

HEAD START STRONG



Annual Report 2019-2020

Stark County Community Action Agency
Head Start / Early Head Start





Stark County Community Action Agency

Mission

To promote economic self-sufficiency among
low-income families and individuals in Stark County

We are committed to Helping people... Changing lives

SCCAA Head Start Vision

Head Start/Early Head Start is based on the premise that all children share certain needs, and that children of low-income families in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive developmental program to meet those needs. SCCAA Head Start / Early Head Start programs are committed to nurturing the dreams and aspirations of families in the program.

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Head Start / Early Head Start



The Stark County Community Action Agency (SCCAA) Head Start/ Early Head Start program has promoted kindergarten readiness since 1991. Through education, nutrition, health, social and other services offered to Stark County residents. Head Start / Early Head Start enhances the cognitive and social development of children and families in the program.

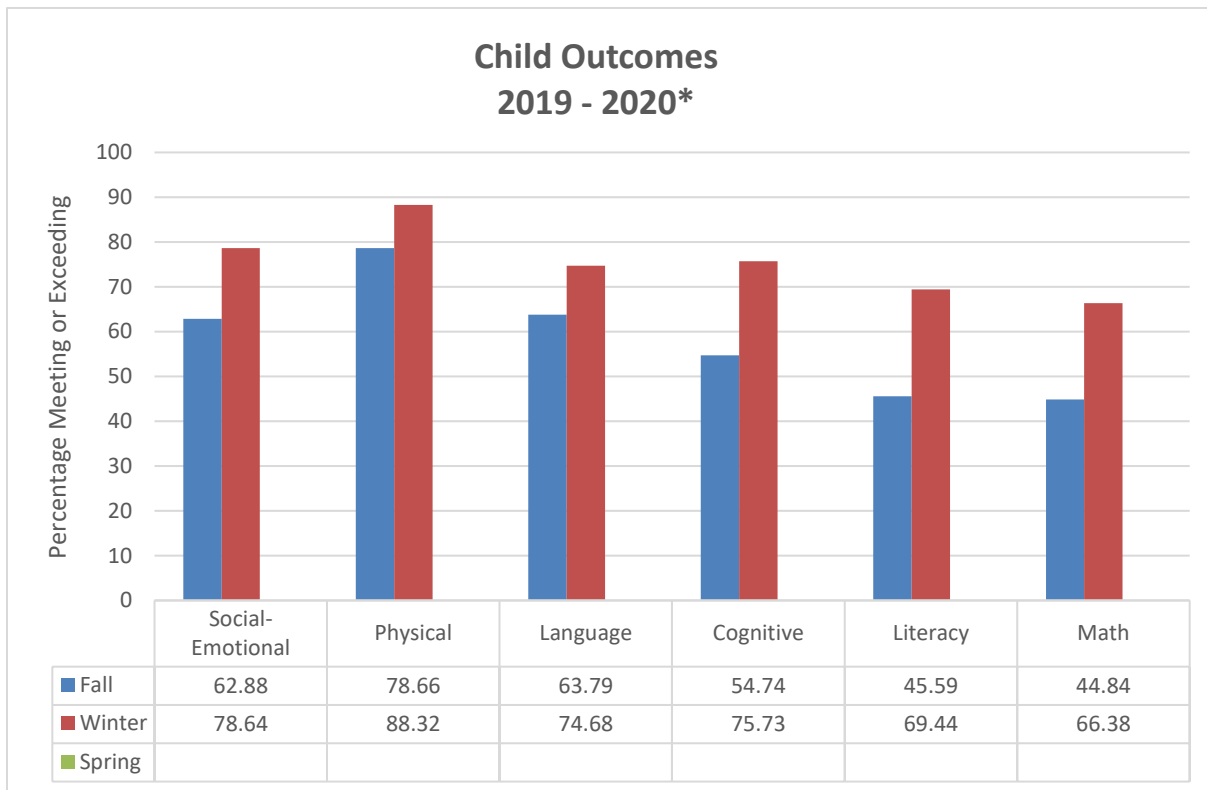
Head Start is a federally funded comprehensive program designed to prepare children for kindergarten while focusing on the development of the child as well as the growth and development of the family.

The SCCAA Head Start program operates four locations in the cities of Canton, Massillon, and Alliance. All four sites have a 5-Star Step Up to Quality rating. Additionally, children are served through childcare partnerships throughout Stark County.

