

**WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION CHILDREN'S SERVICES
ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

In 2008, WCCA's Children's Services served three-hundred-fifty four families and three-hundred-seventy nine children between the ages of 0 and 5 years old. Of that number, two-hundred-forty families were two parent families and one-hundred-fourteen were single parent families. Additional services such as clothing, food and transportation assistance were provided for three-hundred-thirty-one families. Fifty-two children received medical treatment for a chronic health condition and forty-five children were professionally diagnosed with a disability. Twenty-eight children received mental health services. All enrolled children received the required medical and dental exams. The average daily attendance for Head Start was eighty-eight percent and eighty-seven percent for Early Head Start.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

Thirteen percent of the children living below the poverty level in Henderson and Transylvania Counties were served in Early Head Start and eighty-one percent were served in Head Start.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement activities included parent committee meetings, ESL classes, fatherhood activities, Policy Council, and special events. Forty-five 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. The National Research Council recently released a comprehensive review of child development and early education. National experts concluded 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 NC Early Learning Standards for Preschoolers and NC Kindergarten Standard Course of Study.
- Coordination and collaboration between WCCA and Henderson and Transylvania County Schools supports children's readiness and addresses 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 *CreativeCurriculum.net* online assessment system which is based on a continuum of developmental steps that children progress through.

WCCA's Head Start & Early Head Start Budget 7/1/08 - 6/30/09

	PA - 20 Head Start T&TA	PA - 22 Head Start Program	PA - 26 Early HS T&TA	PA - 25 Early HS Program	Total
Personnel		932,837		375,722	1,308,559
Fringe Benefits		235,346		108,172	343,518
Travel	12,486		6,000	2,954	21,440
Equipment					0
Supplies	2,875	46,391	4,000	21,845	75,111
Contractual					0

Facilities/Construciton					0
Other	8,608	258,003	5,658	65,508	337,777
Total Direct	23,969	1,472,577	15,658	574,201	2,086,405
Indirect Charges		204,442		84,544	288,986
Total Budget	23,969	1,677,019	15,658	658,745	2,375,391

WCCA's Head Start & Early Head Start Expenditures 7/1/07 - 6/30/08

Head Start Federal Funds -	1,702,988	
Early Head Start Federal Funds -	707,638	
Head Start In-kind	425,747	
Early Head Start In-kind	176,910	
Total Head Start & Early Head Start Funding	3,013,283	
TEACH - State Funding	27,600	
Private donation	50	
Total Funding	3,040,933	
Head Start Program Expenditures	1,387,651	
Head Start T & TA Expenditures	23,969	
Head Start Administrative Expenditures	291,368	*13.69%
Head Start In-Kind Match	425,747	
Early Head Start Program Expenditures	577,518	
Early Head Start T & TA Expenditures	15,658	
Early Head Start Administrative Expenditures	114,462	*12.94%
Early Head Start In-Kind Match	176,910	
Total Head Start & Early Head Start Expenditures	3,013,283	
Other Head Start & Early Head Start Related Expenditures	27,650	
Total Expenditures	3,040,933	

There were no audit findings for the year ended 6/30/08.