# Youth and Family Services Family Resource Center and Early Childhood Council

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The East Haddam Early Childhood Council is a group of professionals, community members, and parents committed to making sure that all of East Haddam's children are healthy and successful.The East Haddam Early Childhood Council provides opportunities for engagement and education through the East Haddam Family Resource Center. The East Haddam Early Childhood Council and Family Resource Center is dedicated to connecting parents and other caregivers with appropriate resources to ensure that all children within our community from birth to age five are provided opportunities that will enhance school readiness. We continued to focus on making sure that all East Haddam children are healthy and successful, and support a nurturing family and support system.

## Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Accomplishments

The East Haddam Early Childhood Council achieved its goal of supporting families by providing opportunities for engagement and education through the East Haddam Family Resource Center. We are proud to note that all of the families who responded to our surveys were satisfied with our programs and felt that they had benefited from participation in them. The council was also able to meet the goal of providing an enhanced kindergarten readiness program. All of the parents who responded to this program's survey rated the program as highly beneficial to their child's school readiness. The East Haddam Family Resource Center also facilitated several support groups and disseminated information about child development and local services. Technology, creativity and the support of the local community helped us to continue to facilitate quality programming. We are proud of the work we did this year to serve the children and families of East Haddam.

## Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Major Service Level Goals

- Continue to provide family support groups and opportunities that consider a healthy and safe environment.
- Continue to provide Kindergarten readiness programming for four year olds and their caregivers at no cost.
- Provide preschool assistance to eligible families.
- Seek ways to increase parent and caregiver involvement in ECC programs.
- Continue to develop relationships with service providers to support the mission of the ECC programs.
- Continue to seek additional funding mechanisms to expand services to children, families, and caregivers within East Haddam.

## Additional Budget Information

Since 2020 the East Haddam Early Childhood Council and Family Resource Center has seen a significant reduction in funding from the Middlesex United Way. We have had to shorten the length and duration of some of our early learning groups due to the loss of this financial support. We have also developed new programs that do not use any disposable materials in an effort to absorb some of the impact of the lost funds from the Middlesex United Way and to service more families on our waiting lists. At this time, all of our in-person groups are at capacity. The Kindergarten Readiness program is also full.

## Expenditures by Expense Type

| Name | Account ID | FY2024 Actual | FY2025 Budgeted | FY2026 Budgeted | FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change) | FY2026 Budgeted (% Change) |
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| **Expense Objects** | | | | | | |
| **Miscellaneous** | | | | | | |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL | 10544025-58820 | $0 | $9,000 | $9,000 | $0 | 0% |
| **Total Miscellaneous:** | | **$0** | **$9,000** | **$9,000** | **$0** | **0%** |
| **Total Expense Objects:** | | **$0** | **$9,000** | **$9,000** | **$0** | **0%** |