

Summer Newsletter

Indiana Education Scholarship Account



DIRECT PAY OPTION FOR NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TUITION INVOICES

To remove a barrier faced by ESA schools and parents, we are offering a new payment process for tuition and fee payments to Non-Public Qualified Schools.

New for 2023-24, the ESA Office can directly pay your ESA student's tuition (ADM allocated amount) and special education services (APC allocated amount) dollars, without the need for invoice submission through ClassWallet.

The Treasurer of the State will disburse funds to the ESA school on the parent's behalf in two allotments. The first disbursement will be in October of 2023, the second disbursement will be in April of 2024. The nonpublic school will receive disbursements from ClassWallet. ESA staff will provide reporting aligned to disbursements made per student with allocation amount.

To activate your student's payment(s) to your ESA school, we ask the parent to confirm or deny direct payments. If a parent does not complete the Parent Endorsement Form, we will defer to the ESA standard invoice and submission process through ClassWallet. A copy of the form can be found here: [Parent Endorsement Form](#)

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If your nonpublic school has a tuition charge higher than your scholarship award amount and you choose direct payments, you will not have additional funds deposited into your ClassWallet account. Any outstanding balances after the ESA scholarship has been applied towards tuition and fees will be the responsibility of the parent.

If you have questions about this process, call (317) 232-0723 or email ESA@tos.in.gov.

SWAN RACE SUMMER 2023

In June, the Treasurer of State's Office (including Treasurer Elliott!) battled against the Secretary of State's Office in a Swan Race down the canal in Indianapolis. Victory eluded Team TOS this year but it was still a great time to interact with another agency and get some fresh air. Team SOS - be ready for next year!

Pictured to the right representing Team TOS (L-R):

- Executive Assistant Hope Orono
- Deputy Legislative Director Taylor Bryant
- Chief Deputy Treasurer Jillean Battle
- Legislative Director Abhi Reddy
- Treasurer Daniel Elliott
- Mike Neal



Video Shoot at Mission Christian Academy



Mission Christian Academy, an ESA school located in Fishers, was kind enough to provide the ESA team access to their building to film interviews with an ESA family and their Dyslexia tutor. The interviews were aimed at telling the educational story of the family's 2 children, starting with their struggles in public school, to finding ESA and applying, then using the ESA program to put together a customized and comprehensive suite of schools and educational providers.

Visit the [ESA YouTube page](#) to check out the video!



PROVIDER HIGHLIGHTS



Fort Wayne Center for Learning

Every child is different. Their right to learn is the same.



"We help students learn skills and strategies to help them overcome learning challenges. A child with dyslexia will always have dyslexia, but our staff can teach them strategies, so these challenges no longer hold back their potential. All instruction is conducted one-on-one and individualized to the student. We are a proud provider under the ESA program and are grateful to work with families in Northeast Indiana."

