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Community-Based Applications

Ready to Learn Total Applicant Agencies	
Total Number of Agencies Applied	166
Total Number of New Agencies	39 (23.5%)
Total Number of Agencies that Applied for Both PFA and PI	101 (60.8%)
Preschool For All (PFA) Applications	
Total Number of Agency Applications for PFA	148
Total Number of Children Requested to be Served (PFA)	13471
Prevention Initiatives (PI) Applications	
Total Number of Agency Applications for PI	118
Total Number of Children Requested to be Served (PI)	9227

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School-Based Applications

Ready to Learn Total School-Based Applications	
Total Number of Schools Applied	400
Percentage of Total Elementary Schools Submitting Applications	84.2%
Total Number of High Schools Applications	3
Total Number of New School Applications	24 (6.0%)
Total Number of Current Programs that Did Not Apply	3
* 6 Sites with Tuition-Based Programs ONLY did not apply, but are expected to continue next year.	
Current Funding Distribution	
Total Number of Elementary Schools	475
Total Elementary Schools Currently Funded by OECE (PFA, HS, CPC)	376
Total Elementary Schools with Tuition-Based Programs Only	6
Total Number of High Schools Currently Funded by OECE	1