



IDHS DEC – ELC Update

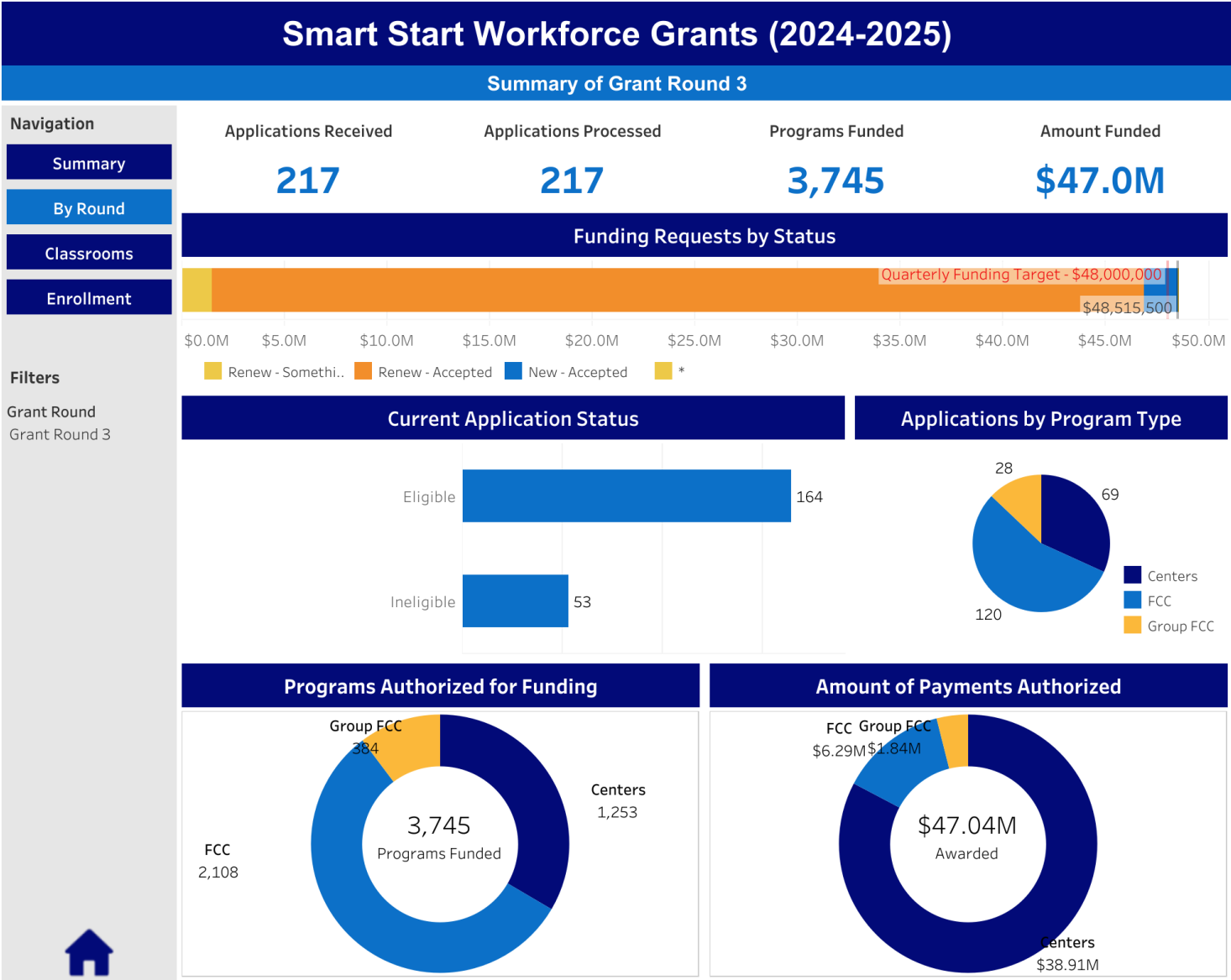
April 2025

Round 3 Dashboard

- 217 New Applications Received
- 3,745 Programs Funded
- \$47 Million Awarded

Program Impact

- 15,000 Child Care Professionals
- 106,500 Children





Smart Start Quality Support Workgroup

IDHS is launching a **Family Child Care Co-Design Workgroup** to plan for a quality support pilot for home-based providers.

The workgroup will –

- **Explore** the goals of the program design
- **Develop** a pilot program to test for FCC providers.
- **Advance program** recommendations

IDHS HV SFY2026 - Notice of Funding Opportunity

The 2026 Illinois Home Visiting Notice of Funding Opportunity is now available. Key details include –

- Date posted – April 14
- Technical Assistance session - April 29
- Date closing – May 16
- Total funding - Approximately \$18,234,397

*NOFO Information Available on the IDHS Website - [IDHS-Home Visiting \(26-444-84-2889-01\)](#)



SFY26 Early Intervention Provider Rate Increase

For SFY26, an additional \$10 million will be leveraged support Early Intervention. Pending approval, these additional funds are slated to help address -

- Service delays
- Identified services where modeled rates fall below 50% of service delivery costs.

Service	% Increase
Service Coordinator	5%
Audiology	5%
Aural Rehab	5%
DT	8%
OT	5%
PT	8%
Speech Therapy	5%
Vision	8%



Thank you



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