



SANTA MARIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES
Helping Families Help Themselves Since 1897

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Our Mission

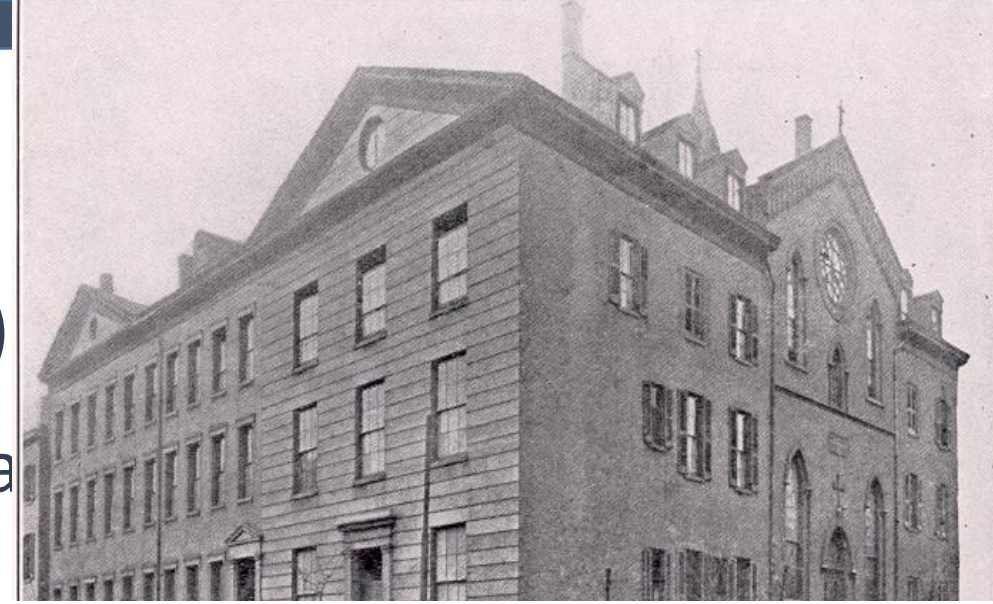
Santa Maria is a catalyst and advocate for Greater Price Hill families to attain their educational, financial and health goals.

Our Vision

Our vision is for Greater Price Hill to be a vibrant, thriving and self-sustaining community.

Our History

- Santa Maria Italian Educational and Industrial Home (aka Santa Maria Institute)
- Founded in **1897** by Sisters of Charity Blandina and Justina Segale, themselves Italian immigrants to address the urgent needs of Italian immigrants in Cincinnati's Basin and urban core
 - Housing
 - Education
 - Language Training
 - Employment and
 - Family Stability



1st home – 3rd & Lytle Sts.



Bambino Day Nursery

Our History (Continued)

1916 – Became a member of the Council of Social Agencies (predecessor of United Way)

