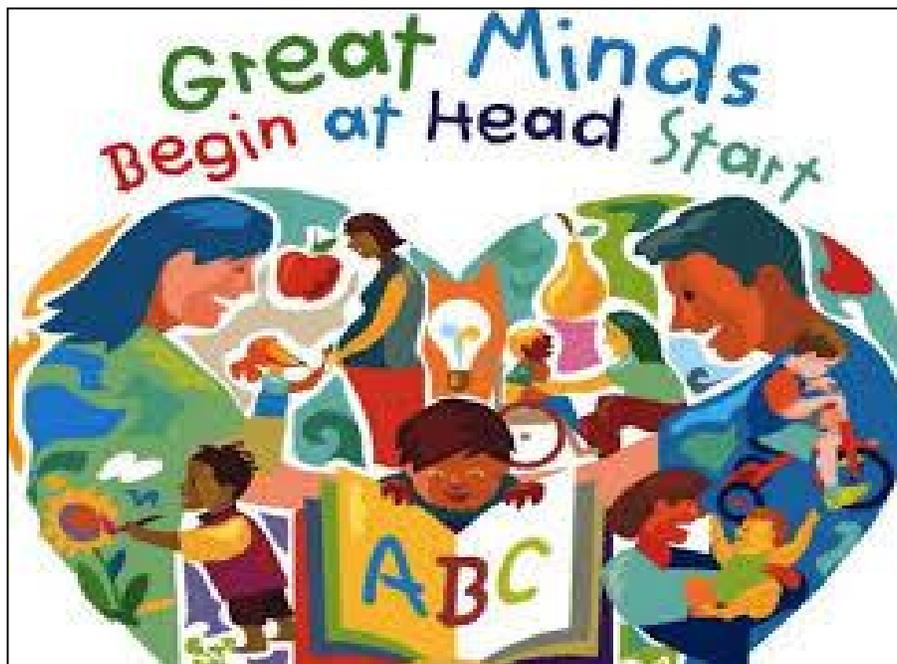


Waccamaw Economic Opportunity Council, Inc

Head Start/Early Head Start 2013 Annual Report

*“Leading the Way for Children, Families
and Communities”*



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Head Start/Early Head Start 2013 Annual Report

Waccamaw EOC, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start Program Board of Directors, Policy Council and Staff is committed to providing high quality comprehensive services (Health, Education, Nutrition, Disability/Mental Health, Family Services, Early Literacy, Transportation and Parent Involvement) to 692 Head Start eligible three and four year old children and their families, and 58 Early Head Start eligible infants, toddlers and expectant families.

We are grateful to our partners for all that they do to help ensure successful school readiness for our children.

If you have questions or concerns, contact your local Head Start/ Early Head Start Center or send your thoughts directly to me at Wilhelmina.whitfield@weoc.org or www.weoc.org.

Yours truly,

Wilhelmina B. Whitfield

Head Start/Early Head Start Director

HEAD START MISSION

STATEMENT

The mission of Head Start is to enhance the quality of life
for children and families through education and support services.

EARLY HEAD START MISSION

STATEMENT

To promote healthy prenatal outcomes for Pregnant Women,
enhance the development of very young children and promote healthy
family functioning.

2013 Policy Council Members

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Number of Personnel



County	Number of Staff
Horry	51
Georgetown	36
Williamsburg	68

Training & Technical Assistance



100% of our Teachers have met the Teacher Qualification Mandate

- 100% are degreed
- 100% have CDA's
- 93% have Bachelors/AA/CDA/Certificate
- 20% Teacher are enrolled in school
- 49% Assistant Teachers are enrolled in school

NAEYC

Five of our Head Start Centers are NAEYC Accredited

- ⇒ Georgetown Head Start Center
- ⇒ Green Sea Head Start Center
- ⇒ Lane Head Start Center
- ⇒ Longs Head Start Center
- ⇒ Waccamaw Head Start Center



Our Families

A total number of 810 families were served during the 2013 school term. _____ persons provided volunteer services this program year. Of these, _____ were current or former Head Start parents.

Education of Parents

- 53% of parents possess a high school diploma
- 27% possess an Advanced Degree
- 13% have less than a high school diploma



Employment

- 47% of the families with children from two parent households enrolled in Head Start had at least one parent working. Another 30% had both parents employed.
- Less than 10% of all families in Head Start had their incomes supplemented by TANF benefits.

