

# United Community Action Partnership Head Start Annual Report



*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 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 2022-2023 school year, a cumulative of 632 families received services through the federally funded Head Start and Early Head Start program (EHS).

Head Start provided services to 474 preschool aged children, ages 3-5, in a classroom setting. Head Start maintained an average monthly enrollment of 97-98%.

Early Head Start (prenatal to 3-years) maintained an average monthly enrollment of 100% and provided services to 158 children and pregnant moms. State funds provided access of an additional 60 EHS slots.

### **94% of children in Grant 05CH01468 served were income or categorically eligible for Head Start**

#### **Of those children enrolled in Grant 05CH01468:**

- 42% of children enrolled were under 100% of poverty guidelines.
- 36% of children enrolled were receiving public assistance, such as Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or SNAP.
- 9% were either homeless or a foster child.
- 7% were between 100% and 130% of federal poverty line.

#### **Monitoring:**

**UCAP Head Start received a Focus Area 1 Monitoring Review from June 7 to June 10, 2021, and a Focus Area 2 Monitoring Review from October 3-7, 2022.** The program was in full compliance with the requirements of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) and the Head Start Act of 2007 at the time of the review. There were many performance strengths identified. March through May 2023, CLASS was completed. Scores were above the threshold. On 3/9/23 and 8/1/23 the program received Areas of Noncompliance and a deficiency. Follow up review was conducted starting November 7 and findings were closed on 11/22/23.

#### **Financial Audit. Federal Awards**

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? None
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported.

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified.

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

**Health outcomes Grant 05CH011468:**

- 78.7% Head Start and 27.8% EHS enrolled children received medical exams and were up to date on age-appropriate preventive and primary health care.
- 93.2% Head Start and 91.1% EHS children at the end of the enrollment year were up to date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
- 57.7% of children received a professional dental exam during the program year. Of those children who received a dental exam, 38.2% required treatment.
- 39.5% of children who needed dental treatment received it.

**Volunteers:**

Head Start had 632 volunteers throughout the 2022 – 2023 school year. Of those volunteers, 552 (88%) were current or former Head Start parents.

**Parents/Guardians Participated in:**

Policy Council and Parent Committees

Board Meetings

Local and Regional Parent Trainings

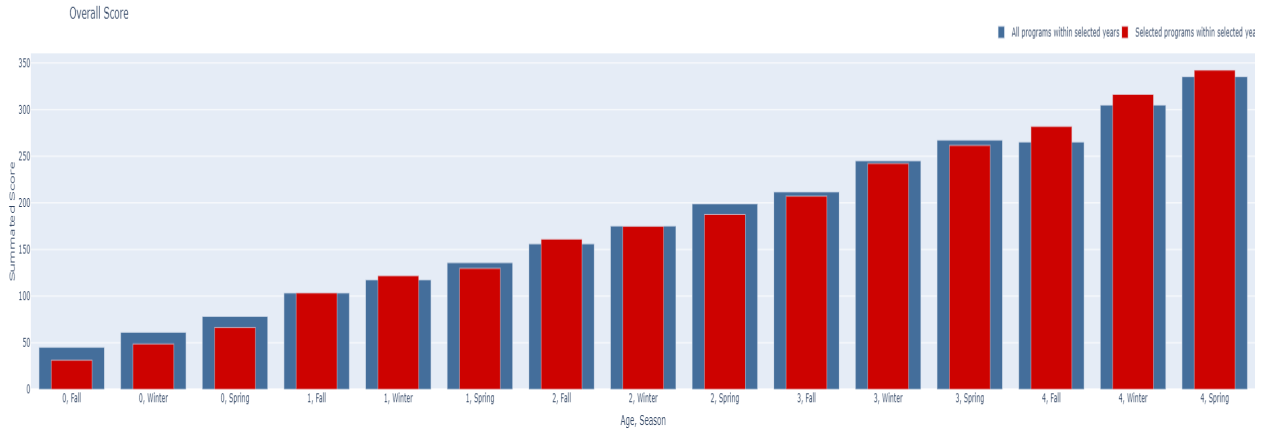
Community and Family Events

Family Engagement Activities

Classroom, socialization, and at-home activities

**School Readiness:**

Head Start students made substantial gains across all learning domains during the 2022-2023 school year. School readiness goals were achieved by 75.3% 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 2022-2023 seasons and age groups below.



\*Red: UCAP Scores; blue: State Averages

### Head Start and Early Head Start Financial Information

Grant Awards/Funding:		
05CH011468-02	6,346,971	*1
05CH011468-01 - Carryover	192,909	*2
05CH011468-01 - COVID Carryover	110,764	*2
05HE000282-01-C6	309,471	
05CH10360-05 - COVID Supplemental	-	
05HE000282-01-C5	79,908	
05CHHP000173-02 - COVID Supplemental	-	
State Early Head Start	904,444	
State Childcare Sites COVID-19	254,488	
State Pathway II Funds	382,500	
CACFP (USDA)	206,427	
Match (from non-grant sources)	1,526,216	
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,314,098</b>	
Note: Grants Marked with *1 have had Carry Over/Extension Requested		
Note: Grants Marked with *2 are approved Carry Over budgets from the Previous Year		

### Head Start and Early Head Start Budgeted Expenditures 2021-2022

	Federal 05CH011468-02			Federal 05HE000282-01- C6			Federal 05HE000282-01- C5			State Head Start	
Categories:	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
Personnel	4,487,292	4,279,221		251,625	102,346		53,741	1,482		588,490	577,928
Fringe Benefits	828,248	850,496		34,646	18,505		11,167	160		132,200	145,039
Travel (Out of Area)	12,098	9,992		-	567		-	161		1,700	330
Equipment	99,739	-		-	-		15,000	30,000		35,000	35,011
Supplies	209,055	92,596		(4,100)	(10,344)		-	9,105		18,964	21,282
Contractual	108,262	146,195		-	210		-	5		20,130	16,898
Construction	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-
Other	905,950	780,385		27,300	35,545		-	1,872		107,960	107,955
	6,650,644	6,158,885		309,471	146,829		79,908	42,785		904,444	904,444
Match	1,567,871	1,526,216		-	-		-	-		-	-