

## WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2009-2010

In 2010, WCCA's Children's Services served 549 families and 592 children between the ages of birth and five years old. Of that number, 362 families were two parent families and 187 were single parent families. Additional services such as clothing, food and transportation assistance were provided for 531 families. 74 children received medical treatment for a chronic health condition and 55 children were professionally diagnosed with a disability. 98 children received mental health services. The required medical and dental exams were received by 95% of the children. The average daily attendance for Head Start was 87 percent and 86 percent for Early Head Start. We have maintained 100% of our funded enrollment.

### Percentage of Eligible Children Served

13 percent of the children ages birth to three living below the poverty level in Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania Counties were served in Early Head Start and eight-one percent of those ages three to five years old were served in Head Start.

### Parent Involvement

Parent involvement activities included parent committee meetings, ESL classes, fatherhood activities, Policy Council, and special events. 45 children's fathers participated in fatherhood activities.

### Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Ensuring that children are ready for school does not happen automatically. Children's experiences and the skills and characteristics they develop during the preschool years are critically important to their success later in life. National experts conclude that children's cognitive abilities and the concepts they can understand if they are exposed to age-appropriate and stimulating learning opportunities were previously underestimated. WCCA's Children's Services prepares children for kindergarten using the following strategies:

- Our comprehensive educational program focuses on language, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts, social/emotional development, approaches to learning, and physical health and development.
- The curriculum aligns with the NC Infant/Toddler Foundations and the NC Early Learning Standards for Preschoolers and NC Kindergarten Standard Course of Study.
- Coordination and collaboration between WCCA and Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania County Schools supports children's readiness and address transition strategies. These include activities such as field trips to the elementary schools and participation in the Kindergarten Readiness rally.
- Education outcomes are linked by ongoing assessment with curriculum goals in order to help each child meet his/her educational potential. Tracking of outcomes is done using the Creative Curriculum.net online assessment system which is based on a continuum of developmental steps through which children progress.

**WCCA's Head Start & Early Head Start Budget 7/1/09 – 6/30/10**

	PA - 20 Head Start T&TA	PA - 22 Head Start Program	PA - 26 Early HS T&TA	PA - 25 Early HS Program	ARRA HS Expansion	ARRA EHS Expansion	ARRA COLA Quality	TOTAL
Personnel	0	945,851	0	381,215	98,842	370,329	67,870	1,864,107
Fringe Benefits	0	281,980	0	120,525	30,192	106,489	20,829	560,015
Travel	11,237	1,606	6,002	2,190	1,935	19,339	0	42,309
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	60,000	0	60,000
Supplies	5,193	53,446	986	27,431	16,465	92,328	0	195,849
Contractual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities/Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	<u>11,573</u>	<u>236,813</u>	<u>9,481</u>	<u>59,977</u>	<u>50,569</u>	<u>172,252</u>	<u>56,076</u>	<u>596,741</u>
Total Direct	28,003	1,519,696	16,469	591,338	198,003	820,737	144,775	3,319,021
Indirect Charges	<u>0</u>	<u>214,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>87,565</u>	<u>22,519</u>	<u>83,216</u>	<u>15,480</u>	<u>422,929</u>
Total Budget	28,003	1,733,845	16,469	678,903	220,522	903,953	160,255	3,741,950

There were no audit findings for the year ended 06/30/2010. Our last federal review was in 2008 for HS/EHS and showed no areas of noncompliance. Our next federal review is scheduled for February 2011.