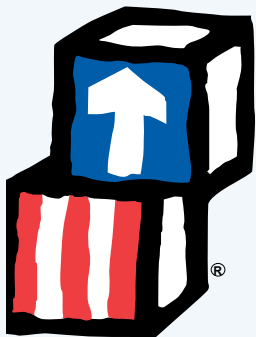


Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start Child Development



2010-2011 Annual Report

Letter from Leadership



Janet Clark

Dear Parents, Community Partners and Friends of Head Start,

The Okaloosa County Board of Director and the Executive Director of Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start Child Development, Inc. is pleased to share the 2010-2011 Annual Report.



Dr. Lynn Boyer

This year we experienced a few challenges but many more successes in the area of providing quality services to children and families. This year's report will highlight the child outcome scores of our children from the fall assessment period and the gains made by the end of the program year. The agency has focused on ensuring the school readiness skills of the children transitioning into kindergarten. In addition, the agency had four staff members to become CLASS (Class Assessment Scoring System) reliable, which is the new assessment process that monitors the teacher's interactions with children. The CLASS provides evidence that high quality classrooms lead to long term academic gains for children.

The report gives more demographic information on the children and families served by the Head Start program. This information is used to help determine services that are needed by our families. It is through this information we have been able to foster strong and long-lasting community collaborations.

The agency recognizes that we do have areas where improvement is needed and pledge to continue to work diligently to move towards our goal of becoming a "Program of Excellence."

Janet Anderson Clark
Executive Director

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Board Chair

Board of Directors



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Community Representative



Faces of Early Head Start - McGriff



History of the Organization

Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start Child Development began in Okaloosa County in 1967 as a summer program. The program was originally managed through the Okaloosa County School District and then the Community Action Program (CAP). The CAP Agency closed its doors in 1976, which left the Head Start program without a sponsor. At that time a group of concerned parents and community leaders applied to the federal government to become the sponsor of Okaloosa Head Start. In 1977, Okaloosa County Comprehensive Head Start Child Development, Inc. was established. The Early Head Start grant was awarded in September 1998. The program serves 257 Head Start and 64 Early Head Start children and families.

Mission Statement

Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start is committed children of diverse backgrounds, families and staff through the support of our community for personal growth and development that will lead to a successful future.

Vision Statement

Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start is and will be the leader in early childhood education through exemplary passion and commitment from staff. Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start provides cutting edge services and support for our families, children and our community.



Dancing to the Beat of Early Head Start

Guiding Principles

We Believe . . .

- Children are the Priority of the Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start Program
- In the person growth and development of children and families.
- In letting children express their individuality by teaching them to respect themselves and others.
- Children should be given the tools to maximize their learning potential.
- The philosophy that student improvement begins with teacher improvement.
- In seeking new ideas and innovations to the Head Start program by board members, policy council, community partners and staff.
- In advocating for public policy for the future of our children.
- That all children, families and staff deserve to be respected.
- In children receiving proper nutrition, health and dental care.
- In making a difference in the lives of our children, families and staff.
- Those individuals that benefit from the Head Start Program should give back to the program.
- In early identification and intervention of common risk factors for children and families.
- Open and honest communication is the key to success.
- All staff should have the opportunity to be trained and advance within the program.
- In empowering the people around us.

Program Centers

Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start has eight centers. The centers are made available through ongoing partnerships between the agency and community and governmental agencies. The following locations and partners make the Head Start Program possible:

McGriff Street Center:

- 100 Head Start children/16 Early Head Start children
- Partnered with the City of Fort Walton Beach for the facility and Okaloosa County for maintenance

Chester Pruitt Center:

- 20 Head Start children
- Partnered with the City of Fort Walton Beach Parks and Recreation department

Niceville Center:

- 40 Head Start children
- Partnered with the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church

Edney Center:

- 60 Head Start children/16 Early Head Start children
- Partnered with City of Crestview

Kennedy EHS Center:

- 16 Early Head Start children
- Partnered with the Crestview Housing Authority



McGriff Street Center

Lakeview EHS Center:

