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**WASHITA VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2020-2021**

**THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION**

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and, makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

**Counties Served**

Caddo and Grady

**History of Washita Valley Community Action Council**

A group of Anadarko citizens that were interested in youth problems began a county-wide volunteer organization in 1965. The organization had committees in each of the communities in Caddo County. The group applied for an OEO Grant at the end of 1965 and became designed as the Community Action Agency for Caddo County. At the same time, a group of representatives from Chickasha and other communities in Grady County became designed as the Community Action of Grady County. In 1968, the Green Amendment required that Community Action Agencies merge. The merger of Caddo and Grady Counties was completed in June 1968 and the corporation became Washita Valley Community Action Council. Five Executive Directors have served the corporation.

**Mission Statement**

To assist individuals and families in our communities through public and private partnerships to improve the quality of their lives by minimizing the effects of poverty, promoting self-sufficiency and advocating for social change.

**Board of Directors**

Our tripartite Board of Directors includes membership of one-third representing the public sector, one-third representing the low-income sector and the remaining one-third representing the private sector.

Gary Boggess

Gene Cain

Tom Cantrell

Junior Grubb

Jim Hobbs

Jack Porter

Jane Porter

Rose Roberson

Sharon Shoemake

Stacey R. Smith, Board Chair

Scott Want

**Programs**

**HOME Program**

Funding for the HOME Program is provided through a partnership with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency to provide affordable rental property for low-income individuals and families. We have fourteen rental properties in Grady County.

**Transit**

Washita Valley Transit began transporting passengers in January 1998 with two new buses. We currently have nine ADA buses/mini vans.

Our transit services are made possible through federal funding, state funding, and contracts with Logisticare, Inc., the Department of Human Services, and individuals/companies that advertise on our vans/buses.

We provide transportation to the elderly, disabled, and low to moderate income citizens of Grady County.

Our trip statistics show the following totals beginning October 2020 through September 2021:

48,137 revenue miles.

27,199 passenger miles.

10,651 passenger trips.

2,101 elderly trips.

1,592 disabled trips.

1,883 trips for the elderly/disabled.

We provided 8,212 hours of service for the public.

**Head Start**

We have provided Head Start services in Caddo and Grady Counties since 1968 and Early Head Start services since 2010.

Head Start and Early Head Start are compreshensive child development programs serving low-income children from birth to five years old and their families. Authorized under the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Head Start Program addresses children and their families with the overall goal of improving school readiness. The Early Head Start Program, established by the 1994 reauthorization of the Head Start Act, provides services to low-income pregnant women, children birth to three and their families.

The Head Start and Early Head Start Programs provide individualized services in education, early childhood development, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, parent involvement and family development. The programs provide services, information and referrals to meet the needs and goals of the entire family. The programs strive to prepare children for success in school and life.

Head Start and Early Head Start Program services are based on the age of the child, family income at or below the federal income guidelines, recipients of TANF or SSI, homelessness and foster children.

**Mission**

Inspire and equip children and families to excel today and soar tomorrow.

**VISION**

To provide a premier early childhood program with highly qualified staff incorporating excellence in teaching and technology to ensure that our families and children are positioned, ready and capable to embrace the opportunities of the future.

**PHILOSOPHY**

Parents are the child’s first and most important teacher.

Parents are provided the opportunity for individual and family goal setting and to participant in all areas of the program.

We maintain that when children have adequate nutrition, are immunized, receive appropriate educational and social support, and have learning problems identified and remedied early, they have far greater success in school and life.

Our goal is to assist children in building self-confidence and competence needed to become lifelong learners.

**Program History**

The federal Head Start Program began in 1965 as a part of President Lyndon Johnson’s “War on Poverty” designed to help lift families out of poverty.

