

2018-19 WCCA HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC

WCCA Head Start and Early Head Start

Head Start and Early Head Start is a comprehensive no fee program for eligible income families, pregnant women and children ages birth through five years old. It provides children with a developmentally appropriate early childhood education to help them gain the skills needed to succeed in school.

WCCA Head Start is funded through Federal and State grants and through generous donations provided by WCCA Board Members, Policy Council Members, Parent Volunteers, Community Volunteers, Staff and Local Area Churches, School Districts, Doctors, Dentists, and many community service organizations.

2017-18 FUNDING SOURCES		2017-18 EXPENDITURES	
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services	2,004,490	Salaries and Fringe	1,724,085
Minnesota Dept. of Education	430,300	Out-of-Area	27,861
Pathway II Funding	112,500	Supplies	195,914
Wright County Family Services Collaborative Grant	0	Equipment	53,987
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	94,218	Program	51,999
Total Funds	2,641,508	Contractual	300,006
		Other	193,438
Community In-Kind Contributions	665,479	Reimbursed Food Expense	94,218
Total Funds and Contributions	3,306,987	Total Expenditures	2,641,508

Of the estimated 802 eligible 3-5 year-old children in the service area, the WCCA Head Start Program provided services to a total of 241 children (30%) from 228 families during the 2017-2018 program year. Of the 241 children served, 87.3% received medical exams and 81.5% received dental exams. The average monthly enrollment for the year was 100%.

WCCA began providing Early Head Start home-based services to eligible pregnant women, infants and toddlers in January 2016. Of the estimated 967 eligible infants/toddlers in the service area, 55 (5%) pregnant women, infants/toddlers from 44 families received services. Of the 52 infants/toddlers, 86.5% received medical exams and 90.3% received dental screening. The average monthly enrollment for the EHS program was 100%.

The annual Agency Wide Audit was conducted for Funding Year 2017. There were no audit findings or questioned costs of any program conducted by WCCA, including Head Start.

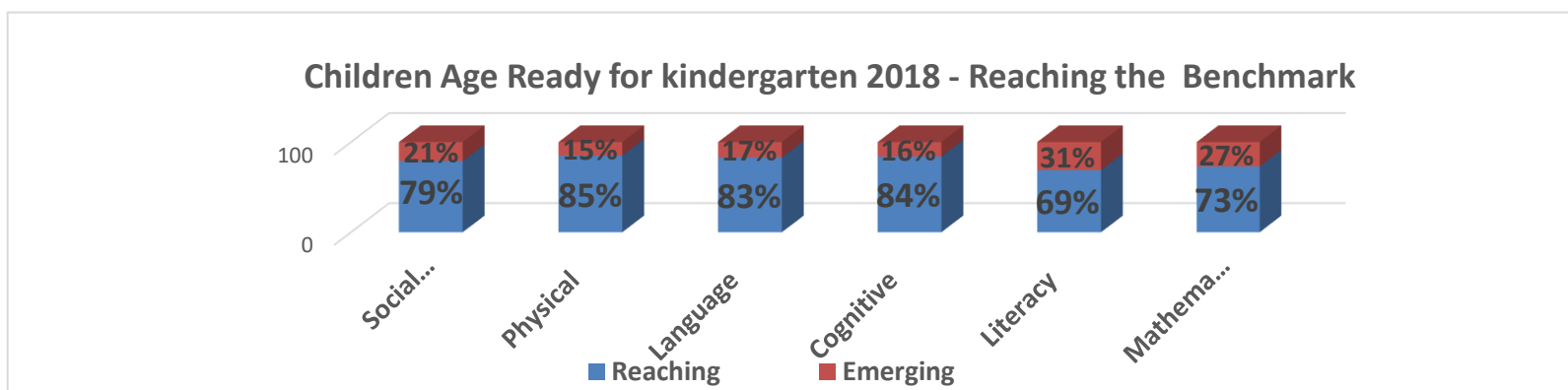
Monitoring Review

The WCCA Head Start program completed all required on-site reviews by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) during the five-year grant cycle, none of which occurred during the 2016-17 program year. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monitoring Review was completed during May 2017 with minor findings that were corrected.

To assure school readiness, WCCA Head Start uses the Creative Curriculum in combination with the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment System (TSG) to measure children’s progress throughout the program year. During the **2017-18** program year, children demonstrated significant progress and growth across all domains as illustrated in the tables below.

3 Year Old Children Domain	Fall 2017*	Winter 2017*	Spring 2018*	Growth from Fall to Spring
Social Emotional	83%	87%	91%	+8%
Physical Development	78%	84%	92%	+14%
Language	87%	92%	91%	+4%
Cognitive	87%	88%	90%	+3%
Literacy	58%	77%	90%	+32%
Mathematics	75%	87%	100%	+25%

4 Year Old Children Domain	Fall 2017*	Winter 2017*	Spring 2018*	Growth from Fall to Spring
Social Emotional	62%	80%	88%	+21%
Physical Development	75%	86%	91%	+16%
Language	80%	90%	92%	+12%
Cognitive	72%	87%	88%	+16%
Literacy	68%	84%	92%	+24%
Mathematics	53%	62%	84%	+31%



WCCA Head Start continues to use the Parent and Family Engagement Assessment tool that identifies family strengths and needs throughout the program year. During the 2017-18 program year, families enrolled in the Head Start program demonstrated increased growth in family well-being, positive parent-child relationships, families as life-long educators, families as learners, family engagement in transitions, family connections to peers and community, and families as advocates and leaders.