



PANDEMIC RECOVERY OFFICE

Child Care Quality Improvements Final Report

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Project Identification Number: 10055

Pandemic Recovery Office Approval Date: February 17, 2023

Project Completion Date: June 29, 2026

Funded Amount: \$1,145,639

Expended Amount: \$1,145,639

Project Expenditure Category: 6.1 Revenue Replacement: Provision of Government Services

Project Overview: The Rhode Island Association for Education of Young Children (RIAEYC) used this project to improve the environmental rating scale (ERS) scores for child care providers. In addition to improved environments for children, increased ERS scores result in higher reimbursement rates for participating programs.

The project added three contracted positions at RIAEYC who enrolled participants into LearnERS, which is a series of modules and professional development activities for educators. Using the LearnERS model and a similar model developed by BrightStars for school-age programs, participants joined cohorts who identified the same areas of improvement through a pre-assessment.

Additionally, the project financed additional licenses for LearnERS software, stipends to enrolled child care staff to incentivize participation, materials for early learning educators to meet ERS evaluations, travel costs for the navigators, and consultants to administer ERS assessments.

This project worked in concert with the State Fiscal Recovery Fund-financed child care investments, such as tailored technical assistance for early learning programs and workforce development initiatives, to maximize the targeted technical assistance and financial support to providers.

Financial Overview: All program payments can be found on the [Pandemic Recovery Office's website](#) by filtering the "Project" box for "Child Care Quality Improvements." The table below shows planned expenditures by fiscal quarter and actual expenditures by fiscal quarter:

Fiscal Year Quarter	Planned Expenditures	Actual Expenditures
FY 2023 Q3	\$12,434	-
FY 2023 Q4	\$73,441	\$44,210
FY 2024 Q1	\$130,615	\$74,020
FY 2024 Q2	\$147,386	\$112,665
FY 2024 Q3	\$150,662	\$150,272
FY 2024 Q4	\$157,664	\$117,410
FY 2025 Q1	\$109,258	\$122,596
FY 2025 Q2	\$89,565	\$54,215
FY 2025 Q3	\$186,002	\$159,950
FY 2025 Q4	\$88,613	\$195,929
FY 2026 Q1	-	\$555
FY 2026 Q2	-	\$102,307
FY 2026 Q3	-	\$12,122
FY 2026 Q4	-	\$(611)
Total	\$1,145,639	\$1,145,639
<i>Notes:</i> A single audit fee applies to all State Fiscal Recovery Fund projects and accounts for \$344 of the \$1,145,639 in actual expenditures in the above table. The negative amount in actual expenditures in FY 2026 Q4 is a result of an audit fee reconciliation.		

Key Performance Indicators: The following are the key performance indicators based on quarterly goals and monthly data collections.

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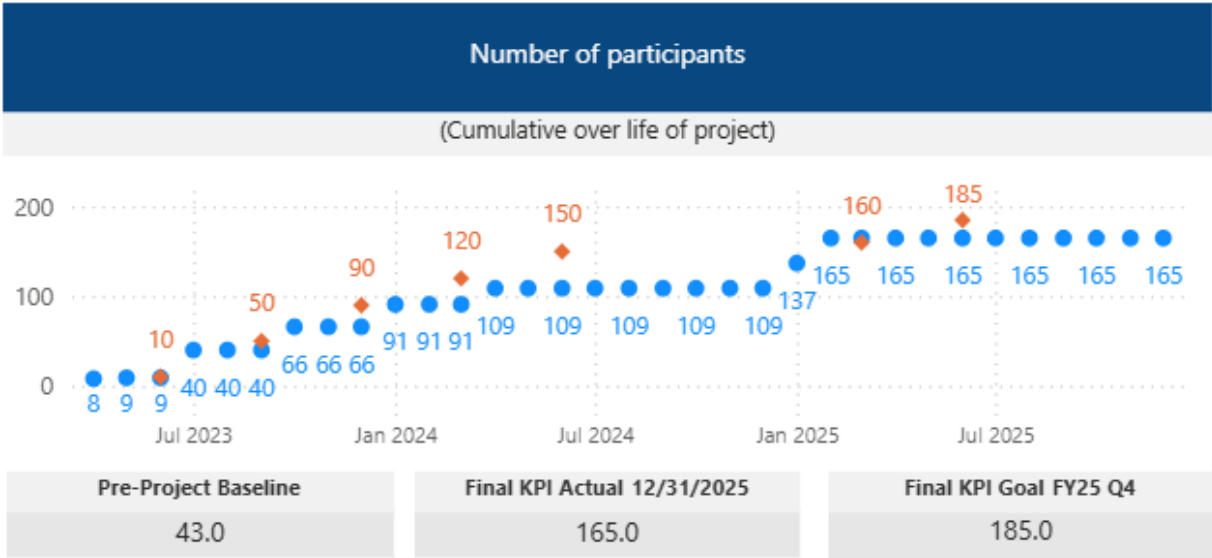
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Actual KPI Value Reported

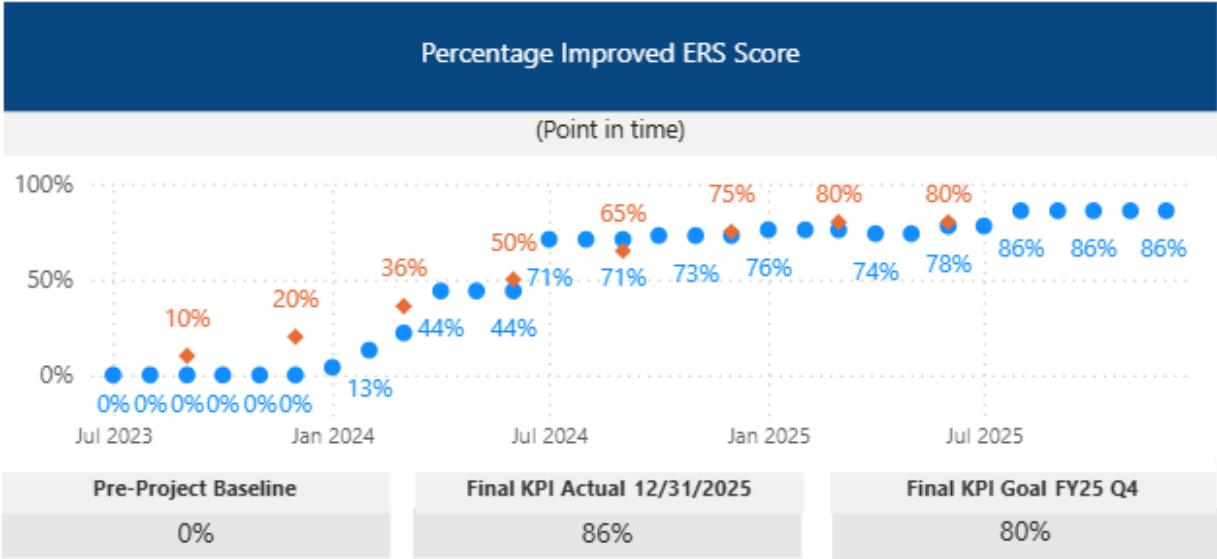
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Quarterly Goals

1. Number of participants



2. Percentage improved ERS score



Auxiliary Information: The map below shows the distribution of LearnERS participants based on their residence.

