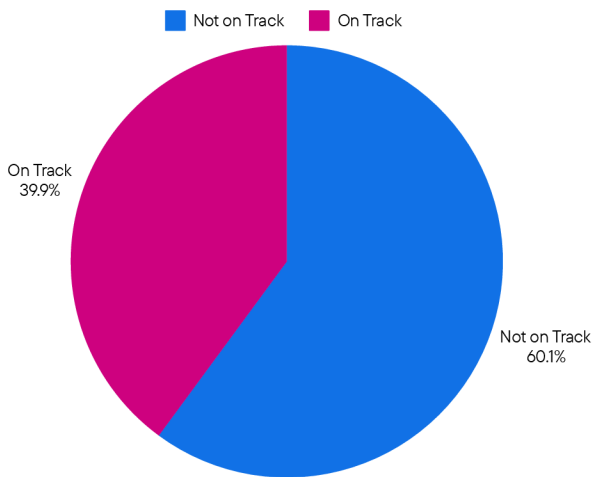


2024 School Screening Outcomes



2 in 3 local children start school not on track



Program Summary :

In 2024, our **Empowering Futures: School Screening Program** conducted 210 comprehensive health, development, and school readiness assessments for local children aged 4-6 years. Our findings revealed that 60% of children in the region were not on track in one or more developmental milestone areas as they commenced kindergarten, which can significantly impact their ability to thrive in educational and social environments. Many of these children had not previously accessed routine health or developmental assessments, underscoring a critical gap in early childhood support services.

At **Young Minds Thrive**, our mission is to enhance the health, developmental, and early learning outcomes of children in our region. This program is just one of many initiatives aimed at ensuring no child is left behind, by improving access to essential services and early interventions that can transform the future for children and families in our community.

In addition to the assessments, the **Empowering Futures: School Screening Program** provided 145 parent information sessions and follow-up consultations, totalling 355 support sessions through this program alone. The results showed that 40% of children identified as not on track were referred to appropriate community support pathways. These referrals, facilitated by the **Young Minds Thrive** team, connected children and families with essential services to address their developmental needs, ensuring they can reach their full potential and succeed both in learning and in life.