1941 – Emphasis changes to those who migrated from Kentucky & Tennessee

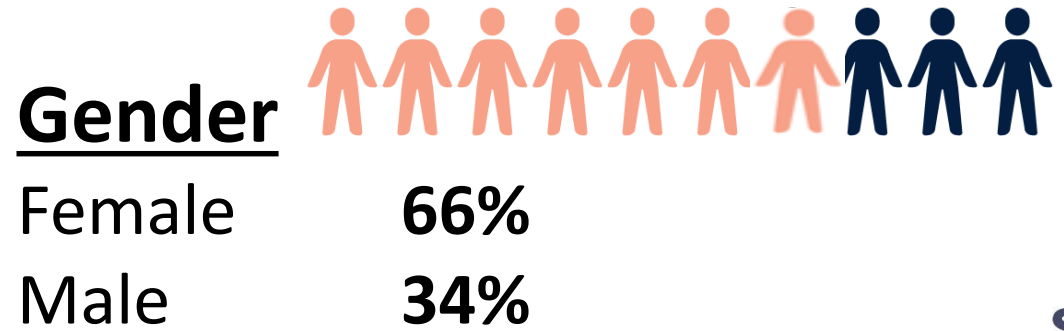
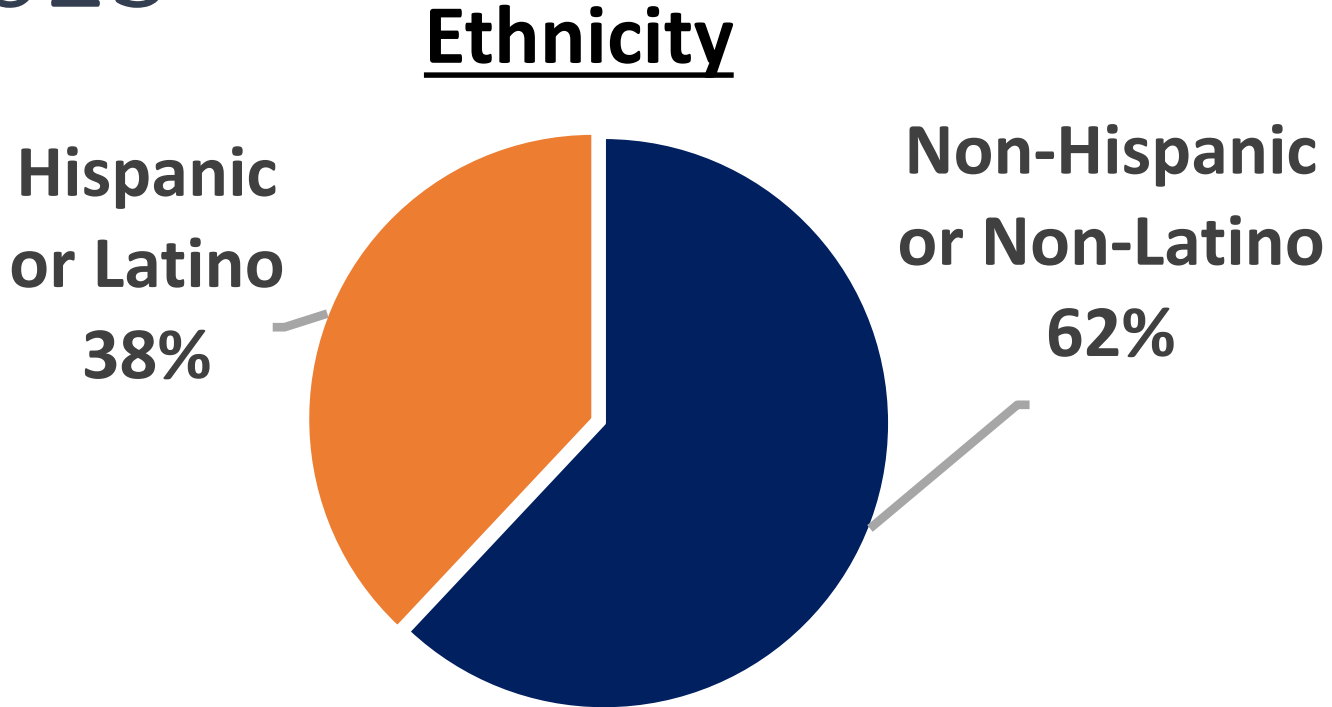
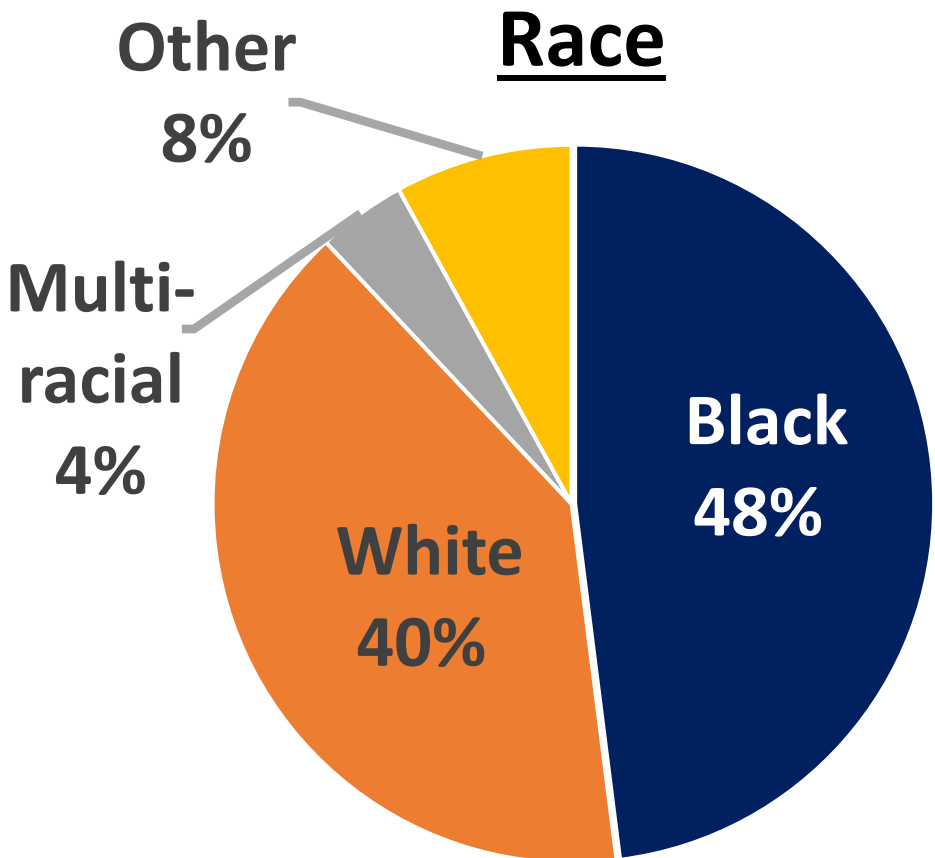
1966 – Moved to Price Hill, supporting those living below the poverty line