- 16 Early Head Start children
- Partnered with the Crestview Housing Authority

Bay Street Head Start Center:

- 20 Head Start children
- Partnered with the Crestview Housing Authority

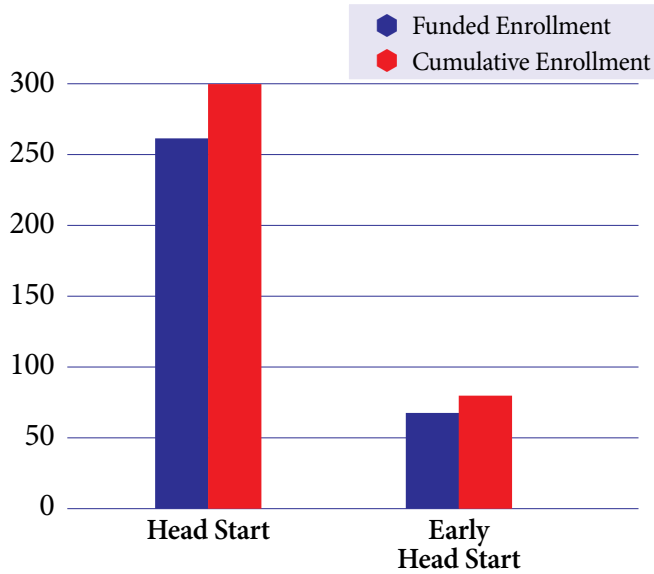
Laurel Hill:

- 17 Head Start children
- Partnered with the City of Laurel Hill

Demographics

Enrollment Data 2010 - 2011

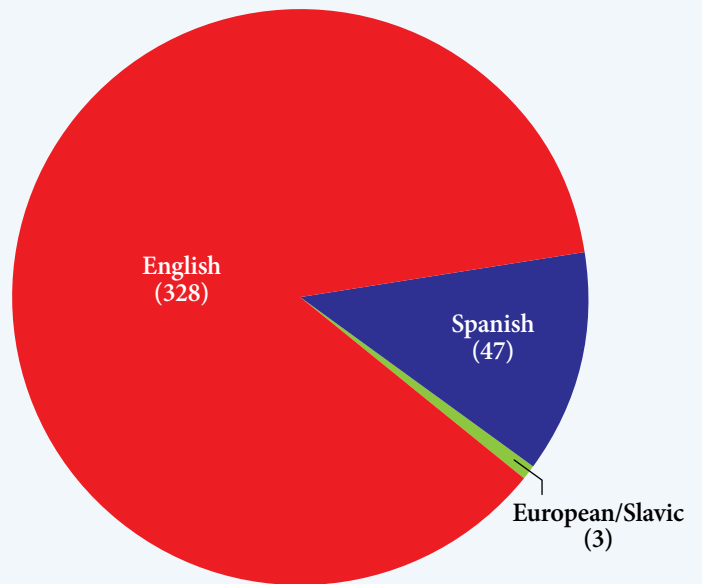
This data includes the total number of funded Head Start and Early Head Start enrollment slots. The cumulative enrollment includes the total number of children served including those who dropped from the program during the year.



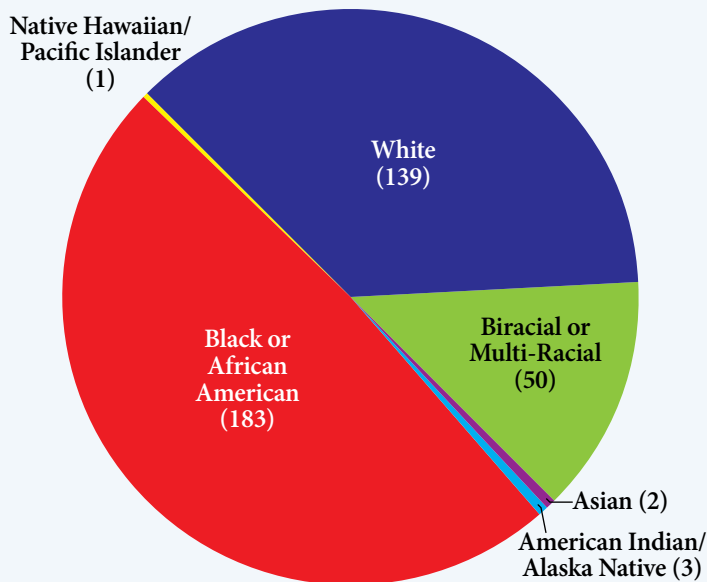
Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (ERSEA)

