMNI, PARENT, AND VPK LEAD TEACHER

KATE AND DAN NAUMANN STORY

"Dan and I both attended Hobe Sound Early Learning Center when we were young. We would often joke that when we had children, they would attend the Center. Fast forward to 2020 our daughter McKayla was born and we were living in Corpus Christi, Texas as part of Dan's service in the U.S. Coast Guard. I decided to stay home with her for multiple reasons but the main reason being, I would compare every daycare to the "dinosaur school." In 2021 we were relocated back home to Hobe Sound due to a family member being ill and we decided it would be best for McKayla to attend pre-school. Our experience at HSELC has been nothing but amazing! We love that the teachers know every child's name, not just in their classroom, but throughout the entire school, and care for them as if they are their own. This also makes for an easy transition as the children move up to the next class as they grow. I recently started working as the Center Assistant and I am thrilled to be part of the HSELC family once again."

-KATE NAUMANN, ALUMNI, PARENT, AND CENTER ASSISTANT



Voluntary Prekindergarten

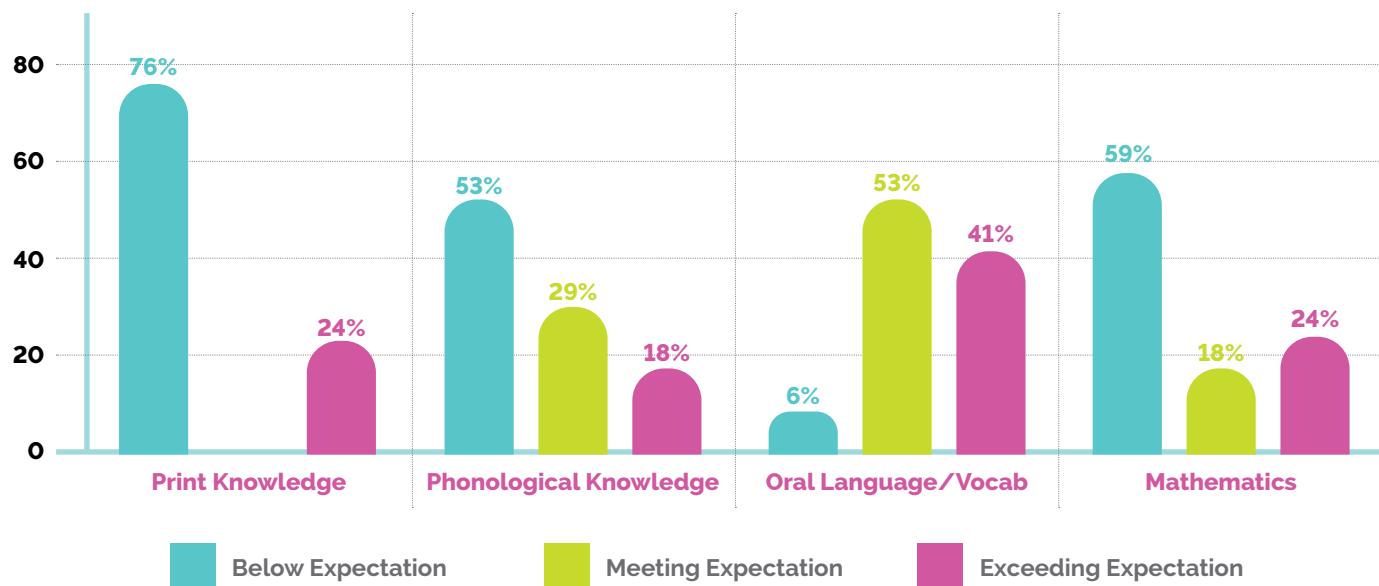
VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) was signed into law by Governor Jeb Bush on January 2, 2005 after a constitutional amendment was passed by the citizens of Florida in 2002. The law created a program to prepare every Florida four-year-old for Kindergarten and to build a strong foundation for their continued educational success.

