



Community Action Head Start

2022 Annual Report

About Us

Community Action Head Start is a **comprehensive early childhood education program** for children **age birth to five years** who face barriers to success. Baseline eligibility is a family income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level (\$30,000/year for a family of four).

From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, we help children **build skills for success in school and life**. Our whole-family approach empowers families to **break the cycle of poverty**.



Children & Families Served

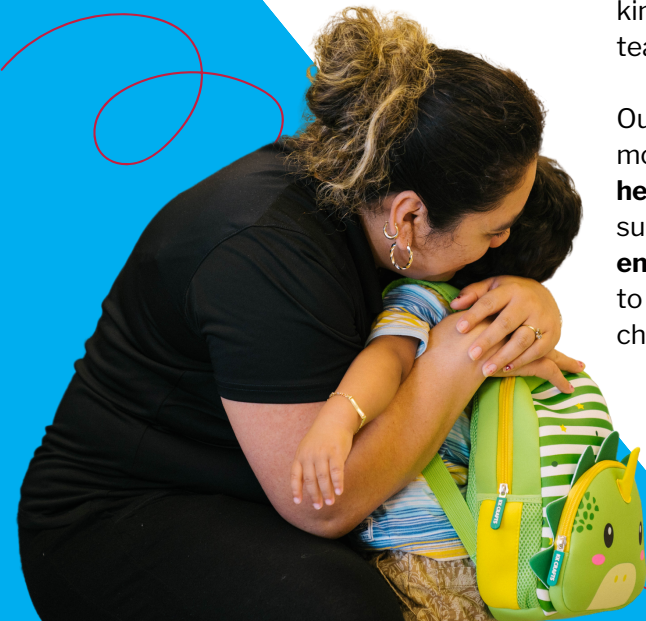
Program Option	Funded Enrollment	Actual Served	Avg. Monthly Enrollment
Early Head Start	340	361	82%
Head Start (center-based)	119	99	74%
Head Start (school-based)	34	38	100%
Total	493	479	85%

Next Stop: Kindergarten

Preparing children for kindergarten goes beyond teaching ABCs and 123s.

Our **comprehensive** service model combines early learning, **health/dental/nutritional** support, and **family engagement** services tailored to the unique needs of each child and family.

**Note: Throughout the 2022 program year, effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including staffing limitations, continued to limit enrollment across age groups.*



Early Learning

Our school readiness goals, developed by the Community Action Head Start School Readiness Committee, are fully aligned with the *Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework* and *Nebraska Early Learning Guidelines*.

Goals fall within five categories:

- Language and Literacy
- Cognition and General Knowledge
- Physical Development and Health
- Social Emotional Development
- Approaches to Learning



Children Meeting/Exceeding Widely-Held Expectations

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

Area of Development	Fall 2022	Spring 2023
Social Emotional	80%	86%
Physical	79%	84%
Language	74%	77%
Cognitive	74%	87%
Literacy	73%	81%
Math	70%	77%

Last year, the percentage of Community Action Head Start **children meeting or exceeding developmental milestones stayed the same or increased** across all areas of learning.



Health Services

When children are healthy, they have the energy to learn.

At Community Action Head Start, we facilitate critical health services like **immunizations; vision, dental, and hearing screenings; and mental health consultation.**

We also promote development of healthy behaviors, such as regular fruit and vegetable consumption and physical activity, through evidence-based interventions.





Children Receiving Medical and Dental Exams

Program Option	Enrollment	% Receiving Medical Exams	% Receiving Dental Exams
Early Head Start	284	88%	85%
Head Start (center-based)	101	71%	85%
Head Start (school-based)	34	91%	88%

Whole Family Focus

Parents/Caregivers know their children best. When parents get the support they need, children and families thrive.

Our **Family Engagement** team supports parents in achieving their own education, employment, familial, wellness, and related goals.

Parents can serve in program leadership roles, including **Head Start Policy Council**, volunteering in classrooms, and participating in program-sponsored family offerings, such as Incredible Years® parenting classes.



Highlights

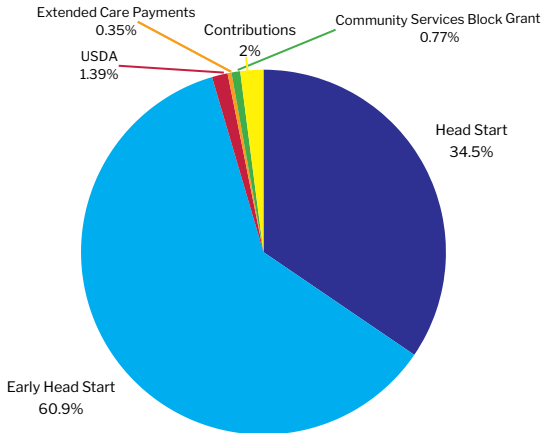
In 2022, construction began on Community Action's purchased facility at 1843 K Street. Renovations are transforming the space into Lincoln's first permanent **Home for Head Start**, intentionally designed to support young children and their families. An associated capital campaign launched in November 2022.

Community Action Head Start's On-the-Job Training program was launched, offering qualifying employees the opportunity to receive supports while pursuing educational goals and career advancement. To date, **40** teachers have participated in this program.



Program Financials

Revenues	Amount
Head Start	\$3,154,704
Early Head Start	\$5,569,707
USDA	\$126,869
Extended Care Payments	\$31,780
Community Services Block Grant	\$70,216
Contributions	\$186,334
Total Revenues	\$9,139,612
Expenditures	Amount
Delegate Costs	\$346,723
Salaries & Fringe	\$4,853,172
Indirect	\$1,356,926
Travel	\$5,459
Equipment	\$785,674
Supplies	\$438,372
Contractual	\$316,493
Other	\$1,036,792
Total Expenditures	\$9,139,612




Financial Audit Results

Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties' consolidated financial statements were audited by independent auditors in December 2020.

Due to annual expenditures of greater than \$750,000 in federal funding, the audit was conducted in compliance with the requirements of U.S. Office of Management and Budget 2 CFR 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The Head Start and Early Head Start Programs were tested as a major program.

The audit contained no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. A copy of the results is available at: facdissem.census.gov.





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