This data is used to ensure the agency is serving the children and families with the greatest need as well as planning for services.

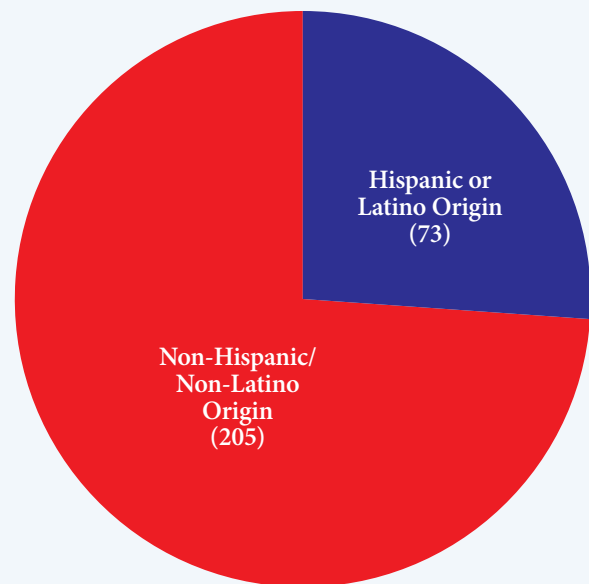
Primary Language of Family at Home



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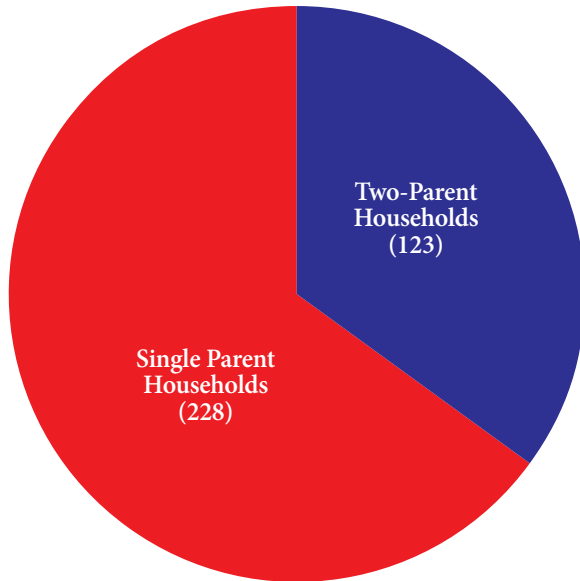
Ethnicity



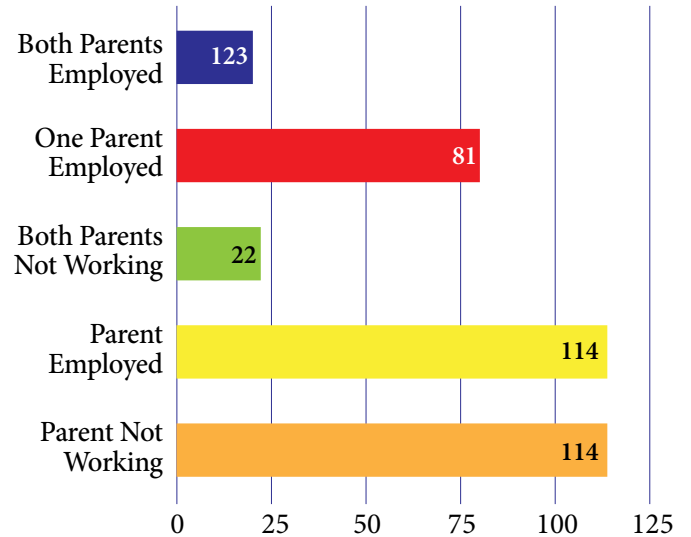
Family and Community Partnerships

Okaloosa County Head Start/Early Head Start works with families to support family goals through providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. The goal of Family Partnership Agreements is to support families as they identify and meet their own goals, nurture their children growth and development in the context of their families and culture.