Hobe Sound Early Learning Center has offered the VPK program since its inception. We also developed a small group instruction program to ensure that all of our students in VPK would receive the support needed to develop their readiness skills. This strong foundation will serve them for a lifetime.

Students who attend VPK programs can develop improved language skills, independence, score higher on school readiness tests, and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they start school.

HSELC students perform pre-assessments and post-assessments to show the growth made throughout the year. The 2021-2022 results prove how vital VPK is to a child's school readiness and demonstrate our teachers' dedication to expanding the minds of our young learners.

Beginning of the 2021- 2022 School Year (August 2021)



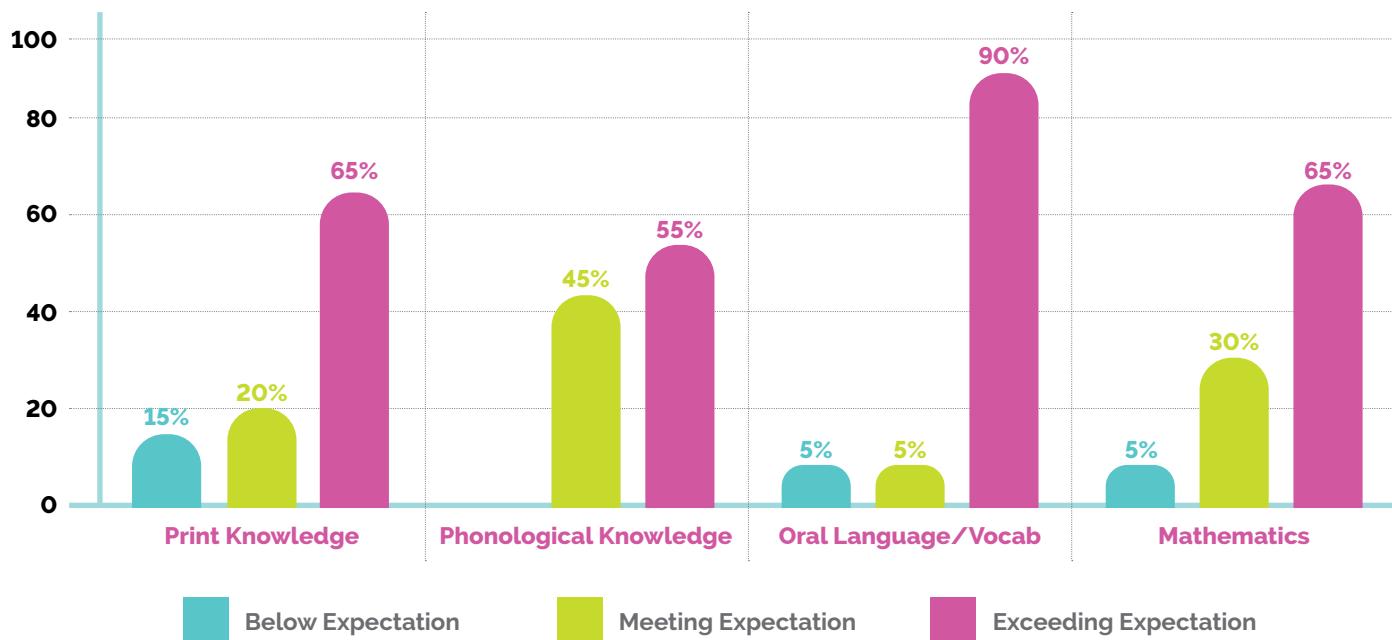
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End of the 2021- 2022 School Year (May 2022)



85% or more of our students met or exceeded expectations in ALL subject areas.

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MRS. LINDA'S STORY

Linda Shockley has been a teacher, leader, mentor, and friend of the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center for over 30 years. Linda has been dedicated to the children and families of the Center since 1991 and continues to provide students with the necessary tools needed to be successful when entering kindergarten.

Linda knew at a young age she wanted to work with children and impact the lives of young learners. She started her career at HSELCC as a floater which allowed her to work with various age groups. Shortly after starting at HSELCC, she began working as a three-year old classroom teacher. Her passion for teaching shined through from the very beginning and still does to this day.

