

WESTERN CAROLINA COMMUNITY ACTION CHILDREN'S SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR 2011-2012

In 2011-2012, WCCA's Children's Services served 535 families and 563 children between the ages of birth and five years old. Of that number, 345 families were two parent families and 190 were single parent families. Additional services such as clothing, food and transportation assistance were provided for 535 families. 62 children received medical treatment for a chronic health condition and 96 children were professionally diagnosed with a disability. 55 children received mental health services. The required medical and dental exams were received by 97 percent of the children. The average daily attendance for Head Start was 87 percent and 86 percent for Early Head Start. We have maintained 100 percent of our funded enrollment. Our last federal triennial review was held February 2011. All areas were in compliance. Our financial audit for the year showed no findings.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

27 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 65 percent of those ages three and four were served in Head Start.

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement activities included parent committee meetings, ESL classes, fatherhood activities, Policy Council, and special events. 18 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:

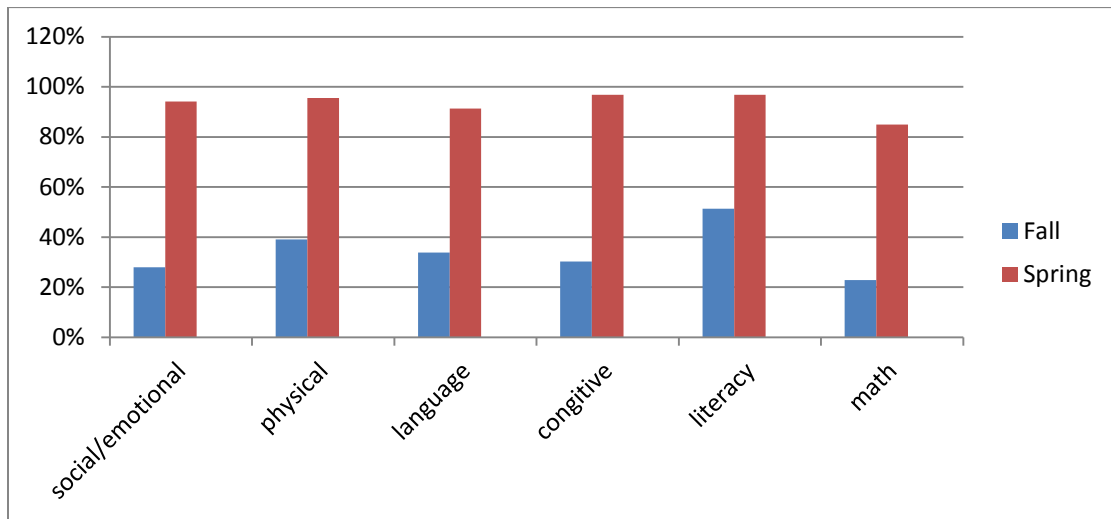
- Our comprehensive educational program focuses on physical development and health, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, logic and reasoning, language development, literacy knowledge and skills, mathematics knowledge and skills, science knowledge and skills, creative arts expression, and social studies knowledge and skills.
- The curriculum aligns with the NC Infant/Toddler Foundations and the NC Early Learning Standards for Preschoolers which lead toward the NC Standard Course of Study for Kindergarten. Curriculum implementation is individualized in order to help each child meet his/her educational potential.
- Teaching Strategies GOLD, an online assessment system, is used to track children's progress and outcomes toward meeting school readiness goals.
- Coordination and collaboration between WCCA and Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania County Schools supports children's school readiness and address transition strategies. These include activities such as field trips to the elementary schools and participation in the Kindergarten Readiness rally.

WCCA Head Start Growth Report – Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Based on Teaching Strategies Age Range Expectations

WCCA Head Start Program (4 year olds)

Domain	# children	Fall 2011		Spring 2012	
		% below	% meeting/exceeding	% below	% meeting/exceeding
Social/emotional	220	71.4%	28.6%	5.9%	94.1%
Physical	220	60.9%	39.1%	4.5%	95.5%
Language	219	66.2%	33.9%	8.7%	91.3%
Cognitive	218	69.7%	30.3%	3.2%	96.8%
Literacy	218	48.6%	51.4%	3.2%	96.8%
Math	219	77.2%	22.8%	15.1%	84.9%



WCCA Early Head Start Growth Report - Fall 2011-Spring 2012

Based on Creative Curriculum Individual Profile

WCCA Early Head Start Program

of children 116 (23 with IFSPs)

Domain	% showing growth	% remaining constant	% meeting/ exceeding
Social Emotional	81%	8%	11%
Physical	55%	18%	27%
Cognitive	81%	6%	13%
Language	80%	10%	10%

WCCA's Head Start and Early Head Start Expenditures 7/1/11 - 6/30/12

REVENUES

Head Start Funds	2,001,892
Early Head Start Funds	1,862,561
Head Start In-kind	500,473
Early Head Start In-kind	465,640
Total Head Start & Early Head Start Funding	<u>4,830,566</u>
ARRA Head Start Expansion Year 2 ended 9/29/11	97,534
ARRA Early Head Start Expansion Year 2 ended 9/29/11	399,252
ARRA Head Start Expansion Year 2 - In-kind Match	24,383
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Total ARRA COLA/Quality/Head Start/Early Head Start Funding	<u>561,835</u>
TEACH	44,199
Local Cash and Donations	73,304
Total Funding	<u>5,509,904</u>

EXPENDITURES

Head Start Program Expenditures	1,625,133
Head Start T&TA Expenditures	40,098
Head Start Administrative Expenditures	336,661
Head Start In-kind Match	500,473
Early Head Start Program Expenditures	1,517,133
Early Head Start T&TA Expenditures	45,429
Early Head Start Administrative Expenditures	299,999
Early Head Start In-kind Match	465,640
Total Head Start & Early Head Start Expenditures	<u>4,830,566</u>
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Total ARRA Head Start & ARRA Early Head Start Expenditures	<u>561,835</u>
Other Head Start & Early Head Start Related Expenditures	<u>117,503</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>5,509,904</u>

**There were no audit finding for the year ended 6/30/11.
Audit is in process for 6/30/12.**

	PA - 20 Head Start T&TA	PA - 22 Head Start Program	PA - 26 Early HS T&TA	PA - 25 Early HS Program	Year 2 ARRA HS Expansion	Year 2 ARRA EHS Expansion	Total
Personnel	0	966,432	0	388,918	165,000	767,940	2,288,290
Fringe Benefits	0	245,425	0	112,131	49,500	241,901	648,957
Travel	16,266	0	6,504	2,954	2,000	20,074	47,798
Equipment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Supplies	2,875	46,391	4,303	33,966	10,680	47,101	145,316
Contractual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities/Construction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	8,608	288,860	6,469	65,508	25,000	322,813	717,258
Total Direct	27,749	1,547,108	17,276	603,477	252,180	1,399,829	3,847,619
Indirect Charges	0	212,085	0	87,547	37,500	176,722	513,854
Total Budget	27,749	1,759,193	17,276	691,024	289,680	1,576,551	4,361,473

ARRA Year 2

9/30/10 - 9/29/11