-Lori Lehman, Executive Director of Fort Wayne Center for Learning

<https://www.fwcl.org/>
(260) 469-3925



Mainstay Music Therapy



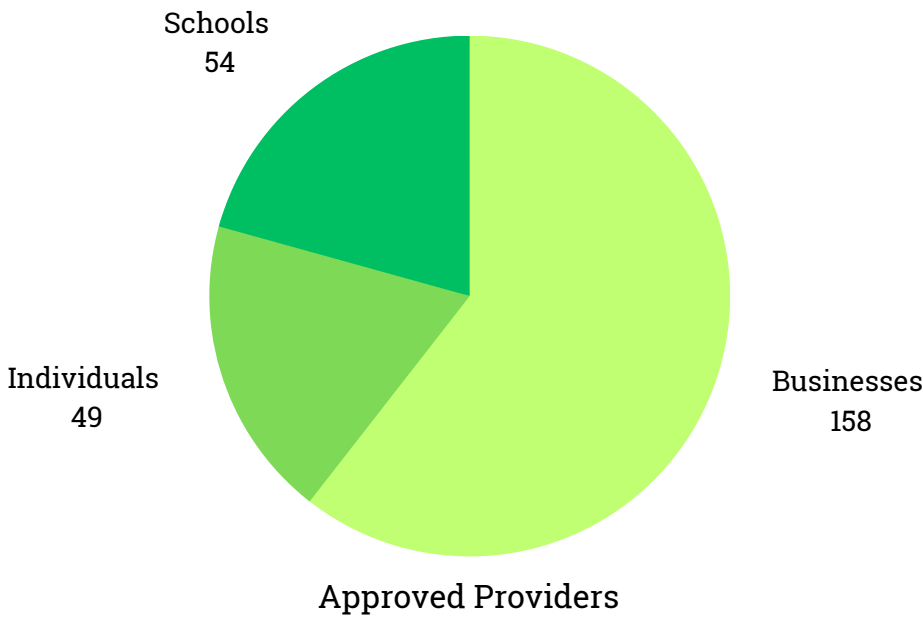
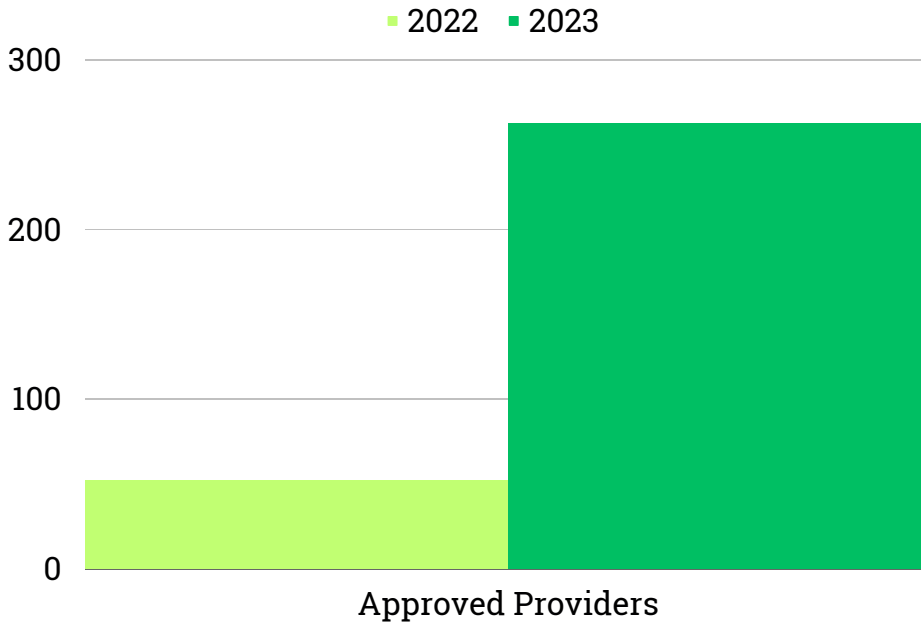
"Mainstay Music Therapy's purpose is to provide unique ways to support the learning and growth of the individuals we support! This makes us a perfect pairing with the ESA program, as it, too, is designed for non-traditional ways of learning. Mainstay offers both in home and clinic based music therapy, designed to meet each individual where they are and assist in growth to where they would like to be. Music Therapists use music and musical interactions to foster change in a way that can be motivating and fun! Music Therapy can address areas of need in self-expression, self-organization, positive interaction, problem solving and the development of leisure/coping skills. We are grateful to be a part of the ESA's mission to expand access to resources for those who learn differently!"

[Mainstaymusictherapy.com](https://www.Mainstaymusictherapy.com)
260.494.1624

-Allison Thomas, CEO of Mainstay Music Therapy

ESA BY THE NUMBERS

(AS OF AUGUST 1, 2023)



