

Early Childhood Services

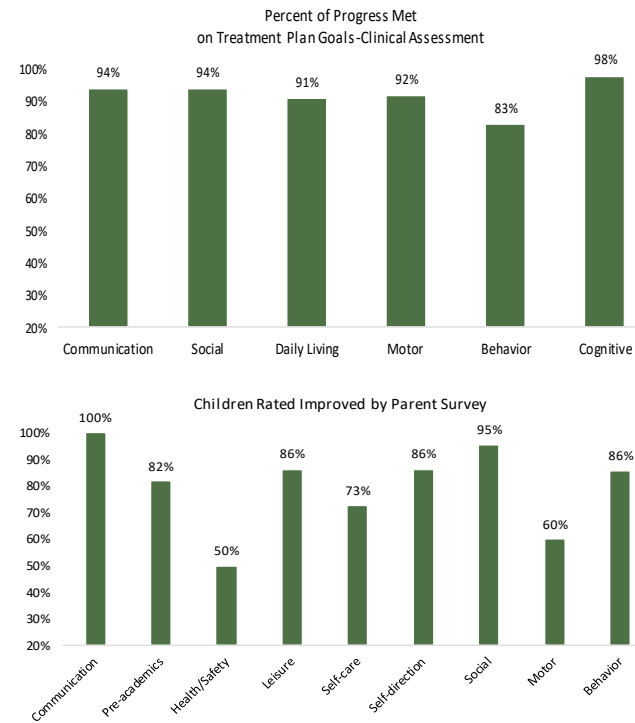
Early Childhood Services provides home-based and preschool services to children ages 18 months to 6 years of age with autism, intellectual disabilities and/or mental health needs. The curriculum is based on principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and includes instruction on daily living skills, communication, social/leisure skills and pre-academic development and reduction of difficult behaviors. The preschools are located in Waterville, Westbrook and Topsham. Home-based services are currently being provided in Southern Maine.

Program Census

Census as of June 2017: 157

Program & Clinical Outcomes

Classroom Placement			
Preschool	Self-Contained	Inclusion	Home-Based
Waterville	20	0	0
Topsham	35	0	0
Westbrook	77	16	9
Total	132	16	9
Percentage	84%	10%	6%



Early Childhood Services continue to be in high demand in Southern and Central Maine. The majority of children are served in self-contained classrooms. As children make progress children are given the opportunity to practice skills in less restrictive environments. When possible, children are placed in an inclusion classroom with typically developing peers. This has been beneficial for those children who will be transitioning to kindergarten.

All of the preschools expanded this year. The Oakland Preschool moved into a brand new preschool in Waterville. The Topsham Preschool expanded from three classrooms to four, and the Westbrook Preschool absorbed a significant number of children who had been attending the Easter Seals preschool in Portland which closed.

Children exceeded clinical benchmarks in all skill areas. The programs each have behavior analysts assigned to them who work with other professional staff to design appropriate treatment plans using an ABA approach. Each child has well-defined and individualized goals targeting areas for growth or improvement.

Program Demographics

Preschool	Census	Gender		Age				
		Male	Female	2	3	4	5	6+
Waterville	20	18	2	0	1	5	11	3
Topsham	35	33	2	0	1	11	17	6
Westbrook	102	82	20	1	11	32	27	31
Total	157	133	24	1	13	48	55	40

Preschool	Diagnosis				
	Autism	Mental Health	Intellectual Disability	Developmental Delay	Dual Diagnosis
Waterville	15	1	1	0	3
Topsham	23	4	0	7	3
Westbrook	30	7	32	32	6
Total	58	21	33	49	10

Program Satisfaction

Comments from Families

“My overall experience about my child’s program has been amazing. We have seen much improvement with social behavior and speech. The speech therapy offered during school is great and being able to interact with other kids and teachers.”

“I love the staff and the entire program. I am thankful for all you guys do. I am amazed how much my child has grown.”

“We love Woodfords!! If it wasn’t for Woodfords preschool, our son would not be where he is today. The early intervention has been incredible”

“Woodfords changed our lives in a very positive way.”

Parent Satisfaction Survey Responses

Survey Question	Agree	Neutral
Satisfaction with child’s services	100%	0%
Would refer others to program	100%	0%
My child gets the support he/she needs	100%	0%
Satisfaction with teacher and preschool communication	95%	5%
Treatment goals are appropriate	100%	0%
Have a better understanding of child’s unique needs	100%	0%
Child is doing better in social activities as a result of services	95%	5%