



Head Start, Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Annual Community Report 2020

Report statistics based on the 2019-2020 Program Year and FY19 Budget Years

Garrett County Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally funded child development program designed to provide high quality early childhood experiences to prepare children for success in Kindergarten, and to prepare families to be active participants in their child's education. Early Head Start and Early Head Start Child Care Partnership serves children birth to age three, as well as pregnant women. Head Start serves children ages 3 to 5 who are not eligible for Kindergarten.

Centers / Program Options

Center	Program Options	Center	Program Options	Center	Program Options
Accident Head Start Accident, MD	17 HS Children	Sunny Days Child Care Partner Friendsville, MD	5 HS 6 EHS CCP Children	Overlook Child Development Center Oakland, MD	20 EHS 6 EHS CCP Children
Head Start Rooms 1-4 and Early Head Start Rooms 1-3 at the Dennett Road Early Learning Center Oakland, MD	72 HS 16 EHS 8 EHS CCP Children	Grantsville HS/Pre-K and EHS at Grantsville Elementary School Grantsville, MD	25 HS in 2 HS/ PreK Classrooms 18 EHS Children	Early Head Start Home Base GCCAC and Early Care Program at Garrett County Health Dept. in Oakland, MD	35 infants & toddlers and pregnant women
Friendsville HS/Pre-K at Friendsville Elementary School Friendsville, MD	20 HS Children in a HS/Pre-K Classroom	Kitzmiller Head Start Kitzmiller, MD	16 HS Children	Pre-School Family Support—Center Based Children at Rt.40, Acci- dent, Broadford and Yough Glades ES	25 HS/Pre-K Children

Funded Enrollment

Head Start: 180

155 Center based

25 Pre-School Family Support Program

Actual Number Served: 196*

Early Head Start: 89

54 Center-based

23 Home-based

12 Pregnant Women

Actual Number Served: 114*

Early Head Start Child Care Partnership: 20

20 Center based

Actual Number Served: 24*

*Actual number served represents children who withdrew or transferred and their replacements

Average Monthly Enrollment

Average monthly enrollment for HS/EHS/EHS CCP was 98.6%.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

Income below 100% of federal poverty line.....61%
Income between 100% and 130%21%
Income over 130%.....10%

Receipt of public assistance.....4%

Foster Child.....4%

Homeless.....0%

Funds Received	
Head Start	\$1,801,159
Early Head Start	\$1,387,954
EHS CCP	\$538,414
State Supplemental	\$52,563
CCDF	\$105,753
USDA-CACFP	\$95,226

In-Kind Match	
HS	\$450,290
EHS	\$346,990
EHS CCP	\$134,604

Expenses	HS	EHS	EHS CCP
Salaries	44.6%	49.1%	39.2%
Fringe	25.2%	21.3%	23.2%
Travel	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
Equipment	4.1%	2.6%	0%
Supplies	1.9%	1.4%	3.5%
Contractual	8.5%	8.2%	15.6%
Other	8.5%	10.0%	10.8%
Indirect Charges	6.9%	7.0%	7.4%

Head Start Approach to School Readiness

The Head Start Approach to School Readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children. Children are assessed in the domains of Approaches to Learning; Social and Emotional Development; Language and Literacy; Cognition; and Perceptual, Motor and Physical Development. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) results indicate that Maryland students entering Kindergarten this school year continue to enter school ready to learn. In program year 2019-2020 child assessment of ongoing learning was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 16, 2020 center based services were suspended for all children who then entered a virtual model of learning at home with the continued support of Head Start staff. The impacts of COVID with regards to children's School Readiness is still unknown, but we hope to measure the effects through ongoing assessment and collaboration with Garrett County Public Schools.

Parent Engagement

Garrett County Community Action believes in engaging families in order to achieve overall family well-being and understands that children perform at a higher level when they are part of a thriving family. As a part of GCCAC's Dual Generational approach, which consists of working with children and parents, families receive financial education and coaching; career coaching and assistance; and bundling of services as necessary.

Parent meetings/trainings are held on a monthly basis. Training opportunities for parents include budgeting and financial education as well as career readiness and child and family health and nutrition. GCCAC also links families to partner resources within the community that promote overall family well-being. Parents participate in monthly Policy Council meetings to assist in program decision making as well as serve as volunteers in the classroom.

Health and Dental Services

- 100% of children enrolled in HS/EHS/EHS CCP programs 30 days or longer had health insurance.
- 93% of children enrolled in HS/EHS/EHS CCP programs are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to Maryland's EPSDT schedule for well child care.
- 84% of children received dental preventive care and completed an oral health examination while in Head Start.

Head Start Review

From April 13, 2020 to April 17, 2020, the Administration for Children and Families conducted a Focus Area One (FA1) monitoring review of the Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start programs. On June 11th the program received a Program Performance Summary Report with no Areas of Concern, Areas of Noncompliance and/or Deficiencies. The report was reviewed with program staff, Policy Council and the Board of Directors.

Financial Audit

A financial audit of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. for year end September 30, 2018 by Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl P.A. dated October 31, 2019 reported 2 issues related to Head Start programming including a material weakness of the timeliness of audit information and a significant deficiency related to authorization of payments in which two signatures weren't obtained prior to invoice payments.