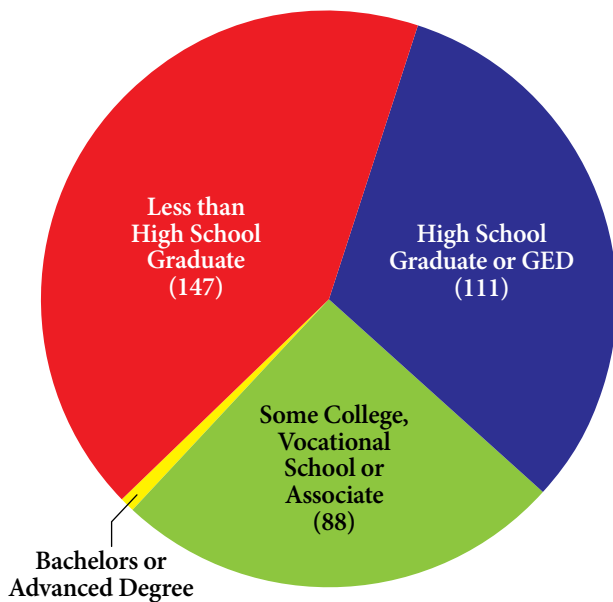
Total Number of Families (351)



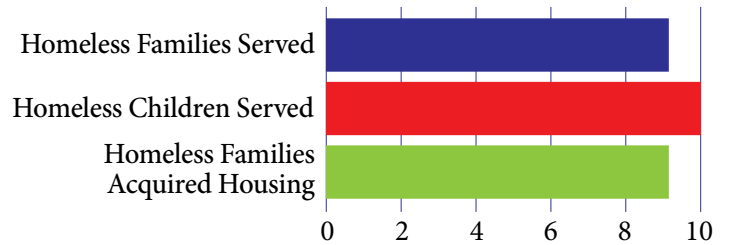
Employment Status



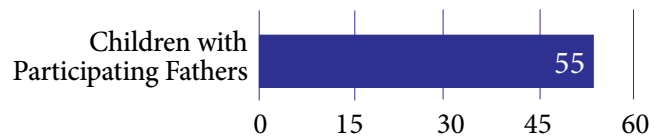
Education Levels



Homeless Services

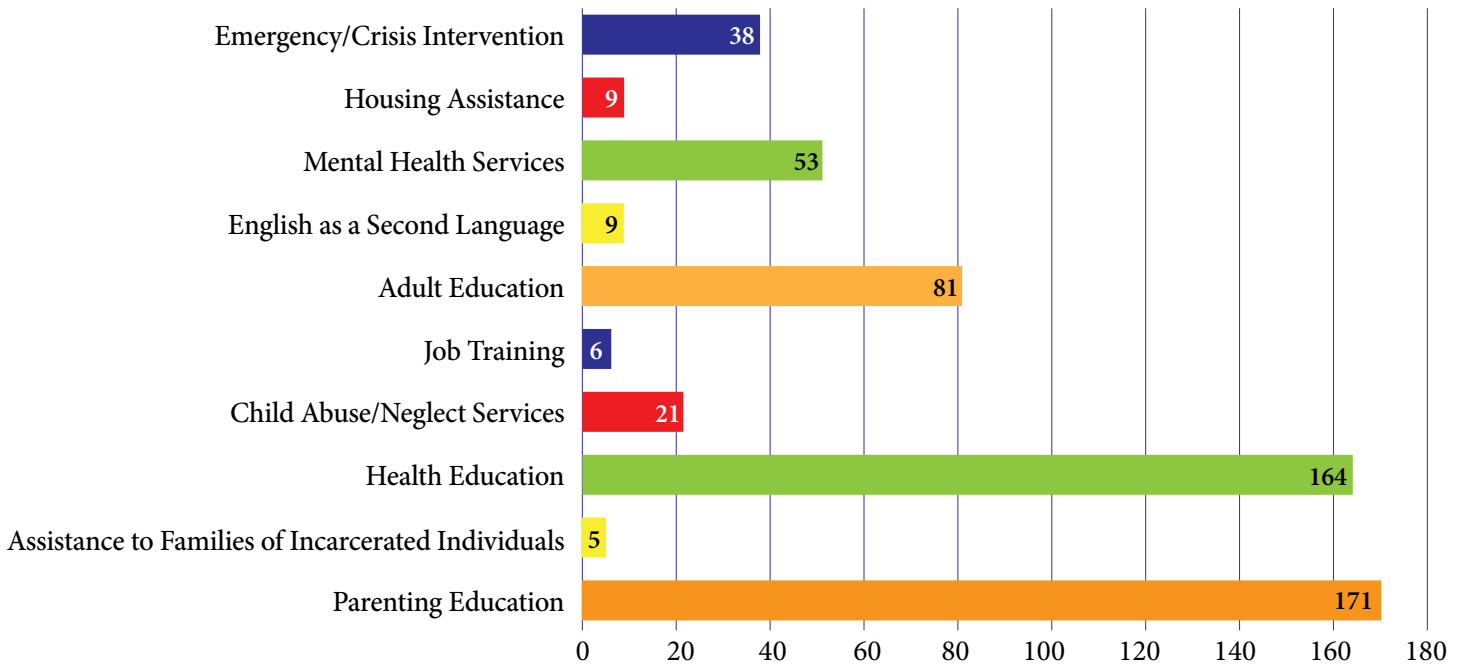


Father Involvement



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Services to Families



2011 Spring Parent Conference



Ms. Mabel Jones, Jones Connection, Inc.

On May 14, 2011, the Policy Council hosted the Spring Parent Conference that featured Ms. Mabel Jones of Jones Connection, Inc. as the keynote speaker. Ms. Jones gave an inspirational speech on the topic "Moving Families toward Self-Sufficiency" to over 100 parents and staff.