1972 - Became an independent, not-for-profit agency



Now serving families in the areas of health, education, and financial stability to help them out of poverty and onto the path to self-sufficiency

Individuals Served in 2023



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Strongest predictors of 3rd grade proficiency when entering kindergarten:

- Healthy, well rested, and well fed
- Family of higher socio-economic status
- English proficiency
- Regular school attendance

The gap widens by 3rd grade.

Promoting Our Preschoolers works to bridge this gap.

Promoting Our Preschoolers...

Family-centered kindergarten-readiness program for children 3-5 years old and their families



- Focus on child development, kindergarten readiness, mental health, and family stability
- Educational Materials
- This is a visitation program (we meet in the home, library, community centers, schools...)
- Parent Groups
- Literacy and Language Groups
- Family assistance
- Mental Health referrals
- Advocacy
- Partnerships

Promoting Our Preschoolers...

Literacy & Language Groups

- Storytime
- Literacy Activities
- Speech & Language activities and education
- Speech & Language screenings
- Parent Education

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Preschool children are prepared for kindergarten.
2. Parents of preschoolers support their child's development with strategies to increase their child's developmental, cognitive, behavioral and language skills.

Over 1000 preschoolers and their families have participated in the Promoting Our Preschoolers program since its inception in 2006.

Promoting Our Preschoolers...