**Service Area**

Caddo and Grady Counties

**HEAD START CENTERS**

Anadarko Head Start Apache Head Start Chickasha Head Start

315 NE 3rd Street 300 S. Forrest 1000 W. Minnesota

Anadarko, OK 73005 Apache, OK 73006 Chickasha, OK 73018

405-247-6745 580-588-2270 405-222-0172

Cyril Head Start Fort Cobb Head Start Lookeba Head Start

103 S. 4th Street Caddo Kiow Technology Center Lookeba-Sickles Elementary

Cyril, OK 73029 Fort Cobb, OK 73038 Lookeba, OK 73053

580-464-2536 405-643-5314 405-547-6493

Ninnekah Head Start

Ninnekah Elementary School

Ninnekah, Ok

405-448-3036

**EARLY HEAD START CENTERS**

Anadarko EHS Carnegie EHS Chickasha EHS

315 NE 3rd Street 511 E. Town 1st Street 1000 W. Minnesota

Anadarko, OK 73005 Carnegie, OK 73015 Chickasha, OK 73018

405-247-6745 580-654-1510 405-222-0172

Chickasha EHS Center Fort Cobb EHS

1304 South 6th Street Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center

Chickasha, OK 73017 Fort Cobb, OK 73038

405-224-3471 405-643-3248

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**Head Start and Early Head Start Enrollment**

2020-21

Head Start Program is funded to serve 199 and the Early Head Start Program is funded to serve 138 as of November 2018, due to conversion of Head Start slots to Early Head Start slots.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Month | Head Start | Early Head Start | Total | Funded | Total Percentage |
| March 2020 | 191 | 134 | 325 | 337 | 96% |
| April 2020 | 190 | 127 | 317 | 337 | 94% |
| May 2020 | Closed-COVID |  |  | 337 |  |
| June 2020 | Closed-COVID |  |  | 337 |  |
| July 2020 | Closed-COVID |  |  | 337 |  |
| August 2020 | 89 | 90 | 179 | 337 | 53% |
| September 2020 | 95 | 92 | 187 | 337 | 55% |
| October 2020 | 97 | 93 | 198 | 337 | 56% |
| November 2020 | 96 | 92 | 328 | 337 | 56% |
| December 2020 | 97 | 89 | 188 | 337 | 55% |
| January 2021 | 100 | 97 | 197 | 337 | 58% |
| February 2021 | 100 | 90 | 190 | 337 | 56% |

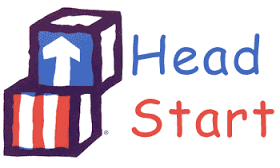
\*\*June/July: Head Start classrooms are normally closed.

**Preparing Children for Kindergarten**

Creative Curriculum for Preschool Children and Infants is used to promote school readiness in the classrooms. Creative Curriculum is scientifically based and correlates with the Oklahoma State Early Learning Guidelines for both preschool and infants. Gold is the assessment tool used to determine the developmental levels and kindergarten readiness of children. The percentage of children functioning at age level in the school readiness domains from the entry in the fall; compared to the end of school year as shown in the following charts.

**End of Year Progression**

**2020-2021**



**3 & 4 year olds.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Area of Development** | **% Meeting or Above Widely Held Expectations**  **Fall Winter** | |
| **Social Emotional** | 53.00 | 61.00 |
| **Physical** | 40.00 | 67.00 |
| **Language** | 34.00 | 56.00 |
| **Cognitive** | 53.00 | 44.00 |
| **Literacy** | 31.00 | 38.60 |
| **Mathematics** | 73.00 | 56.00 |



**Birth to 3 year olds.**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Area of Development** | **% Meeting or Above Widely Held Expectations**  **Fall Winter** | |
| **Social Emotional** | 67.00 | 58.00 |
| **Physical** | 67.00 | 31.00 |
| **Language** | 62.00 | 33.00 |
| **Cognitive** | 78.00 | 75.00 |
| **Literacy** | 86.00 | 77.00 |
| **Mathematics** | 76.00 | 78.00 |

**Eligible Children and Enrollment**

Head Start:

* 68 with incomes below 100% of federal poverty.
* 9 on public assistance.
* 5 foster children – number of children only.
* 6 status as homeless.
* 14 over income.

Early Head Start:

* 69 with incomes below 100% of federal poverty.
* 4 on public assistance.
* 12 foster children – number of children only.
* 12 status as homeless.
* 23 over income.

