Director of Early Childhood and Family Services Report
July 2026

Federal Updates:

- Michelle and I resubmitted our Nutrition Grant. We asked for an additional $69,434.00 with a non-federal match of $17,570.00

State Updates:

- We are scheduling our annual MOU meeting with all 5 local LEAs.
- We are working on completing applications for Mixed Delivery at Project Grow and Learn. This year we have asked for 11 full-time MD-only slots and have asked to convert our 12th slot into 2 slots with Head Start wrap around services.
- We have completed most of our recruitment using the single point of entry application New River Valley wide. We are setting up some reflective meetings with EO and the other partners for feedback on the new system.

NRCA Program Updates:

Enrollment- Enrollment continues in each jurisdiction. See the attached dashboard for an update by each site.

Professional Development- Family Wellness Coaches met in June and will have a follow-up meeting scheduled for August 4th. Alison and Roni attended the VaHSA Conference in Va Beach.
Personnel- Our hiring campaign is underway. Currently we are working to fill 5 LT, 2 AT and 2 CSA positions. We have identified 4 of the 5 LT and both ATs (internal promotions are 3-4 of these and several external candidates have already accepted) and 1 Part-time CSA position to fill. (The CSA position is being filled, however with several internal promotions there are now 3 CSA openings.) (We think we have identified candidates for at least 2 of these)

Self -Assessment-Our Annual Program Self-Assessment is underway. We are seeking feedback from our panel of experts. I am looking for 3 NRCA Board members that could meet with me (in person, virtual or over the phone works as well) to provide valuable input to some overall program questions raised during the process.

Annual Report- We are starting to work on our Annual Report to the Public.

Our 2026-2027 **Program Planning Calendar** has been completed, and our availability dates have been submitted to the Office of Head Start.

Pre-Service –We have started planning our annual pre-service professional development. Scheduled for August 6th. Topics include Annual Health and Safety Practices, and Program Outcomes and project period updates. Alison and the Site Administrators are planning some Discovery Source Activities for staff wellness and one of our Mental Health Consultants will presenting on best practices for sleep in preschoolers.

Service Area Updates: There are no individual service area reports this month.

- **Summer Session** at the Early Learning Center has wrapped up and Blacksburg Summer Transition Camp is underway.
- **Facilities** – Kevin and Kevin are working on completing summer work orders.
- **Period 3 Education Outcomes Reports are attached**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roni Fitch, Director of Early Childhood and Family Services

NRCA Head Start Monthly Enrollment Report - as of June 30, 2026

Enrollment and Attendance

Center	Funded Enrollment	Current Enrollment	# Vacant Slots within 30 days	Average Daily Attendance (April)	Over Income Enrolled for the Year
Blacksburg	17	17			
Christiansburg	34	34			
Floyd Elem	10	9			
Floyd	16	16			
HS ELC	17	17			
Macy	10	10			
Margaret Beeks	9	9			
McHarg	30	30			
Pearisburg	34	30			
Project G & L	17	16			
Pulaski	34	29			
Program Total	228				14

Waitlist

Criteria	Homeless	Foster	Public Assistance	Income Eligible		130%		Over Income		2/3	Total	Declined Services
Age	3 or 4	3 or 4	3 or 4	4	3	4	3	4	3			
Blacksburg												
Christiansburg												
ELC												
Floyd												
Giles												
Project G & L												
Pulaski												
Radford												
Program Total												0

Disabilities

Children enrolled with an IEP	
Children Referred to LEA (in the process)	
Children Awaiting Services	
Families in NRVCS Case Management Services	

Comments:

Waitlist is not yet available because we are placing students. Pearisburg has 4 applications identified, Both Fairlawn and Floyd are still searching for one application and Pulaski has 2 over income children that would like to come but we are holding for some applications of eligible children

Performance Standards

1302.12(d)(1)(ii)	*Establishes criteria that ensures eligible children are served first*
1302.13	*In order to reach those most in need of services, a program must develop and implement a recruitment process.*
1302.14(b)(1)	*A program must ensure at least 10% of its total funded enrollment is filled by children eligible for services under IDEA*
1302.15(a)	*A program must maintain its funded enrollment level and fill any vacancy as soon as possible. A program must fill any vacancy within 30 days.*
1302.16(b)	*If a program's monthly average daily attendance rate falls below 85 percent, the program must analyze the causes of absenteeism to identify any systematic issues that contribute to the program's absense rate.*