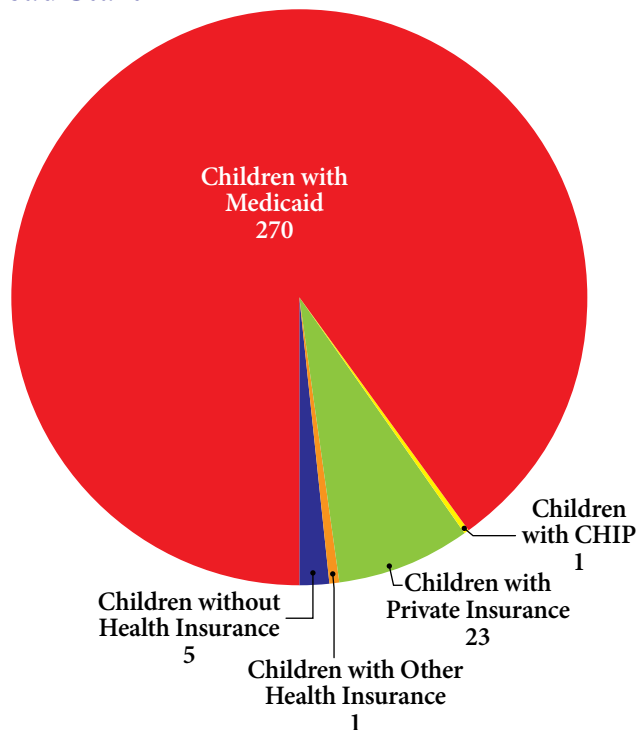


Health Services

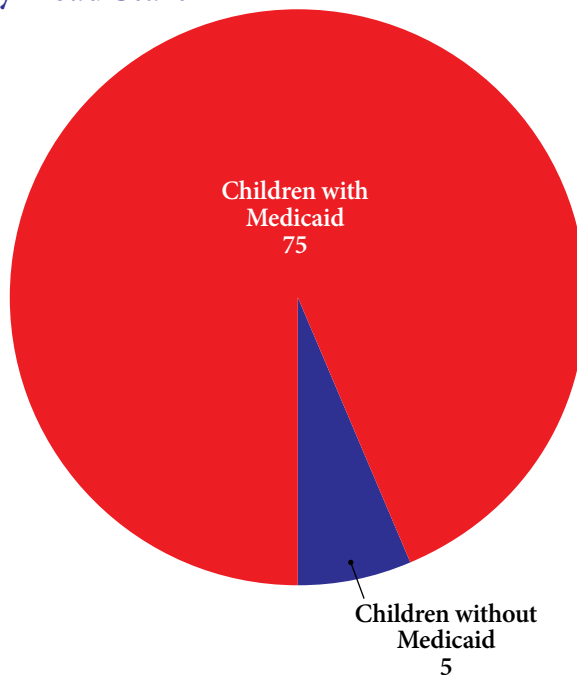
Okaloosa Walton Head Start/Early Head Start work with families to ensure their children receive the necessary health services which includes dental, nutritional and mental health.

Health Insurance

Head Start



Early Head Start



Medical Services

Head Start

Completed all medical screenings:	279
Diagnosed as needing medical treatment:	1
Received or are receiving medical treatment:	1

Early Head Start

Completed all medical screenings:	45
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Dental Services

