

United Community Action Partnership Head Start

2025 Annual Report





United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) Head Start takes a comprehensive, two-generation approach to supporting school readiness and family well-being. The program focuses on the child as well as the parents and entire family. By partnering with families, Head Start provides services that help children develop academically, physically, and socially so they are fully prepared to enter kindergarten.

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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 funds and additional supplemental funding through community sources.

During the 2024–2025 school year, a cumulative of 578 children received services through the federally funded Head Start (Preschool and Early Head Start) program (EHS). Head Start preschool provided services to 407 preschool aged children, ages 3–5, in a classroom setting. Head Start maintained an average monthly enrollment of 97–100%. State funds provided access to an additional 16 slots.

Early Head Start (prenatal to 3-years) maintained an average monthly enrollment of 100% and provided services to 171 children and pregnant moms. State funds provided access to an additional 60 EHS slots.

UCAP served an estimated 26% of Head Start eligible children in its service area.

92% OF CHILDREN IN GRANT 05CH012507 SERVED WERE INCOME OR CATEGORICALLY ELIGIBLE FOR HEAD START

OF THOSE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN GRANT 05CH012507

- 20% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED WERE UNDER 100% OF POVERTY GUIDELINES.
- 60% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED WERE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS MINNESOTA FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM (MFIP),
- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI), OR SNAP.
- 6% WERE EITHER HOMELESS OR A FOSTER CHILD.
- 5% WERE BETWEEN 100% AND 130% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LINE.

MONITORING

UCAP Head Start was in its second year of its five-year grant cycle and no federal monitoring review has been conducted at this time.

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



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HEALTH OUTCOMES GRANT 05CH012507

- 76% OF ENROLLED CHILDREN RECEIVED MEDICAL EXAMS AND WERE UP TO DATE ON AGE-APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.
- 92% HEAD START PRESCHOOL AND 78% EHS CHILDREN AT THE END OF THE ENROLLMENT YEAR WERE UP TO DATE ON ALL IMMUNIZATIONS APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR AGE.
- 63% OF CHILDREN RECEIVED A PROFESSIONAL DENTAL EXAM DURING THE PROGRAM YEAR. OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED A DENTAL EXAM, 25% REQUIRED TREATMENT.
- 50% OF CHILDREN WHO NEEDED DENTAL TREATMENT RECEIVED IT.

VOLUNTEERS

Head Start had 560 volunteers throughout the 2024 – 2025 school year. Of those volunteers, 453 (81%) 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



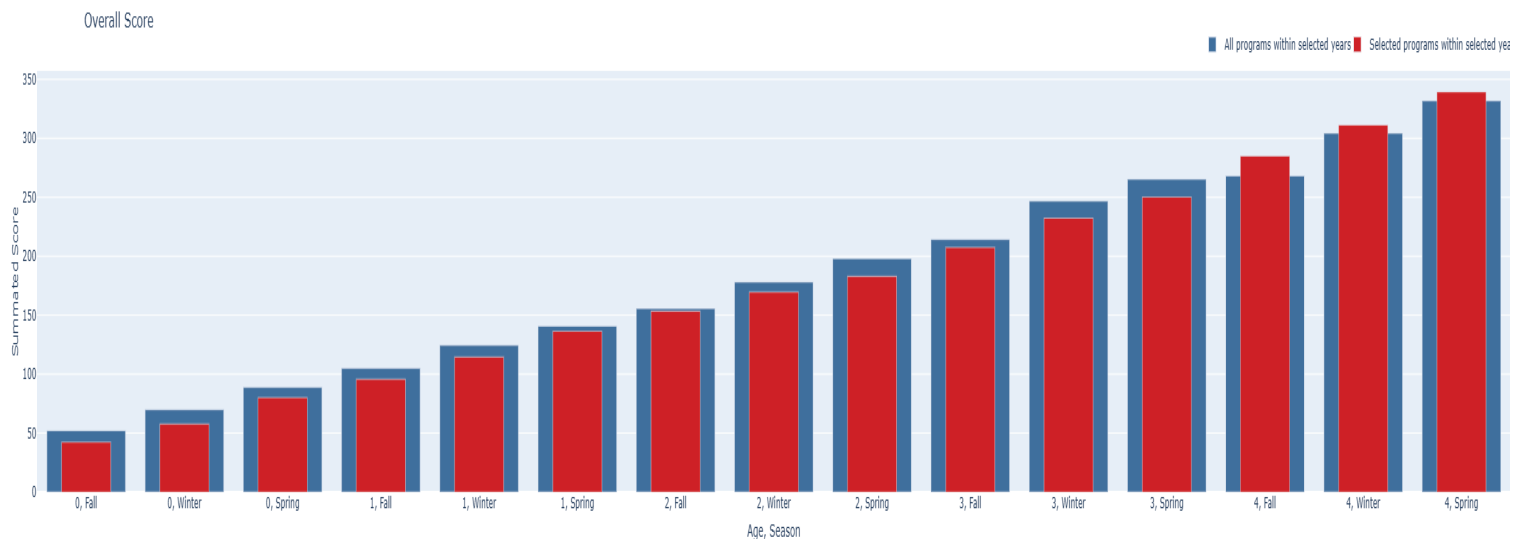
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SCHOOL READINESS

Head Start students made substantial gains across all learning domains during the 2024-2025 school year. School readiness goals were achieved by 77.8% of 4-year-olds. Goals in social-emotional development, physical development, language, literacy, and math were generally met. When children had attendance levels above 90%, 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 for 2024-2025 seasons and age groups below.

OVERALL GROWTH CHART FOR 2024-2025 SEASONS AND AGE GROUPS



*Red: UCAP Scores | Blue: State Averages



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GRANT AWARDS/FUNDING	
FEDERAL 05CH12507-02	7,271,903
STATE HS EHS	1,158,670
STATE GREAT START	368,894
STATE PATHWAY II FUNDS	382,500
CACFP (USDA)	394,437
MATCH (FROM NON-GRANT SOURCES)	1,802,802
TOTAL	11,379,206



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	FEDERAL 05CH12507-02		STATE GREAT START		STATE PATHWAY II FUNDS		STATE HS EHS	
CATEGORIES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Personnel	5,039,526	4,663,655	287,924	287,924	263,418	235,788	804,907	671,396
Fringe Benefits	929,179	1,665,555	80,970	80,970	49,928	87,824	170,882	292,377
Travel (Out of Area)	14,890	13,648	—	—	—	—	300	1,185
Equipment	31,384	16,624	—	—	—	—	—	—
Supplies	164,166	91,262	—	—	1,899	2,268	18,876	13,303
Contractual	176,521	107,294	—	—	48,831	20,138	31,569	18,482
Construction	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	916,237	697,763	—	—	18,424	36,482	132,136	161,928
	7,271,903	7,255,803	368,894	368,894	382,500	382,500	1,158,670	1,158,670
Match	1,802,802	1,802,802	—	—	—	—	—	—

*A request has been submitted to carry over the unspent \$16,000 balance