

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 and whole family. Head Start partners with families to implement services that prepare children academically, physically, and socially to enter kindergarten.

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Head Start Preschool 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 586 families received services through the federally funded Head Start (Preschool and Early Head Start) program (EHS).

Head Start preschool provided services to 416 preschool aged children, ages 3-5, in a classroom setting. Head Start maintained an average monthly enrollment of 97-100%.

Early Head Start (prenatal to 3-years) maintained an average monthly enrollment of 100% and provided services to 170 children and pregnant moms. State funds provided access of an additional 60 EHS slots.

UCAP served an estimated 27% of Head Start eligible children in its service area.

93% of children in Grant 05CH012507 served were income or categorically eligible for Head Start

Of those children enrolled in Grant 05CH012507:

- 25% of children enrolled were under 100% of poverty guidelines.
- 57% 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 first 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

Health outcomes Grant 05CH012507:

- 73% of enrolled children received medical exams and were up to date on age-appropriate preventive and primary health care.
- 92.8% Head Start Preschool and 91.4% EHS children at the end of the enrollment year were up to date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
- 74.5% of children received a professional dental exam during the program year. Of those children who received a dental exam, 34% required treatment.
- 30.9% of children who needed dental treatment received it.

Volunteers:

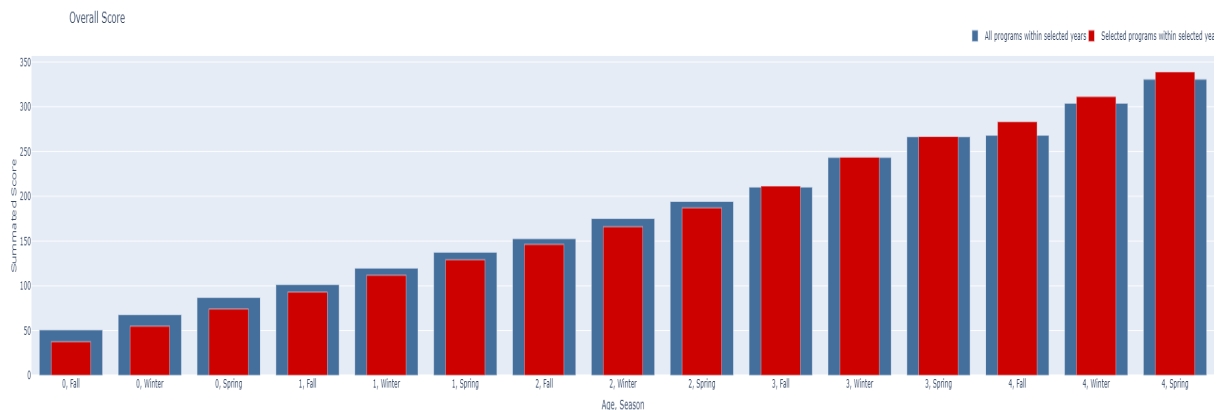
Head Start had 644 volunteers throughout the 2023 – 2024 school year. Of those volunteers, 538 (83.5%) were current or former Head Start parents.

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 2023-2024 school year. School readiness goals were achieved by 71.4% 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 by 2023-2024 seasons and age groups below.



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

**Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start Financial Information
Head Start Grants 2023-2024**

Grant Awards/Funding:	
05CH011468-04	6,267,574
State Head Start	1,158,670
State Great Start	379,067
State Pathway II Funds	382,500
CACFP (USDA)	405,587
Match (from non-grant sources)	1,157,217
Total	9,750,615



Head Start Preschool and Early Head Start Budgeted Expenditures 2023-2024

Categories:	Federal 05CH011468-04			Great Start			State Pathways			State Head Start	
	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual
Personnel	4,524,715	4,221,839		310,835	201,492		298,998	258,019		853,464	738,831
Fringe Benefits	855,740	780,291		68,232	31,294		49,161	47,572		183,904	163,442
Travel (Out of Area)	13,221	15,857		-	-		-	103		300	4,406
Equipment	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-
Supplies	62,461	192,161		-	-		776	6,910		11,244	25,752
Contractual	101,583	114,943		-	-		31,201	19,297		5,487	23,930
Construction	-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-
Other	709,854	942,484		-	-		2,364	50,598		104,271	202,308
Totals	6,267,574	6,267,574		379,067	232,786		382,500	382,500		1,158,670	1,158,670
Match	1,157,217	1,157,217		-	-		-	-		-	-