

2021 - 2022





WHO WE ARE

Starting Point Learning Center's mission is to uphold a safe, clean and healthy environment that is a home-away-from-home for the families we serve. Where children learn through play as their interest leads the teaching methods of the parent and teacher partnership.



WHAT WE DO

Our mission is to employ compassionate and professional staff that is well trained and knowledgeable. Where colleagues encourage and support each other in following the code of ethics; quality performance is recognized, acknowledged and compensated for.

Starting Point Learning Center's endeavor is to be positively recognized in the community and held accountable as leaders in child advocacy. Building new relationships within the community as existing ones are nurtured and maintained. Our every effort is to better serve the needs of the community, predominantly its youngest members.

OUR PROGRAMS

Our program's objective is to be a source of information and a support system. Respecting and welcoming diversity with the mission of understanding each family's culture. A promoter of best practices for learning in all areas of development. Utilizing nationally recognized screenings, curriculum and assessment tools to assist in meeting educational goals of each child.





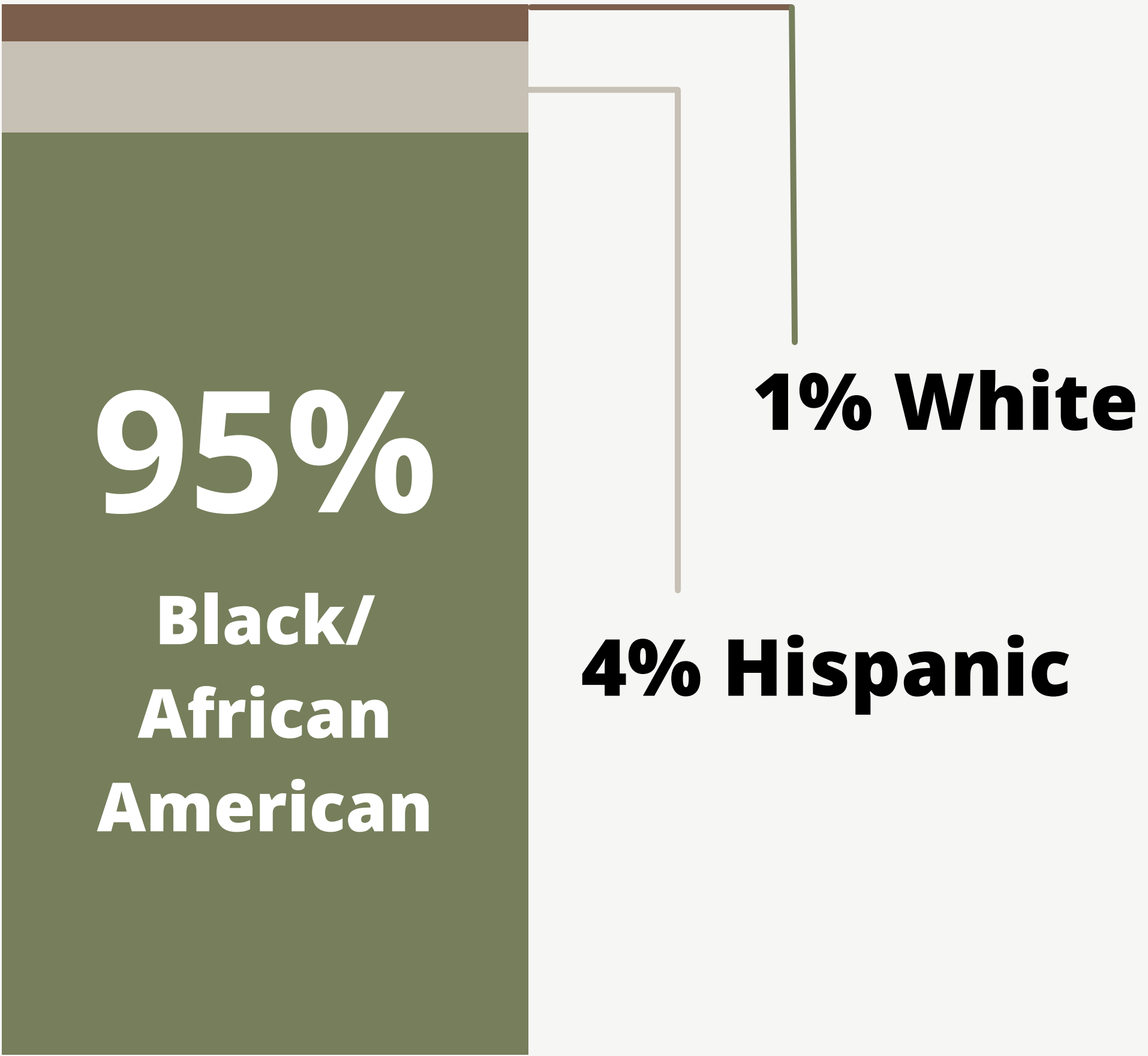
**Our students
live across...**



Columbus, Ohio ZIP codes.

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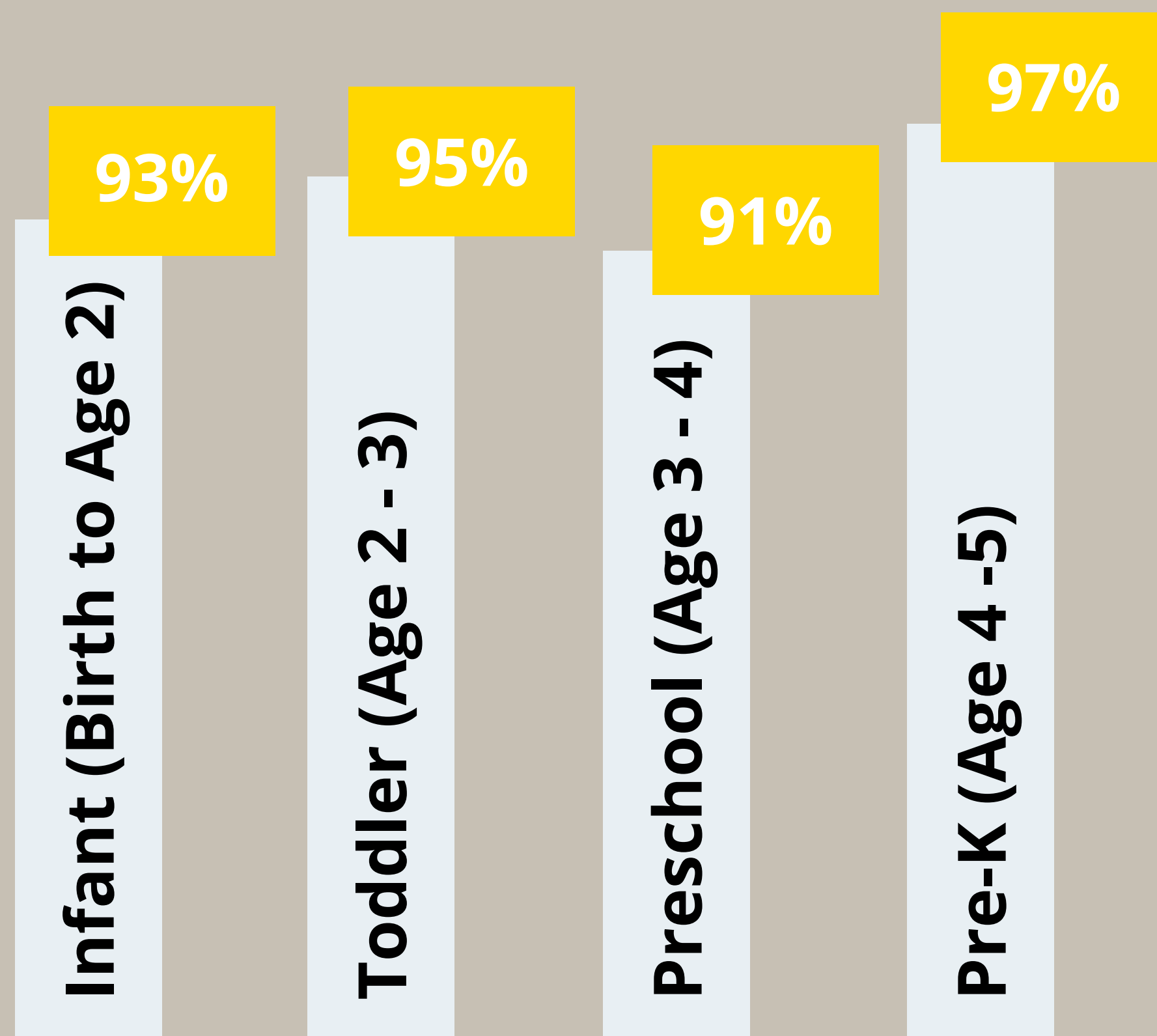
**of students are from low to
moderate income families and
receive financial assistance.**



