

Head Start Child & Family Services, Inc.

FY 2023/2024 Annual Report

Head Start Child & Family Services, Inc.  
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**Grant Match/Inkind**

Head Start $505,141

Early Head Start $358,484

**Annual Budget and Expenditures**

Grant Match/In-kind:

Head Start: $548,179

Early Head Start: $390,511

**School Readiness Data**

This snapshot report, generated from checkpoint data associated with the objective for development and learning for birth through kindergarten, compares assessment data describing children’s knowledge, skills, and abilities with widely held expectations. The following chart shows the number of children meeting or exceeding the widely held expectations for his/her assessment color band.

**Children and Services**

Number Served

Head Start: 173

Early Head Start: 134

Pregnant Mom: 14

Average Daily Attendance: 84%

**Program Services**

**Vision Services**

290 Children received a vision screening within the last year

Through local partnerships each child received a vision exam while enrolled

**Parent Services**

Families had the opportunity to participate in the following:

Parent Teacher Conferences and Home visits

Parent Meeting and Policy Council

Kindergarten Transition Activities

Parenting Classes

Fatherhood & Family Activities

**Special Services**

19 Children received special services within the last year

Children in need receive both disability and mental health services while enrolled

**Dental Services**

175 Children received a dental exam within the last year

Through local dental partnerships, dental exams are given in centers

**Program Governance**

***Federal On-Site Review***

The Office of Head Start conducted an FA-2 Review of our program in the Fall of 2023. There were no areas of non-compliance.

***Independent Audit***

In addition to regular ongoing monitoring and Self-Assessment of our own program, an independent audit is conducted annually. The most recent external audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2024, found a clean opinion with no material findings.

***Achievements***

HSCFS Program is in full compliance with regulatory agencies: Arkansas Child Care Licensing, and Child and Adult Food Program

All centers are Arkansas Better Chance 3 stars

Head Start and Early Head Start Centers are nationally accredited through NAEYC

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**Our Centers**

Cedarville Head Start Dallas HS/EHS Greenwood Head Start

**Locations**

Cedarville HS Dallas HS/EHS Greenwood HS

630 Pirates Way 6808 South Dallas 22 Elementary Loop

Cedarville, AR 72932 Fort Smith, AR 72903 Greenwood, AR 72936

Hamilton HS/EHS St. Johns HS/EHS Van Buren Full Year

503 Access Rd. 1816 North 8th St. 4320 Lura Lane

Van Buren, AR 72956 Fort Smith, AR 72904 Van Buren, AR 72956

Van Buren Part Year Administrative Office

302 Pointer Trail 1520 Construction Way

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Summary of the Community Assessment

Data from the 2023 updates to the community assessment includes the following information about our service area from 2021 data:

* Total population of our service area in 2021 is 188,773. Population continues to increase at a rate of .5%
* Poverty rate of Sebastian County is 16.8%, a decrease of 2%. Crawford County is 14.4%, an increase of 3%. An estimated one in five people are food insecure.
* The three largest ethnic groups in Crawford County are White (Non-Hispanic), White (Hispanic), and Other (Hispanic). 7.73% of the population is Hispanic or Latino of any race. Sebastian County three largest ethnic groups are White (Non-Hispanic), Other (Hispanic), and African American (Non-Hispanic). 14% of the population are Hispanic or Latino of any race.
* Number of children in foster services has increased. There are more than 1200 children in foster care. Sebastian County per capita is the highest in the state of Arkansas.
* Homelessness is decreasing in our program. In the 2022/2023 program year Head Start Child and Family Services, Inc. services were provided to 11 families.
* According to Livestories Spoken Language Statistics, Crawford County has 836 persons that speak Asian or Pacific Islander in their home and 3,030 speak Spanish. Sebastian County has 3,849 that speak Asian or Pacific Islander in their home and 13, 373 speak Spanish.
* According to local school districts, Enrollment numbers have been down due to more families selecting to home school their children.

Needs of children and families in our service area that will be addressed in the coming year:

* Access to mental health for children and families.
* Access to special services for children, issues with Medicaid and number of therapists a concern.
* Families losing Medicaid services a concern for Head Start families.