Head Start

Received continuous accessible dental care:	288
Received preventive care:	280
Completed professional dental exam:	283

Medical Home Children (EOY)

Number of children with continuous accessible health care:

Head Start	295
Early Head Start	75

Disability Services

The agency met the mandate that requires Head Start programs to ensure that 10% of children enrolled are children with disabilities:

Head Start

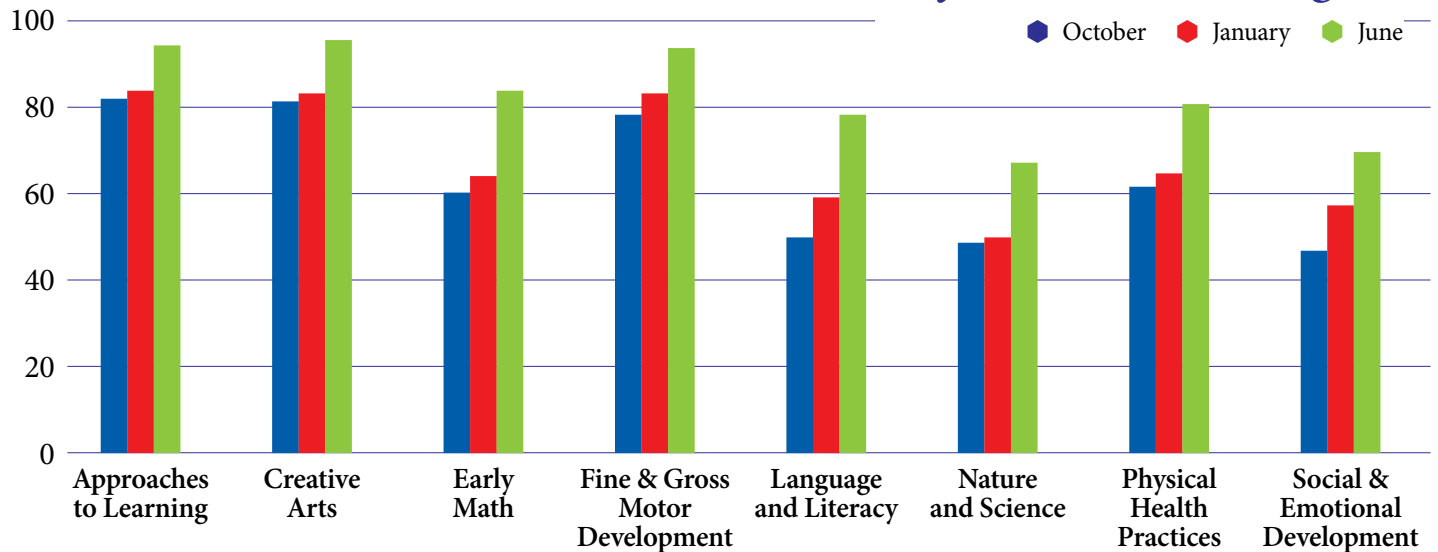
Children with an Individual Education Plan:	28
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Early Head Start

