

Head Start Annual Report



A Program of New River Community Action

2020-2021

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A Message to the Community

It is a sincere pleasure to present the NRCA Head Start Annual Report for the 2020-2021 program year. **329** children in **293** families utilized and benefited from Head Start Services, which were delivered to **20** classrooms in **13** sites across the New River Valley.

Research shows that Head Start delivers an advantage for children who participate in our program as they prepare for kindergarten and beyond. On top of that, the parents of Head Start children are more likely to read with their children, continue their own education, and be strong advocates for their children's education.

I would like to extend my thanks to our staff, Board of Directors, Policy Council, parents, local school systems, and community partners. It is through our high-quality collaborations and partnerships that NRCA Head Start can ensure that the most vulnerable children throughout the counties of Giles, Floyd, Pulaski, Montgomery, and the City of Radford are ready for Kindergarten.



School Readiness

NRCA Head Start provides quality early childhood education for children ages three to five. Facilities are licensed and staffed with early childhood professionals.

We are committed to providing the highest-quality services to children and families. Our program uses a developmentally appropriate educational approach, grounded in accepted theories of how children grow and learn. Teachers create environments and offer experiences that build upon children's interests, support their abilities and needs, include a range of adult-directed and child-initiated learning, and encourage children to work and explore independently. Our classrooms are inclusive of children with disabilities and respectful of differences in gender, culture, language, ethnicity, and family composition

Our centers use the Creative Curriculum for Preschool. This integrated model is designed around 38 objectives for children's development and learning. These are organized under the following developmental domains:

- Social & Emotional Development
- Physical Development
- Cognitive Development
- Language Development
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science and Technology
- Social Studies
- Arts
- English Language Acquisition

NRCA Head Start has selected Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) to measure child progress as it is aligned with the Virginia Building Blocks and the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF). Our program is committed to generating positive outcomes for children and families, and we believe that efficient management systems and strategic use of data are essential to this effort. We analyze the children outcomes data for individual children, classroom-by-classroom, and program-wide. This helps us to drive ongoing quality improvement and to deliver better outcomes for every child we serve.

HEAD START IS NOW ENROLLING!

HOW DO I APPLY FOR HEAD START?
Give your local Head Start Center a call TODAY!

Pulaski 540-994-5740	NRCC, Dublin 540-357-0019
Christiansburg 540-381-7559	Blacksburg 540-552-0490
Radford 540-731-4107	Floyd 540-745-2120
Pearisburg 540-921-2355	Rich Creek 540-726-2700

CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

NO COST PRESCHOOL FOR ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

HEAD START IS HERE TO PARTNER WITH YOUR CHILD AND FAMILY!
Applications Accepted Year Round

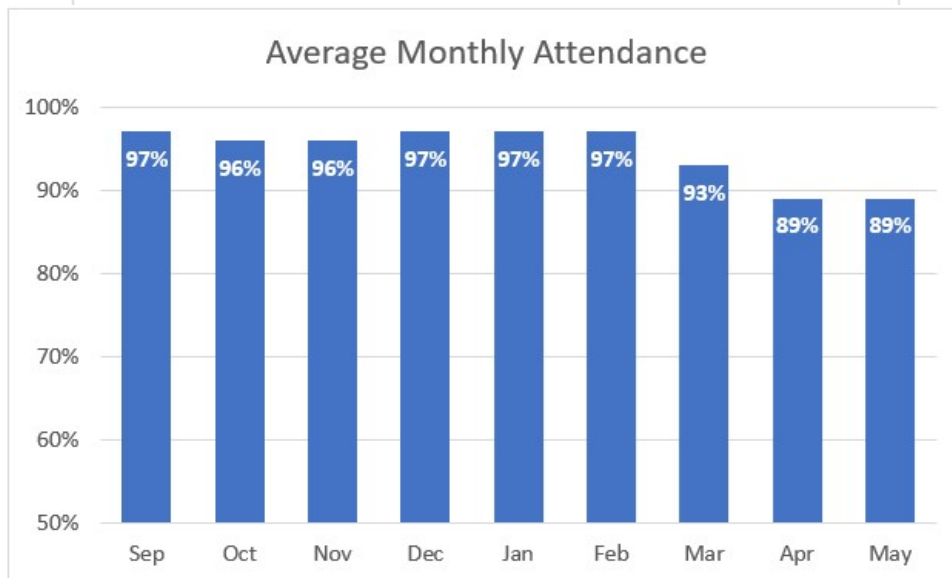
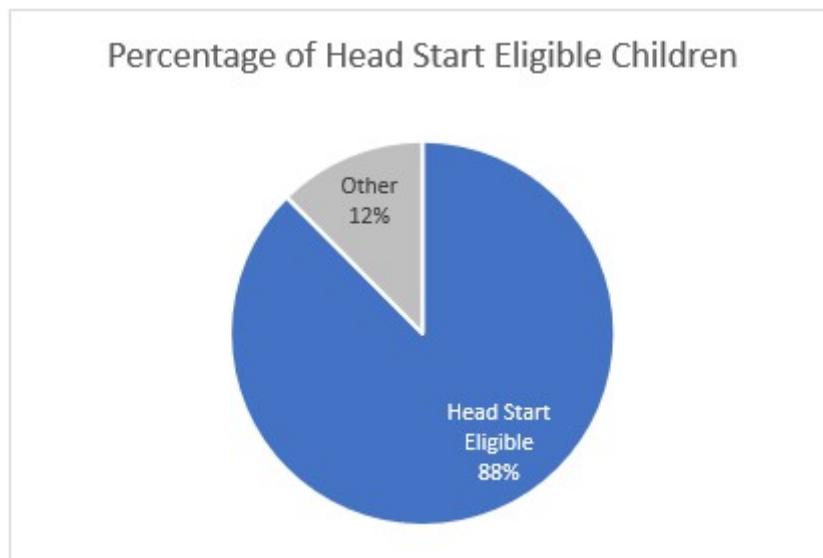
Apply online:
newrivercommunityaction.org/head-start-2/

