

## 2020-21 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.

2019-20 FUNDING SOURCES		2019-20 FEDERAL EXPENDITURES		2019-20 STATE EXPENDITURES	
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services	2,261,994	Salaries and Fringe	1,629,975	Salaries and Fringe	346,881
Minnesota Dept. of Education	430,169	Out-of-Area Travel	11,546	Office Expenses	2,602
Pathway II Funding	112,500	Supplies	110,600	Travel	4,460
Wright County Family Services Collaborative Grant	5,000	Equipment	0	Program	9,653
U.S. Dept. of Agriculture	68,873	Contractual	292,287	Equipment	12,249
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>2,878,486</b>	Other	190,357	Other Expenses	4,670
		Training	27,229	Contractual	49,654
Community In-Kind Contributions	713,302	Reimbursed Food Expense	68,873		
<b>Total Funds and Contributions</b>	<b>3,591,838</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>2,261,994</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>430,169</b>

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 220 preschool aged children (27%) from 202 families during the 2019-2020 program year. Of the 220 children served, 90.9% received medical exams and 76.3% received dental exams. The average monthly enrollment for the year for preschool age children was 99%.

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, 46 (4.7%) pregnant women, infants/toddlers from 37 families received services. Of the 42 infants/toddlers, 73.9% received medical exams and 76% received dental screening. The average monthly enrollment for the EHS program was 100%.

#### Agency Audit

The annual Agency Wide Audit was conducted for Funding Year 2019. There were no audit findings or questioned costs of any program conducted by WCCA, including Head Start.

#### Monitoring Reviews

The WCCA Head Start program completed the required remote Focus Area-1 review by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) during the week of November 26, 2018. The report followed in January of 2019. There were no findings. The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Monitoring Review was completed during December 2019 - January 2020 with minor findings that were corrected.

## Child Outcomes and School Readiness

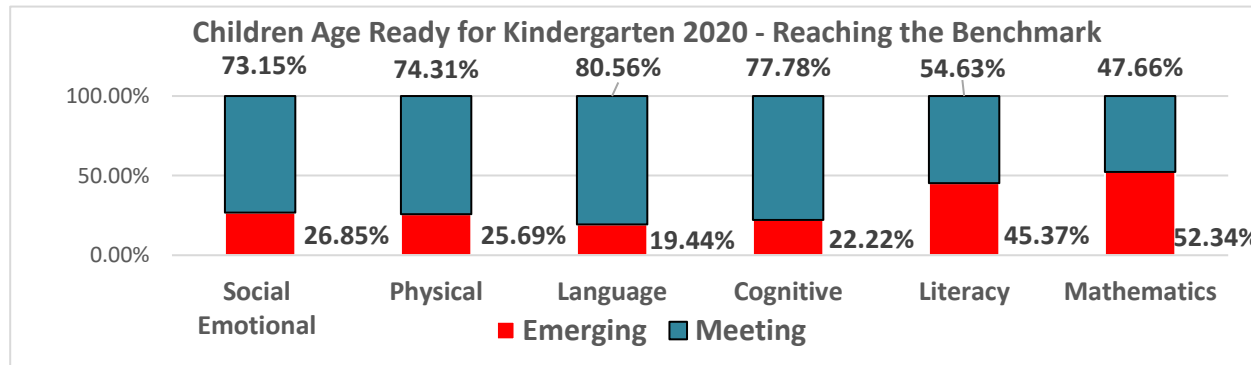
To assure school readiness, WCCA Head Start uses the Creative Curriculum in combination with the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment System (TSG) to measure children’s progress throughout the program year. During the **2019-2020** program year, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disrupted provided services. In March 2019, center based and Early Head Start children began to receive services remotely. Activities were sent home weekly for children and families. The spring checkpoint assessment did not happen because centers were closed for children.

The charts below demonstrate how the children are meeting and exceeding “widely held expectations” (typical developmental range for the age).

<b>3 Year Old Children Domain</b>	<b>Fall 2019 (Meeting &amp; Exceeding)</b>	<b>Winter 2019-2020 (Meeting &amp; Exceeding)</b>
Social Emotional	78.94%	93.06%
Physical Development	84.21%	91.67%
Language	73.69%	81.94%
Cognitive	71.93%	91.67%
Literacy	61.40%	88.89%
Mathematics	68.42%	87.5%

<b>4 Year Old Children Domain</b>	<b>Fall 2019 (Meeting &amp; Exceeding)</b>	<b>Winter 2019-2020 (Meeting &amp; Exceeding)</b>
Social Emotional	53.53%	79.81%
Physical Development	60.61%	83.65%
Language	64.65%	89.42%
Cognitive	47.47%	84.61%
Literacy	55.56%	83.66%
Mathematics	45.45%	67.31%

The graph below demonstrates the percent of children age five (5) who are eligible to enter kindergarten in fall and who meet the benchmark to enter kindergarten (winter checkpoint – spring assessment data not available).



## Family Engagement

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 2019-20 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.