As the VPK Small Group Instructor, Linda is able to work with students individually or in a small group setting. She is able to identify their needs and creates educational plans to improve their areas of focus. The creative strategies Linda provides to students help the child build confidence, while expanding their knowledge in specific skill areas.

Thank you, Mrs. Linda, for your continued service, commitment, and dedication to our young students and their families!



Meet Ashley

How lucky am I to work with the youngest members of our community?
The luckiest.

In 2017, I joined the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center as a Lead Teacher to embark on my career in making a positive impact on young children's lives and establish my identity as an educator.

I always knew I wanted to work with young children, because it never felt like a "job," but rather an opportunity to create and experience magic.

HSELC cultivates an environment based on practices through Conscious Discipline, an evidenced-based classroom management program that focuses on behavior, and social and emotional skills, which also impacted my growth and knowledge as a teacher.

After five years in the classroom, my transition from Lead Teacher to Center Director began after the retirement of Mary King, the HSELC Director of 29 years.

Between our classroom dynamics, teaching philosophy, and school-family culture, HSELC endeavors to create a safe and enriched environment for every young child and their family. A child's brain is 90% developed by age five, and we recognize our responsibility in fostering their skills, through connection and caring relations made amongst the students and their teachers.

Thank you to our donors, community and parents for their constant support and allowing us to do what we do. Together, we are shaping minds for a brighter future!

Ashley Connors
Center Director



Head Start & Early Head Start Programs

The 4-year old VPK classrooms are using **Connect4Learning** curriculum. Using research-based and classroom-tested foundations in literacy, science, social-emotional, and mathematics learning, Connect4Learning weaves together all four domains to ensure that each subject is addressed meaningfully and comprehensively with each child.

Frog Street Threes provides intentional instruction in key areas of development so children ages 36-48 months can effectively continue the path to kindergarten readiness. This curriculum has well-rounded activities developed around early brain development research, addressing all development domains. It includes social and emotional emphasis through Conscious Discipline.

The Frog Street Toddler nurtures curiosity through exploration. It focuses on enhancing the simple joy of childhood while equipping parents to nurture curiosity through exploration. This program is specially created for children ages eighteen to thirty-six months. The activities center around five development domains: differentiated instruction to meet the needs of all learners. It is designed with intention and purpose to move children forward in their development.

HSELC contracted with the Agricultural and Labor Programs, Inc. (ALPI) to provide educational services to Head Start and Early Head Start families. Research has proven how important these formative early years are for children's later successes in school and life. This partnership removes the financial barrier many families face when considering an early childhood education for their children and helps to build the foundations needed to perform academically on their grade level.

Head Start programs support children's growth in a positive learning environment through a variety of services, which include early learning and development, health and family well-being. The child's entire family, as well as the community, is involved to create a quality program and assist the child with school readiness.

A STORY OF

Persistence

& Teamwork



Last year I wrote a story for the Annual Report about a HSELC graduate named Alex Rao. As you may recall, Alex was a pitcher at the University of Notre Dame and his team had advanced to the NCAA Super Regional Baseball Playoffs where they lost to eventual College World Series Champion Mississippi State.

Alex has two wonderful loving and supportive parents that have always encouraged him to follow his passions and work hard to achieve his and team goals. Despite coming up short, the loss served as a motivational moment for him and the team.

This season began with high expectations and started accordingly. Mid-season presented some challenges as they struggled against some very good teams, but they finished strong and made the field of 64 teams playing down to the 8 that would travel to Omaha, Nebraska for the College World Series. Throughout the season Alex improved and gained confidence with each appearance out of the bullpen. By mid-season, he had become the go to guy when the game situations were the most critical. By the end of the season he was one of the best relief pitchers in College Baseball.

When the seedings and locations were announced they were surprised to see that they would have the toughest road if they hoped to fulfill their goal of getting to Omaha. If the Irish were to win their regional in Statesboro, Georgia, they would most likely travel to Knoxville Tennessee to take on the University of Tennessee. They had been the best team in college baseball all season and were a favorite to win the College World Series.

