

WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2016-2017

For the 2016-2017 Program year, WCCA's Children's Services served 652 families and 909 children between the ages of birth to five years old and pregnant women. That number reflects our traditional programs: Early Head Start (317 children), Head Start (305 children), as well as NC Pre-K (119 children). 10 pregnant mothers and their newborns received services.

Additionally, WCCA served 168 children in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Program (EHS-CPP) this year. This program spans Henderson, Transylvania, Rutherford and Polk Counties. The EHS-CCP does not provide services for pregnant mothers.

Of the total number served in the Head Start, Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership programs, 376 were two parent families and 276 were single parent families. Additional services such as clothing, food and transportation assistance were provided for 490 families. 40 families experiencing homelessness were served. 40 percent of the homeless families acquired housing during the enrollment year. 30 children were in foster care. 58 children received medical treatment for a chronic health condition and 105 children were professionally diagnosed with a disability. 38 children received mental health services. The required medical exams were received by 93 percent, and dental exams were received by 64 percent of the children. 29 children received restorative dental treatment.

The average daily attendance for HS/EHS Children's Services was 83.4% and EHS-CCP was 85.2%. Any reason for low attendance is reported at Policy Council each month. We have maintained 100 percent of our funded enrollment.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

WCCA Head Start, Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership program served 45 percent of children between the ages of 0-5 living below poverty level in Henderson County; 35 percent in Transylvania County; 3 percent in Rutherford County and 12 percent in Polk County.

Parent Involvement

Parent Involvement activities include parent committee meetings, parent conferences, ESL classes, fatherhood activities, Policy Council, and parent engagement activities related to school readiness, health and literacy. 25 percent of families participated in these activities.

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

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

						growth range	above expected growth range
Domain	Number of children	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation		
Social/Emotional	68	20.6%	79.4%	11.8%	88.2%	9%	91%
Physical	67	4.5%	95.5%	3%	97%	6%	94%
Language	69	40.6%	59.4%	21.7%	78.3%	7%	93%
Cognitive	67	31.3%	68.7%	13.4%	86.6%	3%	97%
Literacy	68	54.4%	45.6%	41.2%	58.8%	6%	94%
Mathematics	67	50.7%	49.3%	28.4%	71.6%	6%	94%

*numbers of children vary due to some ratings of “not observed” which do not provide a baseline thus excludes that child from this report

WCCA Program 3-4 and 4-5 year olds

Growth Report Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Based on Age Expectations and Expected Growth Range

3-4 year olds

		Fall 2016		Spring 2017		Below growth range	Meeting or above expected growth range
Domain	Number of children	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation		
Social/Emotional	94	10.6%	89.4%	1.1%	98.9%	11%	89%
Physical	96	8.3%	91.7%	0%	100%	7%	93%
Language	96	22.9%	77.1%	5.6%	94.4%	6%	94%
Cognitive	96	18.8%	81.2%	1.1%	98.9%	4%	96%
Literacy	96	53.1%	46.9%	4.5%	95.5%	8%	92%
Mathematics	96	51%	49%	9%	91%	3%	97%

*Discrepancy in numbers due to children with “not observed” rating in the Fall which provides no baseline so were excluded from this report

4-5 year olds

		Fall 2016		Spring 2017		Below growth range	Meeting or above expected growth range
Domain	Number of children	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation	Below age expectation	Meeting/exceeding age expectation		
Social/Emotional	229	39.7%	60.3%	4.5%	95.5%	5%	95%
Physical	229	33.2%	66.8%	2.7%	97.3%	3%	97%
Language	229	45%	55%	9.4%	90.6%	9%	91%
Cognitive	228	30.7%	69.3%	5%	95%	6%	94%
Literacy	227	41.9%	58.1%	5.4%	94.6%	9%	91%
Mathematics	227	70.5%	29.5%	11.8%	88.2%	5%	95%

*Discrepancy in numbers due to children with missing portions of assessments so were excluded from this report.