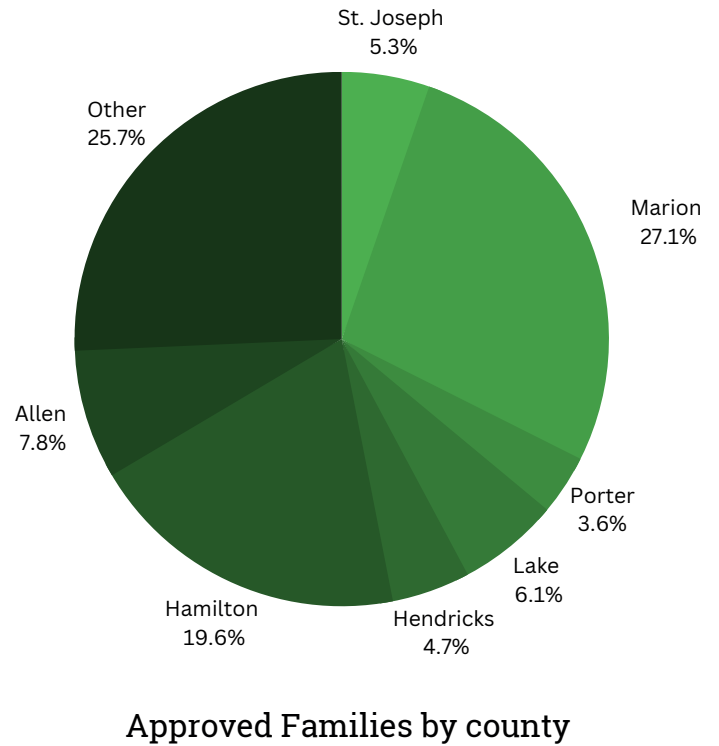
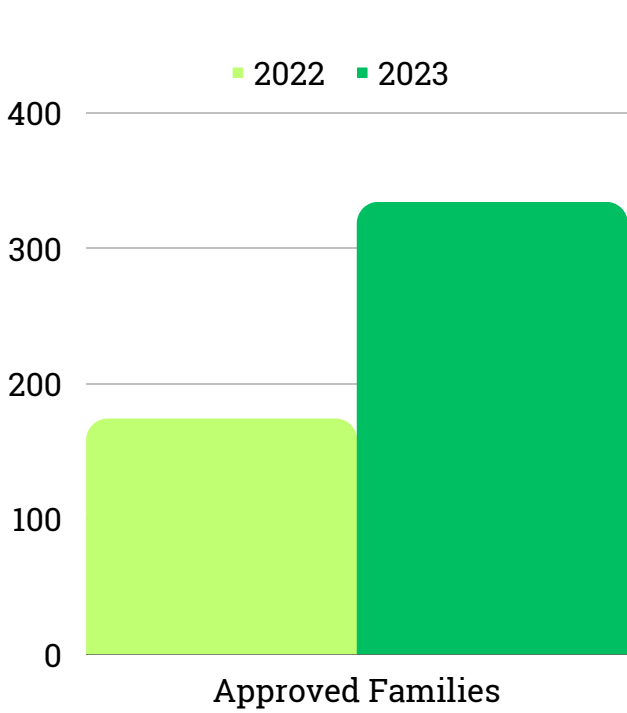
Non-Public Column

Since May 2023, 9 additional state accredited, non-public schools have been approved as ESA Schools:

- [Lighthouse Christian Academy](#)
- [St. Matthew Catholic School](#)
- [Bishop Chatard High School](#)
- [Evansville Lutheran School](#)
- [Immanuel Lutheran School \(Seymour, IN\)](#)
- [Bethesda Christian School](#)
- [St. Peter Lutheran School](#)
- [St. Pius X Catholic School](#)
- [St. John's Lutheran School](#)



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CAREER SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNTS



House Bill 1002 recently established the Career Scholarship Account (CSA) Program. This program provides \$5,000 to eligible 10th, 11th, & 12th grade students to pursue apprenticeships, applied learning experiences, work-based learning, and credential attainment experiences. To be eligible, students must:

- Be an Indiana resident
- Be a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student
- Be enrolled in a course or educational experience approved by the Indiana Department of Education

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/tos/scholarship/>



ADVOCACY CORNER



What does ESA mean for you, your child, or your business? Share your educational journey with Indiana State Representatives and Senators!

Contact Abhi Reddy for more information!

areddy@tos.in.gov
(317) 232-6386

OUTREACH

Interested in having ESA staff speak with your network of parents or providers? Our team would be more than happy to set up a table at your event, come speak with your staff or executive team, or host a virtual information session for your parents. Whatever we can do to accommodate your needs while spreading the word about ESA, we will try our best to do!

Please reach out to PJ Vaught or Samuel Gilmore for more information:

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(317) 447-2496

sagilmore@tos.in.gov
(317) 234-5302



Save the Date!

Contact us for more information on events we will be attending,

Autism Rocks and Rolls

- August 5 at 3pm
- Bloomington, IN

CE Herd of Hope Golf Outing

- August 7 at 10am
- Lebanon, IN

CE/PIS Child Care Provider Fair

- August 12 at 9am
- Indianapolis, IN

Last day to submit student applications

- September 1

2nd Disbursement of Funds

- October 16





Contact Us!

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Office Hours

M-F 8:00-4:30pm