Family Services

- 100% of all families were provided at least one family service.
- 67% set goals and are working toward self sufficiency.
- 56% of the fathers of children in the Head Start Program participated in classroom based services or family services.

Parent enrollment activities include:

- Parent Orientation
- Monthly Parent Meetings
- Parent Trainings
- Male/Fatherhood Initiative
- Overnight Parent Conferences/Workshops
- Volunteering at Head Start/Early Head Start sites
- Parent Officers, Policy Council & Health Advisory



Nutrition

- The emphasis in Head Start is to improve all aspects of the child's growth and development.
- We have addressed 100% of all written medical and non-medical dietary requests, including honoring families' cultural preferences.
- Our children are provided two nourishing meals and a snack per day with an estimation of serving 675 meals and snacks per day. The foods selected are high in nutritional value and low in salt, sugar and fat.
- All menus are reviewed by a registered dietician for compliance.
- The agency used funds administered by USDA as a primary source of payment for meal service. An estimated reimbursement of \$546,168.00 was received for the 2013-2014 school year.



Services Provided



Disability

- At least 10% of the enrollment slots are allotted for children with disabilities. It is our goal that all children enrolled and identified with special needs receive all the services to which they are entitled.
- Disability/Mental Health training was held at all Head Start/Early Head Start sites in all three (3) service areas (Horry, Georgetown and Williamsburg Counties).
- Our program has served 10% of our enrollment for 2013-2014 program year; one hundred and eighty-nine (189) referrals were made for special services; a total of seventy-seven (77) children received services; seventy-one (71) for Speech /Language Therapy; five (5) children received Mental Health Services; and one (1) child received Early Intervention Services through BabyNet/DSN.

Education

During the 2013-2014 program year, Waccamaw EOC Head Start used the Creative Curriculum. This Curriculum establishes a framework of child development Knowledge, combined with best practices, teacher involvement and family participation to provide high quality early childhood experiences to foster school readiness.

Teaching Strategies GOLD was used for our child assessment. The program analyzed developmental outcomes for individual children and the program as a whole to determine if all children are making progress towards school readiness goals and to make program improvements.



Early Head Start

We operated with full enrollment in the Center based Option to include forty eight families. Each EHS component to include Health, Education, Mental Health/Disability has worked meticulously together to ensure that all children received seamless services.

Our Transition Plan was utilized to ensure that each child's transition to the next developmental stage was successful. We also engaged parents in the School Readiness process and we have seen steady growth in each developmental area as demonstrated in our Outcomes Report. We will continue to provide families with outstanding services as outlined in the HS/EHS Performance Standards.



Early Head Start



Transportation

- All bus drivers are CDL and DOT certified
- We have 20 buses in our fleet for the Head Start Program
- All buses were serviced and DOT inspected
- Operated 20 buses across the tri-county (Williamsburg, Georgetown and Horry) area.
- Through the use of these buses we transported approximately 575 Head Start Children.



Literacy

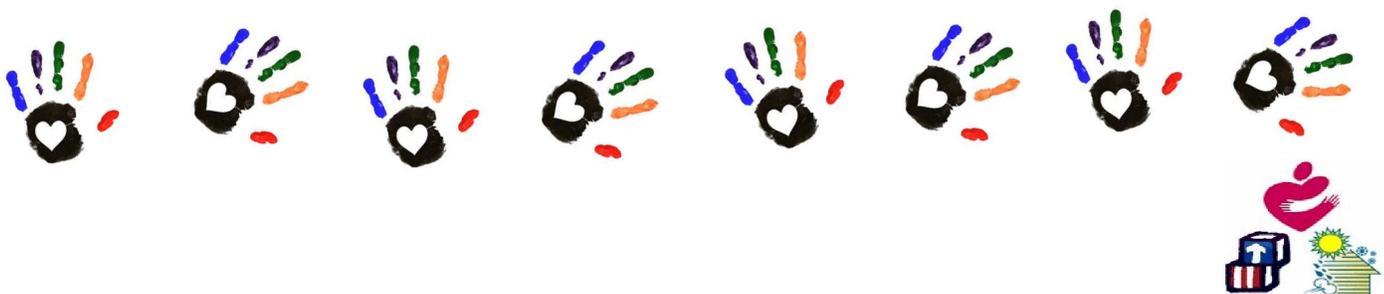
Waccamaw EOC, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start works one –on–one with teachers, assistant teachers and caregivers to insure they are providing developmentally appropriate literacy activities.