Notre Dame played excellent baseball in Georgia and advanced to Knoxville as expected. Alex pitched well in one of their wins against Texas Tech. The stage was now set for a David versus Goliath matchup. The boys knew it would be tough, but they knew they could draw on their experience at Mississippi state from a year ago.

What unfolded the weekend of June 10th thru 12th in Knoxville was incredible. The Irish completed one of the biggest upsets in college baseball history by beating Tennessee on their home field. Notre Dame won game one of the three game series with Alex pitching 3 2/3 innings to earn the win. Tennessee won game two setting up a thrilling and decisive game three. In game three the Irish trailed for the first six innings. Alex pitched effectively enough to keep the nation's best offense in check, with Tennessee leading 3-1 entering the seventh inning. The seventh inning saw Notre Dame score three

runs on two epic home runs and they never looked back. The celebration was euphoric, and it was off to Omaha.

Unfortunately, Notre Dame did not win the College World Series. However, the experience of making it to Omaha will always be something extra special to all the players, coaches, and parents of the 2022 Notre Dame Baseball Team.

I was fortunate to travel with Alex's parents to watch their wins in Georgia and in Knoxville, where I had my son by my side. Alex has been a role model for him. He admires Alex's talent but also marvels at his hard work and dedication to both his education and athletic endeavors.

Alex's persistence and the dedication of his teammates helped them achieve their goal of making it to Omaha. But the story wasn't over. Fast forward to July 18th, Day 2 of the Major League Baseball Draft. Alex was chosen in the 8th round by the Philadelphia Phillies. It was a very proud day for his mother and father and the realization of a dream that was accompanied by much sacrifice and hard work.

We celebrate Alex's accomplishments and those of all of the children that have received the strong foundations provided by the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center. While Alex's are easily highlighted, every day our graduates are achieving goals and accomplishments that are just as important.

Rob Kloska
Board Chair





2022

Chili Cook Off

The 5th Annual Chili Cook Off took place on January 15, 2022. Chili chefs from Hobe Sound and surrounding areas showed up to compete for trophies and bragging rights! This was a CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International) sanctioned event so the stakes were high for many of our contenders. Chefs not only brought the heat with their chili skills but also spiced up their booths with their decorating skills. Each booth had a different theme based on their team name. Hobe Sound's very own Jupiter Narrows Band provided live music and a Kids' Zone was open with fun activities for children of all ages. This year's event was the most successful in the Center's history and we can't wait for next year!

Thank you to our event sponsors.



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Poinsettia Sales

Year after year, the Center sells beautiful poinsettias as part of our holiday fundraising efforts. Businesses, organizations, and families in the community support the Center by purchasing poinsettias for the holiday season. The staff competed to see which classroom could sell the most poinsettias for a chance to win a classroom celebration. All proceeds raised benefitted our classrooms and teachers.



Penny Wars

1,2,3,4, we declared a penny war! This week long FUNdraiser benefitted our classroom teachers. The funds collected were used to purchase materials and supplies needed to provide our students with the educational and developmental tools needed to be successful in school and their future. Students and parents enjoyed this friendly competition between classes. Congratulations to Miss Jennifer and Miss Heather's class on their victory this year!



Step Stool Auction

Teachers and students showed off their creativity through designing step stools donated by Sands Construction of Hobe Sound. Parents, friends, and families had the opportunity to bid on their favorite step stool through a silent auction with all funds raised going directly to our classrooms and teachers for educational programming and supplies.

Programs

ArtReach

The center's art program under the guidance and leadership of the Lighthouse Gallery, in Tequesta, engages children's imagination in the world of art. The ArtReach program offers children weekly interactive art instruction and materials to inspire their creative spirit. **This program is generously sponsored by the Hobe Sound Community Chest!**

Music Together® Class

This in-school curriculum raises the overall quality of a child's education by touching crucial factors all at once: school readiness, family engagement, parent-child relationships, and teacher professional development. When Music Together is a part of the school day, music is not just fun – it is a powerful learning tool, too! **This program is generously sponsored by the Hobe Sound Community Chest!**

Small Group Instruction

Our certified educator works directly with VPK students in small groups based on their skill levels to provide extra learning opportunities. Small group instruction has been a key factor in our success with students who are struggling with School Readiness Skills.