Children with an Individual Family Service Plan:	6
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Okaloosa County Head Start Outcomes

for 2010 - 2011 Program



The bar graph illustrates the percentage of skills learned on the y axis for each outcome area listed on the x axis. In the area of Early Math the children knew 60.41% of the sub set skills in October 2010 and learned 85.03% of these skills by June 2011. This data supports that Okaloosa County Head Start children are prepared to transition to Kindergarten and uniformly met and exceeded developmental levels in all child outcome areas.

Child Outcomes/Domains:

Developmental Levels 2010-2011 Program Year

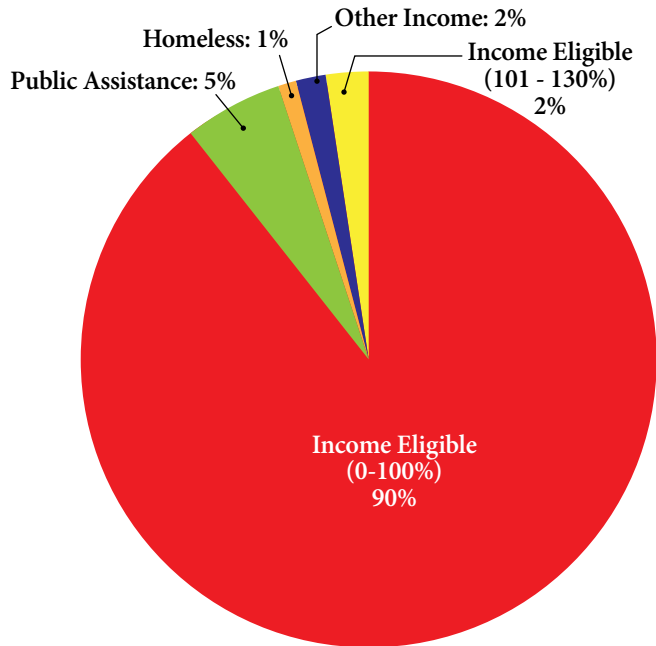
Domain	Beginning Year August 2010	Mid-year January 2010-2011	End of Year June 2010-2011
Approaches to Learning	543	549	575
Creative Arts	544	553	580
Early Math	511	518	549
Fine and Gross Motor	535	546	572
Language and Literacy	501	509	537
Nature and Science	499	502	524
Physical Health Practices	512	518	541
Social and Emotional Development	496	507	527

The chart indicates the children's developmental levels across all outcome areas from the beginning, mid-year and the end of the program year. The children achieved intermediate or advanced developmental levels in all areas by the end of the program year.

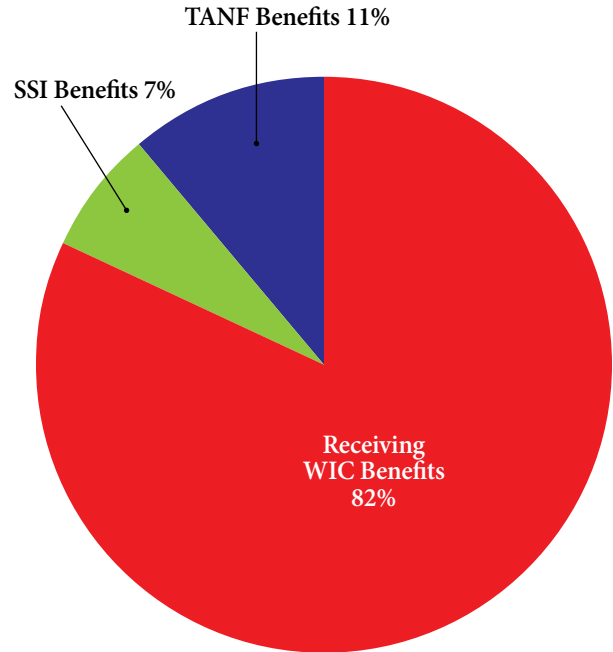
Significant gains in the area of Approached to Learning (32 points), Early Math (38 points), Fine and Gross Motor skills (37 points) indicate the Okaloosa County Head Start four year olds made gains at the advanced developmental level in these outcome areas.

