



WCMCA Head Start Annual Report

Program Year 2018-2019

2019

Mission Statement

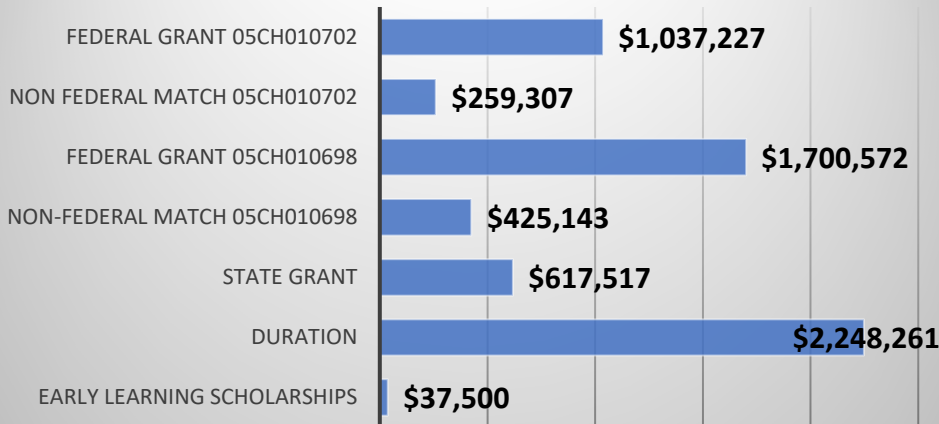
Head Start provides a supportive environment that encourages children, families, staff, and communities to thrive by identifying strengths and opportunities, and developing strong partnerships to meet needs.

West Central Head Start operates a publicly funded program that serves children birth to 5 and pregnant women in Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse and Wadena counties.

WCMCA Head Start operated 9 full-day classrooms and 9 half-day classrooms, providing services from September – May.

Home based services are offered year-round with 12 Home Visitors providing weekly home visits to each enrolled family as well as 2 parent socialization events a month.

Funding Sources



FUNDED ENROLLMENT:

298 Head Start

119 Early Head Start

328 Head Start children were served due to turnover

155 Early Head Start participants were served due to turnover

419 Families were served

Meals Served at Head Start

Centers:

Breakfast: 24,942

Lunch: 21,502

Snack: 15,561

Budget

Personnel	\$3,329,095
Fringe	\$1,198,483
Contractual Services	\$67,900
Travel/Transportation	\$46,489
Supplies/Equipment	\$301,855
Other	\$659,755
TOTAL	\$5,603,577



WCMCA's most recent financial audit revealed no deficiencies or material weaknesses. Information about the agency's audit is available by contacting our office.

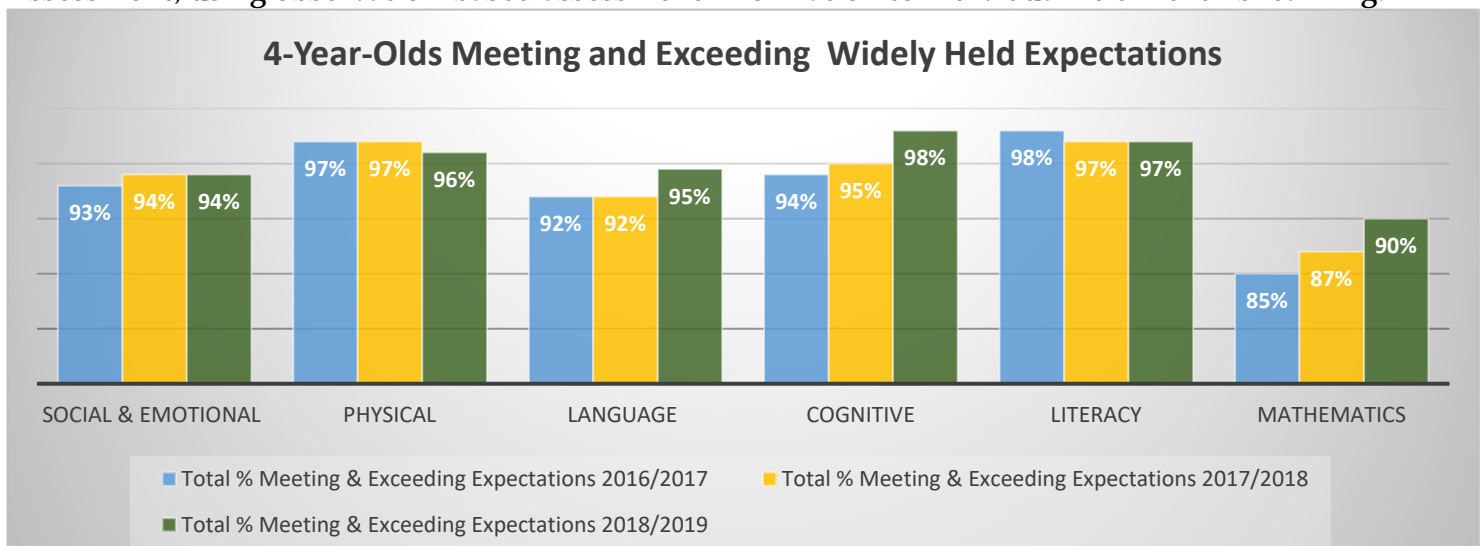
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Average Daily Attendance for Head Start Classrooms		EHS Home Visits Completed
July	N/A	8
August	N/A	244
September	92%	178
October	91%	226
November	89%	244
December	88%	190
January	85%	243
February	85%	262
March	86%	261
April	87%	280
May	89%	336
June	N/A	207

Health Services at End of Enrollment

- ⇒ 97% of HS children and 95% EHS children have health insurance.
- ⇒ 99% of HS children and 89% of EHS children have a medical home.
- ⇒ 89% of HS children and 62% of EHS children are up-to-date on well child care.
- ⇒ 97% of HS children and 95% of EHS children are current on immunizations.
- ⇒ 97% of HS children have completed a dental exam and 88% of EHS children have a dental home.

School Readiness: WCMCA Head Start helps children succeed by linking Curriculum and Assessment, using observation-based assessment information to individualize children’s learning.



- 499 parents volunteered for a total of 13,844 hours.
- 100% of families received services such as housing assistance, ESL, emergency intervention, health or parent education, etc.
- 73 mental health referrals were made, with 37 children receiving services as a result.

***Pope County Cooking Matters** consisted of 8 participants with 5 of those attending all 6 classes held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Glenwood. Cooking Matters is a nutrition education program hosted by WCMCA Head Start, with funding provided by United Way of Pope and Douglas Counties, Cooking Matters Minnesota, EC Thrive and WCMCA along with partnerships from UMM Extension and a local chef volunteering time & mileage.*

By the end of the year,
22% of children were
on an IEP/IFSP



Parent Survey 2019 responses from question - Is there anything else you would like me to know about your experiences with the program?

- ✓ This program has been excellent about providing fun activities that support growth and getting her ready for school.
- ✓ The teachers and staff at Head Start are wonderful to work with. They communicate well and I know they care very much about my child. Head Start has made a difference for my family.
- ✓ I am thankful for the program and my home visitor and how they have helped change our lives. We love our home visits!