Transportation available at select centers. Eligible children are enrolled regardless of race, gender, religion, color, national origin, or disability.

Program Outcomes

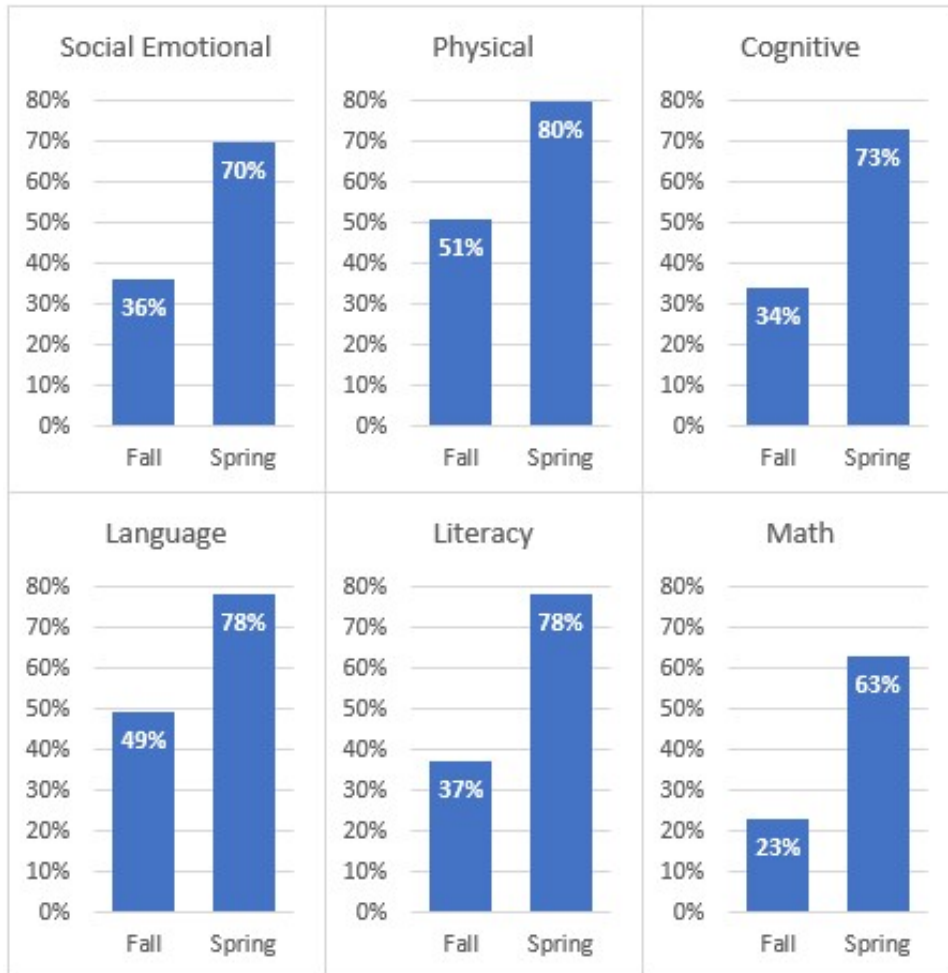
Of our **329** children, **288** or **88%** were Head Start Eligible (low-income, foster children, and/or homeless)

