

Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland CAC Head Start Annual Report 2013

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Head Start 2013

End of the Year Statistics

Head Start was funded to serve 339 children for the 2012—2013 school year that ended in May of 2013. Due to sequestration, the program received a funding cut of 5.27% for the 13-14 school year. The program reduced the number of children served to 320 and closed 2 centers after the 12-13 school year. The program went from 7 locations to 5, from 20 classrooms to 18.

A total of 368 children attended at least one day during the 12-13 school year. Enrollment data shows 76% of the children met the eligibility requirements of 100% of poverty, or receiving public benefits, a foster child or homeless. Children just over the income guidelines but less than 130% accounted for 16% and 8% of the children served were over 130% of poverty. Statistics show that 94% of the children were Caucasian, 51% were male, 60% attended for their first year, 36% for a second year and 4% for a third year.

As of August 1, 2012, 50% of the children were age 4, 37% were 3, and 11% were age 5. After the school year started, an additional 12 children (2%) were enrolled who had not turned 3 by August 1, 2012.

All of the children received a physical exam, while 98% completed a dental exam. During the year 13 children were found to need vision assistance, 37 failed hearing tests, 19 children were brought up to date on their immunizations, 5 children were found to have low iron, and 8 received mental health services. At the end of the year, 5% of the children were underweight, while 40% were overweight.

Fiscal Information

Budget year 8/1/2012 - 7/31/2013

| Item | Budgeted | Expended |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Personnel | 2,147,059 | 2,138,982 |
| Transportation | 143,910 | 159,832 |
| Supplies | 48,097 | 34,582 |
| Rent/utilities | 143,474 | 144,285 |
| Other | 177,162 | 182,021 |
| Total | 2,659,702 | 2,659,702 |



Monitoring

The program's last Federal monitoring review was April of 2011, with all follow up completed. Another review was expected during the 13-14 school year. Each year the program performs a self evaluation and reports this to the board, policy council and regional Head Start office.

Step Up to Quality

The Step Up to Quality rating system changed from a 3 star system to a 5 star system. All of the Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland CAC Head Start centers were rated as 4 stars as of December 2013.



The USDA-CACFP provided \$1,154,473 toward meal service for the children in fiscal year ending 9/30/2013.

The program received \$667,207 in donated services and supplies.

The program received \$22,000 in SUTQ funds for supplies and program improvements.

The cost per child was \$7846 for 128 days of preschool

Danny Brenneman,
Chairman of the Board

J. Michael Stephens,
KHCA President

Laurel Etwiler,
Head Start Administrator

The Head Start program operated at 7 locations:

Sullivan Head Start, northern Ashland County

Ashland Head Start in the City of Ashland

Hayesville Head Start, in central Ashland County

Loudonville Head Start in southern Ashland County

Glenmont Head Start in southwestern Holmes County

Millersburg Head Start in central Holmes County

Echoing Hills Head Start in Southwestern Coshocton County

In August of 2013, the Echoing Hills and Hayesville Centers were closed.



Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Head Start provided transportation at 5 of the centers using 7 regular route school buses and school bus drivers.

The buses met all of the Ohio rules and regulations for school bus operations including 2 inspections by the Ohio State Highway

Joanne Miller, Head Start teacher in Millersburg received her Bachelor Degree in Education in December of 2013.

All centers held a children’s art show in May of 2013 in honor of National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day. The art was outstanding.

Long time Education Manager Hazel Taft retired in July of 2013 after 30 years with the program.

In February of 2013, the program received a visit from the Federal program officer, Chris Rivera from the Chicago office of Health and Human Services. She visited several centers.



★ During 2013 the program was awarded a Target grant of \$2000 to help purchase books for parents to use at home in literacy activities with their children.

★ The OSU Extension office provided in classroom activities from the I am Moving/ I am Learning Healthy Kids Challenge.

★ Joanne Miller, a teacher at Millersburg won a scholarship from the Ohio Head Start Association.

★ During 2013 over \$20,000 in free books was received from First Book a national non profit that provides free books to organizations.

Accountability

Schneider Downs performed an audit of the entire agency for 2013. The final audit was presented to the board of directors at the June 2014 meeting with no findings. All Head Start centers received a review from the Ohio Department of JFS Day Care Licensing. Any findings were corrected immediately. All centers were visited by the local health department. Each center received a Step Up to Quality review by the state. All Classrooms were monitored using the CLASS and/or ECERS instrument. The State of Ohio performed a review of the USDA-CACFP program during the summer of 2013. There were no findings.

Reporting

Enrollment was reported monthly to the Head Start Bureau. The required Program Information Report was completed and submitted by August 1. The Board of Directors received a Head Start report at each board meeting. Two semi-annual reports were submitted to the funding source, board members and policy council members. The parent policy council met regularly and approved policies and procedures, as well as personnel actions and funding requests.

In 2013 the Head Start program reorganized to reduce costs and more effectively monitor the program. The retiring education manager was replaced by a new education manager, Norine Seat-Dewey and a classroom mentor, Janet Mossor.

The administrative position of Family Services Manager was eliminated. A special projects position was created as support for management. The program used 3 staff, for morning and afternoon sessions instead of the usual 2 staff in the am and 2 in the pm. One bus route was eliminated.

School Readiness

Getting children ready to go to school is the big objective for Head Start. A total of 33 school readiness goals were set for enrolled children. Goals were selected from the Web based Galileo assessment system used to measure children’s progress, and were aligned with Head Start outcomes framework. Children were measured at the beginning of the school year, as a baseline for improvement. Teachers checked off goals as they were accomplished for each child. Goal accomplishment is monitored by management staff.

The areas the children scored the highest in are Approaches to Learning at 98.01%, Language at 98.0% and Social Studies at 97.18%. The areas the children scored the lowest in are Science at 87.06%, Math at 88.06% and Literacy at 88.83%. Overall, even our lowest categories still scored impressively high in the 80’s.

The highest percentages of growth are Logic & Reasoning by 63.33%, Creative Arts by 52.84% and Math by 50.77%. The lowest percentages of growth are Physical Development & Health by 29.37%, Language by 33.53% and Social and Emotional Development by 35.74%. These domains showed a lower percentage of growth due to children’s entry level scores being higher, the children were already accomplished in these areas.

| | October 2012 | June 2013 | Increase |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| Approaches to Learning | 47.85% | 98.01% | 50.16% |
| Language | 64.47% | 98.00% | 33.53% |
| Social Studies | 56.30% | 97.18% | 40.88% |
| Social/Emotional Development | 60.44% | 96.18% | 35.74% |
| Creative Arts | 40.19% | 93.03% | 52.84% |
| Physical Development & Health | 62.79% | 92.16% | 29.37% |
| Logic & Reasoning | 28.71% | 92.04% | 63.33% |
| Literacy | 42.26% | 88.83% | 46.57% |
| Math | 37.29% | 88.06% | 50.77% |
| Science | 56.30% | 87.06% | 30.76% |