OUR IMPACT

Teaching Strategies **GOLD**

percentage of students meeting or exceeding developmental milestones across areas of language, literacy, gross motor skills, cognition and math:



Community Engagement & Advocacy

Starting Point lead collaborative efforts in distributing more than 160,000 pounds of food, provided COVID-19 testing and Personal Protection Equipment.

Other efforts included hosting free Kindergarten Readiness family education and mentorship programs for Columbus, Ohio Child Care leaders.

Starting Point served over 14,000 cooked healthy meals to children and families simultaneously offering cooking and urban gardening classes to the entire community.



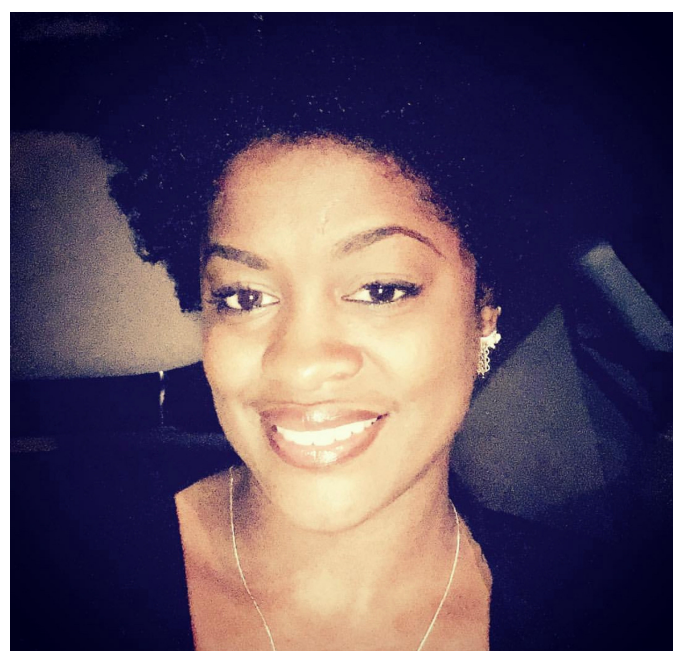
To our Starting Point Family & Friends,

This past year has been a time in history that will never be forgotten. All of us have experienced the devastating effects of the COVID-19, some of us more than others. The notion that Early Childhood Education is “essential” to communities was confirmed. However, the challenges schools face were highlighted during this trying time. The inequities, lack of support and shortage of educators in the field are vital for our community to address without delay.

It has been said that a community’s youth is a reflection of a community’s truth for the future. We must remember that the love, energy and resources we invest in the early years of children’s lives, reveals our return on investment in the years to come. May we never take for granted that the future of our community depends on how and what we dedicate to the youth of today!

We are truly grateful to be able to reflect on the love, energy and resources poured into the children of Starting Point in the past year. Our families, educators, friends and community partners all supported to provide the early education program that our children and families deserve despite the pandemic. Our school succeeds by being connected to individuals, caregivers, agencies and community partners that believe in doing what is right for young children with joy. We look forward to carrying out our mission of building new relationships within the community as existing ones are nurtured and maintained.

With love and gratitude,



Center Manager

Melissa Johnson





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