IMPACT

4 Year Longitudinal Study completed in 2018

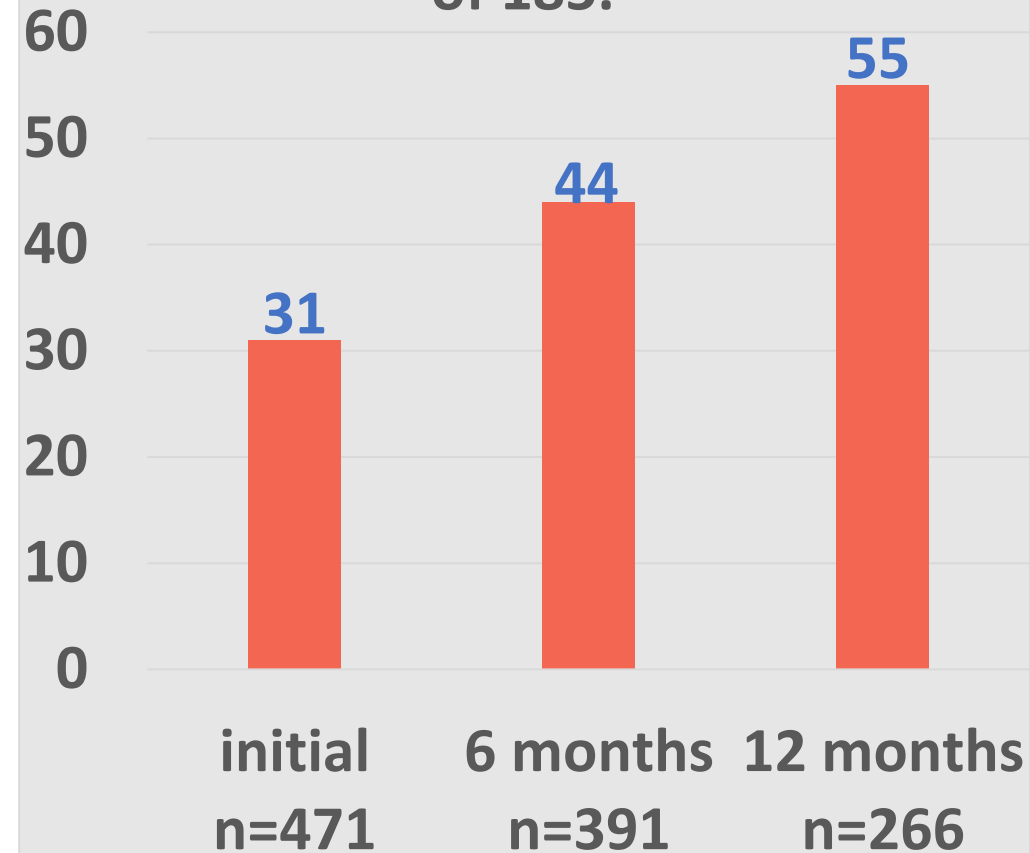
ASSESSMENT TOOLS - every 6 months

- Motor, concepts, language & social development
- Parent engagement

RESULTS:

- Most substantial within 1st year.
- 18-months - 58 percentile point improvement
- 1st year: increase in parental engagement
- First year critical to address environmental and social challenges

Promoting Our Preschoolers average percentile ranking on the DIAL over a four year period of time with the average enrollment per year of 185.

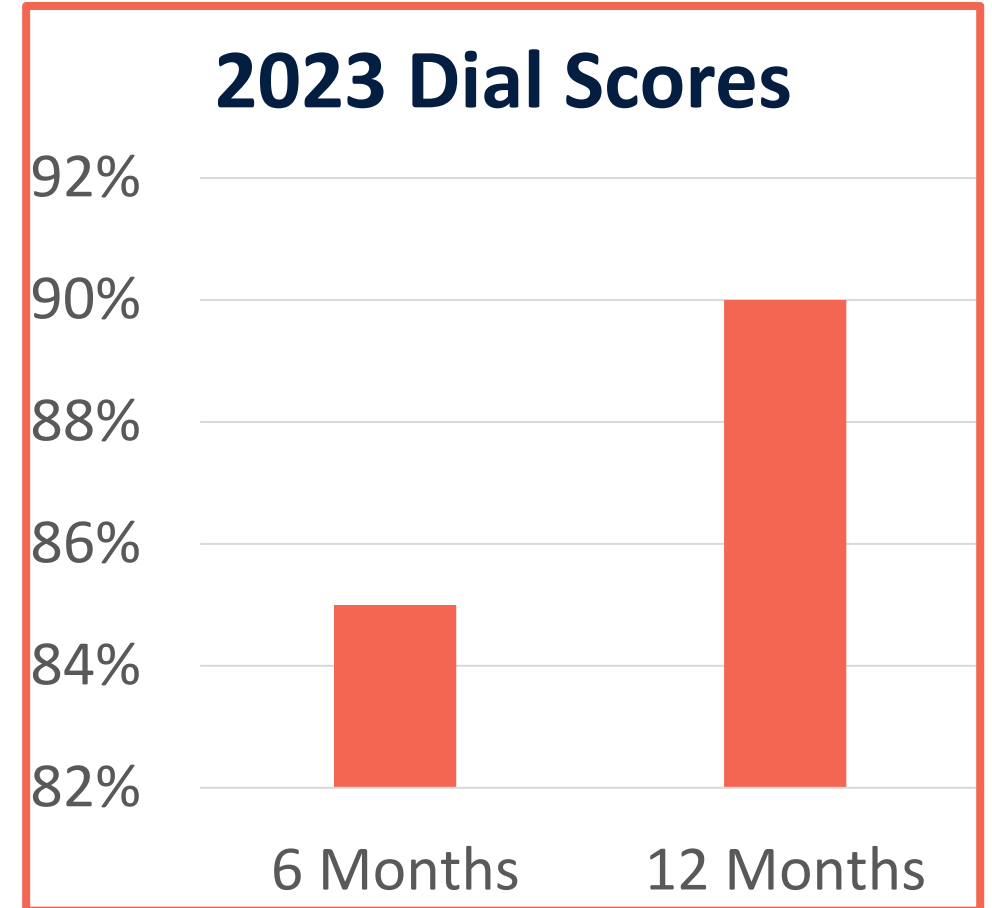


Promoting Our Preschoolers...

Recent Results

In 2023, **85%** of children enrolled in the POP program for 6 months increased their scores by **10** percentile points.

After 12 months **90%** of children increased their scores by **10** percentile points.



CHALLENGE:

- 90 families/children being served now.
- **BUT...There is a long waiting list** for the next “POP” class
- More home visitors are needed





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Thank You!

We are grateful for your time to learn more about Santa Maria Community Services' Early Childhood Development Services.

Strengthening Promoting Our Preschoolers will allow us to serve more families and provide the next generation a solid foundation for a better life.

For More Information

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