**Children with Continuous and Accessible Medical and Dental Care at the End of the Year**

Head Start

* 104 Head Start children with health insurance.
* 83 Head Start children with dental care provided by a dentist.
* 7 Head Start children receiving health care through the Indian Health Services.

Early Head Start

* 127 Early Head Start children with health insurance.
* 72 Early Head Start children with dental care provided by a dentist.
* 17 Early Head Start child received health care through the Indian Health Services.
* 4 Pregnant women received prenatal health care.
* 4 Pregnant woman received professional dental examinations.

**Volunteers**

Head Start

* 16 volunteered for the Head Start Program.
* 10 were current or former Head Start parents.

Early Head Start

* 3 volunteered for the Early Head Start Program.
* 0 were current or former Early Head Start parents.

**Race and Ethnicity**

Head Start Early Head Start

16 American Indian or Alaska Native 9 American Indian or Alaska Native

0 Asian 0 Asian

7 Black 1 Black

1 Native Hawaiian or other PI 0 Native Hawaiian or other PI

48 White 19 White

22 Biracial/Multi-racial 0 Biracial/Multi-racial

18 Hispanic 3 Hispanic

2 Parents would not specify race 0 Parents would not specify race

114 Total 32 Total

**Family Services**

The Head Start Policy Council consists of parents, who are elected at the local Head Start and Early Head Start Centers and partner with the WVCAC Board of Directors and staff to review and approve or disapprove policies of the Head Start and Early Head Start Program. Parent Committees are parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. Parent Committees meet once a month for training requested by the parents and are presented information for them to make recommendations for program plans. Parents develop skills through the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to be an advocate for their children. When children transition from Head Start to kindergarten, parents are given a transition packet of materials for parents to work on with their children during the summer months before entering kindergarten.

Head Start and Early Head Start believes that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children.

**Services provided during 2020-21.**

Head Start Early Head Start

Emergency/Crisis Intervention 29 18

Housing Assistance 4 2

Asset Building 75 69

Mental Health Services 5 1

Substance Misuse Prevention 12 46

Substance Misuse Treatment 1 2

English as a second language training 6 0

Assistance in Enrolling-Education/Job Training 20 9 Research based parenting curriculum 85 70

Child’s screening and assessment results and progress 98 83

Supporting transitions between programs 89 77

Education on preventive medical and oral health 88 79

Education on consequences of tobacco product use 74 70

Education on nutrition 89 74

Education on postpartum care 9 4

Education on relationships/marriage 19 49

Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals 11 23

Families counted in at least of the services listed above 104 86

**Homeless Services**

Head Start Early Head Start

Number of Homeless Families Served 6 9

Number of Homeless Children Served 6 14

Number of Families that Acquired Housing 2 2

**Foster Care and Child Welfare**

Head Start Early Head Start

Enrolled Children in Foster Care 7 13

Child Welfare Referrals 2 9

**Children with IEPs and IFSPs** 11 6

**Head Start Federal Reviews**

The Federal Head Start HSKI-C Monitoring Review was successfully passed in February 2016.

CLASS monitoring was successfully passed in September 2018.

FA-1 monitoring was successfully passed in April 2020.

**Audit**

There were no audit findings for the audit year ending September 30, 2020.

**Head Start and Early Head Start Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

**Agency Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

**Budget**

Total Federal Head Start/Early Head Start Grant for 2019-20. $3,886,153.00

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Salaries 1,385,394 1,071,387

Fringe 420,439 279,556

Contractual 47,000 11,000

Travel 5,396 2,080

Space Cost 9,600 4,000

Equipment 0 0

Other 418,748 231,553

Total 2,286,577 1,599,576

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Expenditures Head Start Early Head Start

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Salaries 1,082,621 618,577

Fringe 279,002 91,224

Contractual 26,311 13,384

Travel 2,925 1,307

Space Cost 10,930 2,000

Equipment 0 0

Other 820,179 535,614

Total 2,221,968 1,262,106

Other Funds:

SAF/HS Funds $78,596