

FY22 Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland CAC Head Start Annual Report

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Highlights of FY2022

Glenmont received a new play structure to replace the 25 year old structure. New poured in place rubber fall surface was added as well.

In Ashland County funds were received to institute gardening programs at all Ashland County centers. The Loudonville Center received new desks and noise reducing panels in the classroom. In Holmes County the Head Start children participated in the Veteran's Day activity at the Holmes County Courthouse.

The Head Start program changed its approach to offering parenting classes and joined with Catholic Charities in Ashland County to promote Triple P parenting classes. Classrooms returned to field trips as the Covid 19 pandemic began to lessen in intensity.

The program obtained Stabilization funds from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$793,192. These funds allowed the program to give employee bonuses, pay utilities, purchase smart boards for classrooms, make classroom improvements and loan payments for most of the year. The funds also assisted in the purchase of playground equipment and surfacing along with several other building improvements and minor renovations.

End of the Year Statistics

Head Start was funded to serve 321 children with 18 classrooms located in 6 centers. The Covid-19 Pandemic remained during the school year. All attempts were made to operate normally during the pandemic

Total accumulative children served for the year was 287 representing 252 families. All eligible children who applied and were age and income eligible were served and numbered 233 and included those with incomes of 0-100% of poverty, (139) homeless (1), foster children (21) and those on public assistance (81). The children who were just over the income guidelines and accepted in a limited amount after all income eligible children were accepted numbered 27. Over income children that qualified based on need totaled 19. Disabilities services in the form of an IEP were provided to 36 children. Dentals completed was 90%. Medical exams completed was 100%. Average monthly enrollment was 73% of the funded 321.

Arnold Oliver
Chairman of the Board, 2022

J. Michael Stephens
KHCA President

Laurel Etwiler,
Head Start Administrator

The Head Start program operated at 6 locations:

Sullivan Head Start, northern Ashland County

Ashland Head Start, at the Salvation Army in the City of Ashland

Ashland West Head Start in the City of Ashland

Loudonville Head Start in southern Ashland County

Glenmont Head Start in southwestern Holmes County

Millersburg Head Start in central Holmes County

Fiscal Information - Fiscal year 2022 Funds provided by HHS

Item	Budgeted	Expended
Personnel	\$1,990,641	\$1,946,808
Taxes/Benefits	\$988,713	\$940,899
Supplies	\$30,838	\$59,207
Space costs	\$222,253	\$192,942
Training/travel	\$38,314	\$38,889
Busing	\$84,782	\$127,940
Other	\$165,374	\$214,230
Total	\$3,520,915	\$3,520,915

The USDA—CACFP provided \$176,850.11 in reimbursement to cover the cost of meals and salaries. Children receive meals and snacks while in attendance.

Head Start received \$971,401 in kind and donations from the community. Head Start had a waiver due to Covid 19 for in kind match but was able to make the match.



Children at Sullivan enjoying learning gardening thanks to a grant from Dr. and Mrs. W. Stanford Brechbuhler awarded through the Ashland County Community Foundation with assistance from the OSU Snap-Ed program.

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Staff Updates

During the school year 3 staff obtained their CDA and 4 more staff were working on obtaining a CDA. Six staff were taking college classes. A new school bus driver was hired and trained. Training and technical assistance funds were used to fund a full time coach for teachers. There were 2 new center supervisors. The staff received 3 bonuses during the year using stabilization funds. Staff were encouraged to use the virtual mental health application Starling Minds and participated in a Harvard University study on the well-being of teachers.

Accountability

The Tidwell Group performed an audit of the entire agency for calendar year 2022. The final audit was presented to the Board of directors at the June 2023 meeting with no findings. All Day Care Licensing visits were satisfactory. All Health department visits were satisfactory also.

Parent Participation

A Parent Policy Council met to review policies and procedures. Parents had the option of attending in person or via a Zoom conference. Parent activities included apple orchard trips, banana split parties, donuts with dad and the Zoo.



Coming out of the Covid –19 pandemic, we saw a large uptick in the number of children with behavior issues and in the number of children not potty trained. The program is serving a large number of 3 year old preschoolers. The program has been under enrolled and will be looking at requesting an enrollment reduction while increasing classroom staffing.



School Readiness

Below is a table showing the percentage of achievement for all children in the Head Start domains according to our Galileo Assessment at each of the 3 pre-determined evaluation periods and compared to the previous year.

Community Assessment

The area population is decreasing, the unemployment rate averages 3.25%, poverty level averages 8.9%. It is estimated that there are 387 preschool children at or below poverty in the service area. When adjusted for the large Amish population, it is estimated that there are 224 possible age and income eligible children in the service area. There are 14 publicly funded childcare or preschool centers, 0 Type A homes and 3 type B homes in the service area. Head Start with 6 centers remains free to low income while other programs have a fee or sliding fee. The area remains 98% Caucasian. It is estimated that there are 200 preschoolers with disabilities in the service area. Reports show there are 106 families in the service area receiving Ohio Works First services. Estimates of the Amish population are 42% of the total population in the service area. Due to low poverty and unemployment and Head Start guidelines at 100% of poverty, the program is not able to find 321 eligible children.

Domain	Oct. 2021	June 2022	Growth Oct-June		Oct.2022	June 2023	Growth Oct-June
Approaches to Learning	52.67%	84.32%	31.65%		61.78%	88.43%	26.65%
Social/Emotional Development	46.87%	84.36%	37.49%		54.38%	85.30%	30.92%
Language and Literacy	42.37%	78.89%	36.52%		45.20%	78.91%	33.71%
<i>Language and Communication</i>	51.52%	85.40%	33.88%		52.75%	86.15%	33.40%
<i>Literacy</i>	33.22%	72.39%	39.17%		37.65%	71.68%	34.03%
Cognition	36.30%	78.30%	42.00%		43.98%	77.20%	33.22%
<i>Mathematics Development</i>	34.74%	77.23%	42.49%		42.58%	74.90%	32.32%
<i>Scientific Reasoning</i>	37.86%	79.38%	41.52%		45.39%	79.51%	34.12%
Perceptual, Motor, Physical Development	43.22%	77.61%	34.39%		52.69%	81.61%	28.92%
Average	42.87%	80.09%	37.22%		51.60%	81.08%	29.48%