Parent Empowerment Workshops

These classes are "life changing" and help parents deepen their connection to their children and foster self-love, responsibility, resiliency and self-esteem. They provide young parents the tools they need to create a safe, peaceful & supportive environment in their home. We are enthusiastic about making these workshops available to all parents.

Technology

Classrooms were provided with tablets to help guide children through learning technology skills sets & utilize interactive programming to be prepared for kindergarten.

Bi-Lingual Program

Bi-lingual educators and staff open the lines of communication and prepare students to be fully engaged, informed, and aids in their achieving a level of inclusiveness that enhances their lives.

Healthy Meals and Healthy Minds

Every day, we provide a healthy breakfast, a warm & nutritious lunch and wholesome snacks to all children attending our Center. All meals are prepared in our school kitchen by our culinary staff and meet the daily nutritional recommendations for children one-five years of age. Last year we served 57,926 free meals to our students.





Conscious Discipline IN ACTION

Conscious Discipline is a comprehensive classroom management program & social-emotional curriculum. It is based on current brain research, child development information & developmentally appropriate practices. Conscious Discipline foundation is built on the premise of developing discipline within children rather than applying discipline to them.

Conscious Discipline teaches our staff on how to redirect their approach or response to conflict, and encourages the child to problem solve. This transformational program contrasts to the traditional discipline model because it welcomes conflict, models composure and teaches skills for self-regulation.

Each classroom is designed to promote safety, connection, and learning through various strategies, tools, and settings. Safe Space is our centerpiece in accomplishing this and is an intentional area in which children are guided in shifting their inner state from upset to composed to optimize learning and problem-solving. This is achieved through active calming activities that are developmentally appropriate such as breathwork, movement, and sensory play. These techniques assist in self-reflection so that children can identify their emotions and practice healthy coping mechanisms. Initially, we as adults are the safe space for infants and toddlers but as our children grow, they learn through modeling to self-regulate. The goal is to develop a child's social-emotional skills to equip them with the tools necessary to thrive and learn. With this in mind, Conscious Discipline is at the root of daily interactions with our children.

As a school defined by Conscious Discipline standards, we strive to pass on the knowledge in the form of practical strategies parents can utilize at home, creating a cohesive partnership between the school setting and the home environment. This curriculum can help parents battling power struggles, defiance, physical aggression, and bullying. Through meetings, home visits, and instructional guidance parents can increase their ability to manage their own emotions, first, to better manage their child's challenging behaviors and shift the family environment.

"This summer, I was granted the opportunity to attend a 7-day Conscious Discipline training that has been a defining experience for both my professional and personal growth. This training has given me the chance to further dive into the principles of Conscious Discipline and truly gain an understanding of how to assist in building resilient classrooms through safety, connection, and problem-solving, the pillars of Conscious Discipline."

- ROXETTE OJEDA,
HSELC SOCIAL WORKER

Impact



The Center dedicated **2** classrooms to Head Start and Early Head Start. This program provided academic enrichment for **24** underserved families.

157

The Hobe Sound Early Learning Center enrolled **157** students

64%

Approximately **64%** of our students receive tuition assistance.

57,926 FREE HEALTHY, WARM, & NUTRITIOUS MEALS SERVED

17,845 breakfast | 20,521 lunches | 19,560 snacks

100% OF OUR TEACHERS HOLD ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

BA Degree, AS Degree, or Florida Child Care Professional Certificate

The Center provided transportation for **42** Hobe Sound Elementary School students and **7** HSELC children and their families.

The Hobe Sound Community Chest generously donated a passenger van to guarantee every child has the opportunity to attend school each day.



