



UNITED CAP HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021

United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) Head Start provides a comprehensive approach to the school readiness and well-being of children and families. This two-generational approach focuses not only on the child but also the parents. Head Start partners with families to implement services that prepare children academically, physically, and socially to enter kindergarten.

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Head Start and Early Head Start

The UCAP Head Start program consolidated three federal grants into one grant. Grant 05CH00148 now serves children and families prenatal to age 5 in nine rural Minnesota Counties: Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Redwood, and Renville Counties. Additionally, the program also receives state funded Early Head Start used to operate a Home-Based option, as well as additional supplemental funding through other sources.

During the 2020-2021 school year, 549 families received services through the Head Start and Early Head Start program (EHS).

Head Start provided services to 443 preschool aged children in grant 05CH011468, ages 3-5, in a classroom setting. Head Start maintained an average monthly enrollment of 88%.

Early Head Start (prenatal to 3-years) maintained an average monthly enrollment of 99% and provided services to 172 children. State funds provided access of an additional 68 EHS slots.

92% of children in Grant 05CH01468 served were income or categorically eligible for Head Start

Of those children enrolled in Grant 05CH011468:

- 62% of children enrolled were under 100% of poverty.
- 9% of children enrolled were receiving public assistance, such as Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
- 5% were either homeless or a foster child.
- 16% were between 100% and 130% of federal poverty line.

UCAP Head Start received a Focus Area 1 Remote Monitoring visit from June 7 to June 10, 2021. The program was in compliance with the requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) and the Head Start Act of 2007. There were many performance strengths identified.

Health outcomes Grant 05CH011468:

- 80.4% Head Start and 37.2% EHS enrolled children received medical exams and were up to date on age-appropriate preventive and primary health care.
- 95% Head Start and 84.3% EHS children at the end of the enrollment year were up to date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
- 48.5% of children received a professional dental exam during the program year. Of those children who received a dental exam, 34.4% required treatment.
- 31.1% of children who needed dental treatment received it.

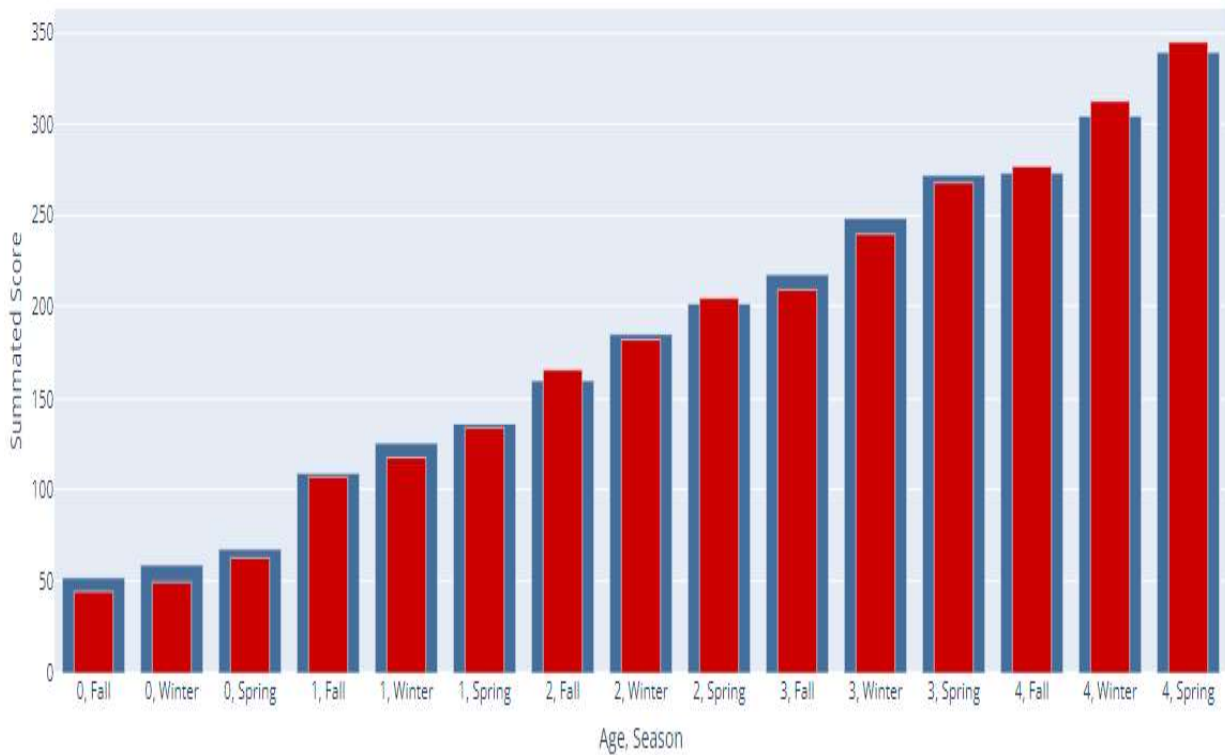
Head Start had 559 volunteers throughout the 2020 – 2021 school year. Of those volunteers, 500 (89%) were current or former Head Start parents.

Parents/Guardians Participated in:

- Policy Council and Parent Committees
- Board Meetings
- Local and Regional Parent Trainings
- Community and Family Events
- Father/Male Involvement Activities
- Classroom, socialization, and at-home activities

School Readiness:

Head Start students made substantial gains across all learning domains during the 2020-2021 school year. School readiness goals were achieved by 77.8% of 4-year-olds. Goals in social-emotional development, physical development, language, and literacy were generally met. When children had attendance levels above 80%, children were more likely to have met school readiness goals. Additionally, children performed better when they received more than one-year of services and when classrooms had higher CLASS scores, specifically in instructional supports. See all-domain overall growth chart by 2020-2021 seasons and age groups below.



**Red: UCAP Scores; blue: State Averages*

Head Start and Early Head Start Financial Information

Grant Awards/Funding:	
05CH011468/01	2,865,195
05CH011468/01 - COVID Supplemental	237,278
05CH10360/05	2,215,187
05CH10360/05 - COVID Supplemental	166,094
05CHHP000173/02	1,389,620
05CHHP000173/02 - COVID Supplemental	63,274
State Early Head Start	901,181
State Childcare Sites COVID-19	118,191
State Pathway II Funds	382,500
CACFP (USDA)	115,305
Match (from non-grant sources)	1,512,097
Total	9,965,922

Head Start and Early Head Start Budgeted Expenditures 2020-2021

Categories:	Federal 05CH011468-01-01		Federal 05CH10360/05		Federal EHS 05HP00173/02		State Head Start	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Personnel	1,853,563	1,865,257	1,420,490	1,393,962	1,008,099	934,613	576,326	586,499
Fringe Benefits	356,891	379,286	270,708	277,924	201,372	167,894	142,809	139,277
Travel (Out of Area)	6,936	10	6,362	8	12,028	88	1,700	3
Equipment	126,660	36,180	204,000	85,706	-	-	-	-
Supplies	116,462	131,993	86,569	130,232	41,798	157,022	16,530	40,441
Contractual	95,457	101,174	62,990	86,028	18,742	28,055	35,040	30,619
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	546,504	284,900	330,162	202,385	170,855	157,242	128,776	104,342
Match	3,102,473	2,798,800	2,381,281	2,176,245	1,452,894	1,444,914	901,181	901,181
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