Eligibility Data

Income Eligibility



Federal or Other Assistance

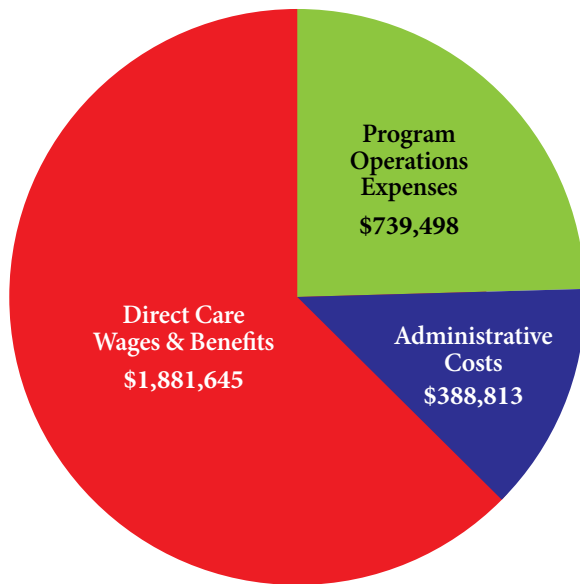


Children with Building Blocks

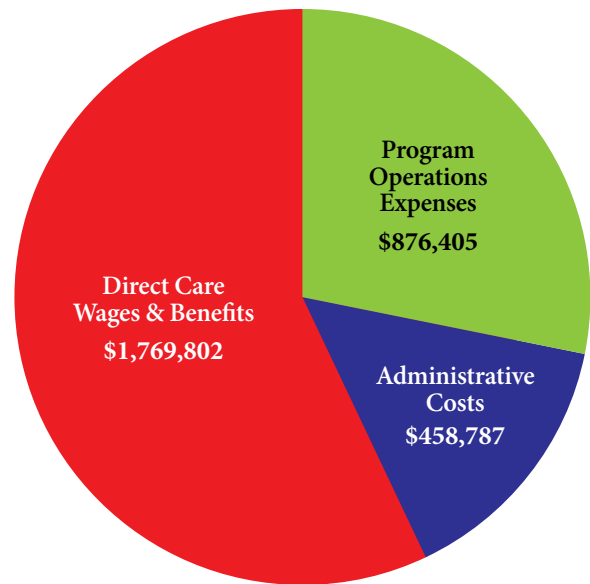
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Fiscal Information

2009 - 2010 Program Expenses



2010 - 2011 Program Expenses



Funding Sources

- Administration for Children and Families:
Office of Head Start: \$2,818,598
- USDA (Food Program): \$233,097
- Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten(VPK): \$168,079
- Okaloosa Board of Commissioners: \$8,100
- Crestview Bingo: \$6,255
- Kiwanis: \$1,800
- Miscellaneous Donations: \$270

Community Partners

- City of Ft. Walton Beach
- City of Crestview
- City of Crestview Housing Authority
- City of Mary Esther
- City of Niceville
- City of Laurel Hill
- Ft. Walton Beach Kiwanis
- Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Niceville
- Niceville Kiwanis
- Okaloosa County Health Department
- Okaloosa County Maintenance Department
- Okaloosa County School District
- Okaloosa-Walton Child Care Services
- Okaloosa-Walton Early Learning Coalition



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