PARENT Testimonials



Our son Maverick started at the center shortly after his first birthday, and from day one it has been an incredible experience. Maverick has Hemophilia, a bleeding disorder, so we were looking for a school that would make us feel at ease not only with his care and education, but also when it came to potential injuries. His teachers and the staff took the time to educate themselves on his condition, and were great at communicating every little scrape and bump (a tedious task indeed with a toddler!). All of Maverick's teachers have felt like family, and he loves going to school! Anytime he needed a little extra support - from learning to speak to potty training - the team at HSELC has equipped us with the tools we need to work together and help him reach his milestones. We've been able to use the positive parenting tips they've provided us with to navigate behavioral challenges at home, and it puts my mind and heart at ease knowing he's in the best hands while we're at work.

- KIM NASH

Our family has been a part of Hobe Sound Early Learning Center since 2018. Our son started off in the one-year-old classroom and is now off to kindergarten. We knew he was ready and prepared because of the positive experience he had at the Center. Other than being academically ready, he has learned, kindness, self-esteem, coping and social skills, acceptance and independence. He truly enjoyed going to school every day and would run to his classroom to greet his teachers and friends with hugs. It was such a great feeling to know that you are at a place where your child enjoys going to and feels loved. The teachers and staff work hard to provide fun experiences for the kids and the families, from holiday celebrations, water day, costume parades, theme weeks, and other family events. Our family has truly enjoyed these last four years and are so grateful for all the wonderful friendships that we have made. We now look forward to the next 4 years with our youngest starting at the center. We know he is in great hands and couldn't ask for a better school family.

-ELIZABETH AND HERNAN MONTILLA



Parading

THROUGH THE PLAYGROUND



HALLOWEEN PARADE

The annual Halloween parade at the Center was back this year and it was spooktacular. Due to COVID-19, many events were canceled so the staff and students were thrilled to open our doors to families to enjoy this spirited event! We saw goblins, princesses, superheroes, and many more fun and festive costumes. We can't wait to see what our students and staff come up with this year!



EASTER BONNET PARADE & CONTEST

Teachers and students created colorful individual, unique bonnets for our Easter Bonnet Parade & Contest. There were prizes awarded for a variety of categories including Most Unique, Best Teacher, Best Easter Theme, and Most Humorous. Our students and teachers enjoyed showing off their creativity as the crowds of family and friends cheered them on while parading around the playground.

Thank you to our judges Lainey Muenich, CEO of the Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce, Jen Doira, Owner of Hobe Sound Social & Coffee, Eric Garza, CEO of Tykes & Teens, Mia Milton, with Sweet Thang Cookies and Peter Gorman with Peter Gorman Photography. We appreciate your time and support of the Center!

Mary King

AWARD of EXCELLENCE



This Fund was established in 2021 in honor of Mary King, the long-serving Center Director of the Hobe Sound Early Learning Center in Hobe Sound, Florida. Mary retired after serving students and families for 29 years.

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This fund shall provide an annual monetary award to one Hobe Sound Early Learning Center teacher or staff member each academic year. To qualify for consideration, teachers or staff must:

- Exhibit and model excellence as Mary King would expect;
- Have served as a faculty or staff member of HSELCC for at least two full academic years
- Display exemplary collaboration with fellow school family members
- Extend their teaching and learning experience and/or expertise to other faculty and staff members and the larger HSELCC community
- Contributes to the overall environment of HSELCC by demonstrating a consistent model work ethic, are proactive about improving their teaching or area of expertise, and readily contribute new ideas.
- Demonstrate open-mindedness, initiative, and are willing to expand on current HSELCC practices

We look forward to awarding one of our dedicated and hardworking staff members with the very first Mary King Award of Excellence during the 2022-2023 school year.

WAYS TO Get Involved

Annual Gifts: Including HSELC in your annual charitable contributions ensures there will always be resources to continue our stellar programming.

AmazonSmile: Choose the HSELC as the organization to support and Amazon will donate .5% of purchases back to the Center.

Monthly Giving: You can impact more children and help HSELC receive a consistent source of revenue year-round.

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Events: Sponsor or purchase tickets to a Center event.

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