

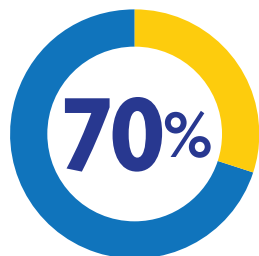
Nemours Children's Health System

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SHELTER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



of parents in shelters
with children ages 0-5
discussed early
childhood programs
with shelter staff

CHILDREN IN SHELTER

ENROLLED IN AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

52%

of children
in shelter



49%

ages 0-3



63%

ages 3-5



IN A HIGH QUALITY PROGRAM

15%

ages 0-3



28%

ages 3-5



8 KEY ACTIVITIES

Child Care &
Pre-K Discussions

Staff Meet
and Greets

Child Care
Enrollment Drives

Shelter Self
Assessments

Stakeholder
Convenings

Staff
Trainings

Family
Advocacy

Annual
Summit

PRIMARY GOALS SUPPORTING EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTING RESILIENCE



IMPROVE
how shelters
support early
development



**BUILD
CONNECTIONS**
between shelters
and early childhood
programs



HELP
families in shelter
to participate
in early childhood
programs

RECOMMENDATIONS

SHELTERS
and **Early
Childhood**
**Programs NEED
CONTINUED
SUPPORT** to **SERVE**
young children who
are **homeless**

**DATA
SYSTEMS**
should
include **enrollment
information for all
children** attending
early childhood
programs

Focus on
infants
and toddlers:
YOUNGER CHILDREN
are **LESS LIKELY** to
participate in a **child
care program** and,
when they do, it is
LESS LIKELY to be
high quality

**Policy decision
makers need to
ENCOURAGE
MORE** high-quality
early childhood
programs and
pathways for
families in shelter
to participate

AREAS TO EXPLORE

1 Families entering
Philadelphia shelters
today may be **MORE**
vulnerable than
families in the past

2 Shelter staff work in
contexts of **high**
employee turnover,
dwindling resources,
leadership changes,
and **shifts in the**
population

3 Nobody knows
how many families
with young children
live doubled-up
without stable
housing of their own
in Philadelphia

4 **620 preschoolers (6%)**
are **homeless** and
attending Head Start
at the School District
of Philadelphia, a
higher rate than the
national average