The literacy activities are based on the Head Start Early Learning Framework, South Carolina Early Learning Standards and Creative Curriculum Goals and Objectives in order to meet Waccamaw EOC School Readiness Goals . Activities are also provided to parents on a regular basis to assist them in working with their child at home. Parent training is conducted to give parents information about the importance of reading to, with, and in front of their child. The training also incorporates ways to improve overall family literacy skills. The goal is to have ALL children ready for Kindergarten and all Kindergarten classrooms ready for the children.

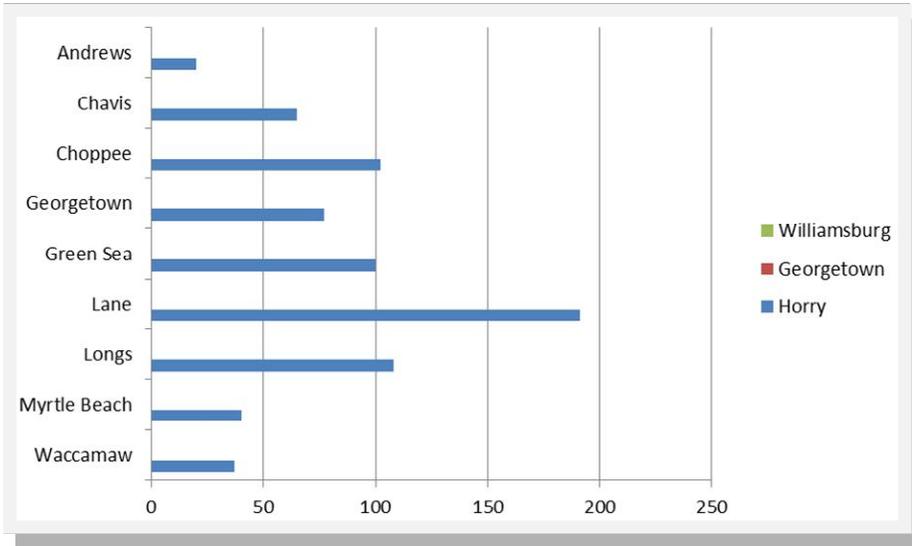


Health Services

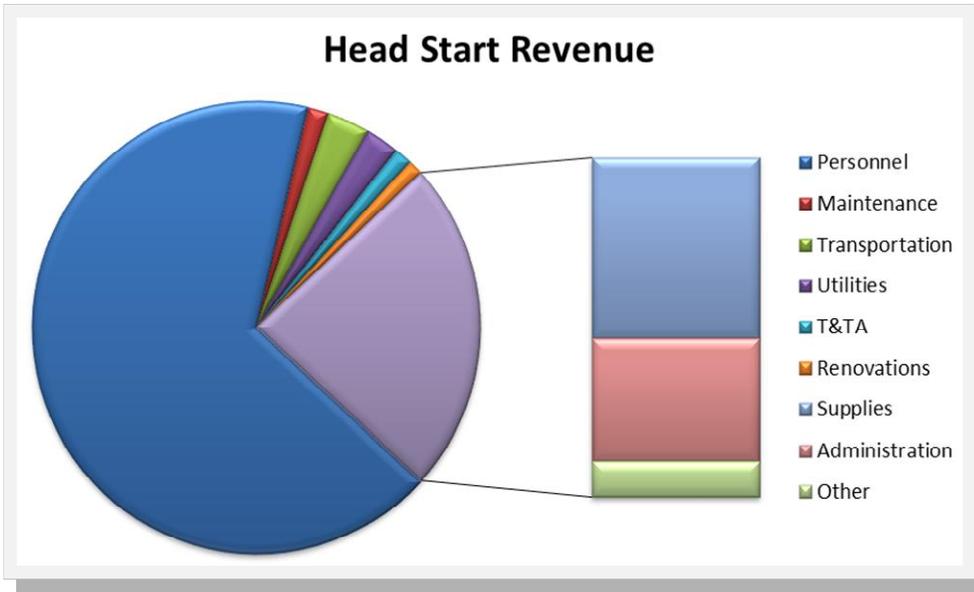
During the 2013 program year, 100% of enrolled children in Head Start and Early Head Start had medical and dental examinations completed, and all enrolled children were linked to a medical and dental home by the end of the program year. Head Start partnered with local community dentists and physicians who provided services to all children in need of physicals and dental exams. All 45 day screenings (vision, hearing, speech and growth assessments) were completed on schedule.



Head Start Funded Enrollment by Centers



Head Start Revenue



Early Head Start Revenue