The average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment) was **91%**



School Readiness Outcomes

Percentage of children meeting or exceeding Kindergarten readiness assessment scores



Family Services

A key component of the Head Start Program is the provision of services to the families of enrolled children. **293** families accessed services through referrals made to community agencies or programs, and through parent education sessions in the following areas:

Emergency/Crisis intervention (meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter)	109
Housing Assistance (subsidies, utilities, repairs)	15
Mental Health Services	141
English as a Second Language (ESL) training.....	5
Assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program	7
Involvement in child screening, assessment, and child progress.....	69
Supporting transitions between programs (i.e. HS to Kindergarten ...	47
Education on preventive medical and oral health.....	43
Education on nutrition	22
Father Engagement	
Family Goal Setting	7
Volunteering or participating in home visits & conferences ...	65
Policy Council or Policy Committees.....	1



Health Services

Nutrition and Food Services

NRCA served a total of **24,482** breakfasts and lunches as children alternated between at-home and in-person services. **27,015** snacks were also provided to supplement meals while not in attendance.

Medical Conditions

At the end of our enrollment year for 2020-2021, **325** children were reported to have an ongoing source of continuous and accessible healthcare. **257** children were reported to have access to dental care.

21 children received medical treatment for Vision Problems. **307** were reported as up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.

Mental Health & Disabilities

95 NRCA Head Start children were enrolled in case management services. **63** children had Individualized Education Plans (IEPs).

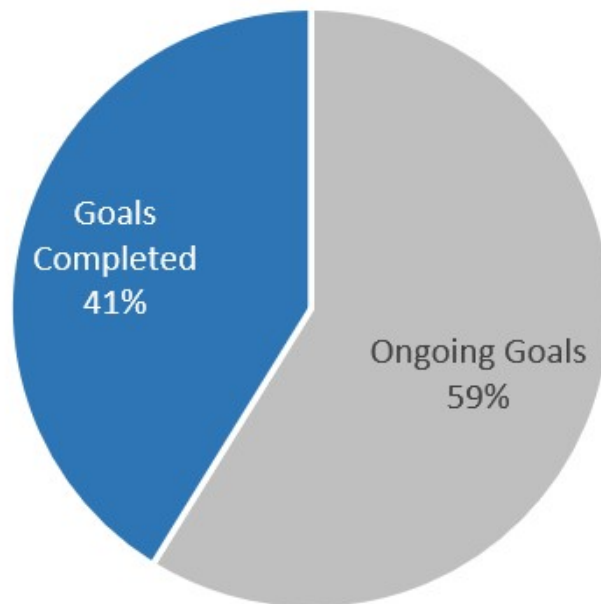


Parent, Family, and Community Engagements

Objective: In partnership with NRCA Head Start, parents will achieve a positive family outcome(s) in the Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework.

In the 2020-2021 program year, NRCA helped families establish **459** goals, primarily focused on Parent-Child Relationships and Family Well-Being. Of those, **189** goals were completed and **270** are still in progress.

Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Goals



Financials

Financial Audit

An independent audit by Warren & Koss found that NRCA Head Start met the conditions of the Uniform Guidance, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations in all material aspects within the terms of its funding

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, **\$4,049,133** was expended. The total amount of public and private funds received was **\$3,827,225**.

Head Start Revenues

Department of Health and Human Services	\$2,741,651	71.64%
United States Department of Agriculture	\$25,264	0.66%
Foundations	\$1,120	0.03%
Local Government/CSBG	\$120,097	3.14%
Contributions	\$2,893	0.08%
United Way	\$4,304	0.11%
In-Kind Donations	\$931,896	24.34%
Total Revenue	\$3,827,225	

Parent Testimonials

"I highly recommend this Head Start. The staff is amazing with communication and with the children."



"Everyone had to adapt, overcome, and was able to provide 5 star learning for my child. The team is amazing."



"This Head Start program is amazing. It has taught my child so many new things and he comes home every day telling us all the new things he has learned."

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Our Mission:

Head Start is a comprehensive early education program for children from at-risk backgrounds. From early math and reading skills to confidence and resilience, we help children build the abilities they need to be successful in school and in life.

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