Head Start Program Goals

- Goal 1:** The SCCAA Head Start program will provide services to children, families and staff to improve their mental, physical, dental, and nutritional health status.
- Goal 2:** The SCCAA Head Start program will engage families and the community in the program to prepare children for school success and to assist families in achieving positive outcomes toward their goals.
- Goal 3:** SCCAA Head Start will provide exceptional opportunities to prepare children for successful transition to kindergarten.
- Goal 4:** The SCCAA Head Start program will support a focus on maintaining a program focus on quality and safety.

Preparing Children for School



The data above reflects child outcomes for the first and second data collections of the 2019-2020 school year. *The third data collection scheduled for Spring 2020 was not available due to the closure of the program ordered by Ohio Governor, Mike DeWine in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are based on teacher observations and assessments. The teaching staff utilize the Teaching Strategies Gold assessment tool that is aligned with Creative Curriculum

The numbers indicate the percentage of children enrolled in the program that are either meeting or exceeding widely held expectations for children of the same age. This data is reflective of all children enrolled in Head Start and Early Head Start.

At the beginning of the year, it is appropriate for a student's skill and abilities to fall widely below held expectations for his/her age because they may not have received instructions for that level.

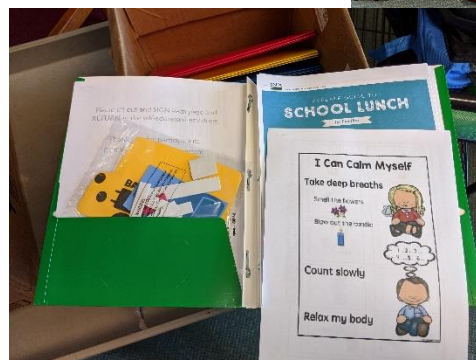
Transitions

A primary goal of the Head Start program is to prepare children for a successful transition to kindergarten, as well as to develop a foundation for future school success. The program provides the following transition activities for children:

- Classroom activities
- Field Trips to local kindergarten classrooms
- Information on kindergarten registration dates
- Stark County Transition Skills Summary (TSS)

The 2019-2020 school year was drastically impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes for children were suspended on March 18, 2020 due to orders from the Ohio Department of Health. The Stark County Transition Skills Summary (TSS) process was also suspended.

The program celebrated all rising kindergarteners with a Moving-On parade. More importantly, each child received a backpack full of materials with activities each family could do at home to prepare their children to transition to kindergarten. Every Head Start component was represented with a transition activity that included everything from preparing for school lunches to tips encouraging parents to continue being involved at their child's school.



Parent Involvement

At Head Start, we support our families as the primary teachers of their children. We also encourage families to engage in the program as a way to support their family goals.



We provide the following opportunities for families to engage in the program:

- Parent Orientation
- Parent Center Committees
- Policy Council / Program Governance Participation
- Home Visits
- Parent Teacher Conferences
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Training Opportunities

Parent Engagement in a Pandemic

For six months of the 2019-2020 program year parent engagement and involvement was drastically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. School closure from March through July eliminated many traditional activities for parents. Through the use of the Zoom online web platform Policy Council and the SCCAA Board of Directors was able to continue their important work for the program. Staff worked to keep families engaged and informed through email, telephone, text, Facebook, outdoor activities, and the distribution of learning materials and other items to homes.



Head Start by the Numbers

Head Start		Early Head Start	
Funded Enrollment	770	Funded Enrollment	94
Number of Children Served	776	Number of Children Served	116
Percentage of Eligible Children	90%	Percentage of Eligible Children	93%
Average Monthly Enrollment	653	Average Monthly Enrollment	86
Number of Families	697	Number of Families	97
Children receiving Medical Exams	84%	Children Receiving Medical Exams	65%
Children receiving Dental Exams	56%	Children Receiving Dental Exams	65%



Budget & Expenditures

Budget at a Glance 2019-2020			
Head Start		Early Head Start	
Salary	\$2,777,281	Salary	\$453,213
Fringe	\$1,546,039	Fringe	\$250,983
Contractual	\$507,274	Contractual	\$333,092
Supplies	\$215,884	Supplies	\$62,210
Equipment	\$15,000	Equipment	\$10,000
Other	\$879,844	Other	\$98,425
Indirect	\$738,800	Indirect	\$121,201
T/TA	\$80,016	T/TA	\$31,094
In-Kind	\$1,690,034	In-Kind	\$340,055
TOTAL	\$8,450,172	TOTAL	\$1,700,273

REVENUE BY SOURCE	
5/1/2019 TO 4/30/2020	
Head Start	\$6,219,006
Early Head Start	\$1,091,657
Program Income	\$0
USDA-CACFP Nutrition	\$364,046
INKIND	\$1,548,783
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 9,223,492

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY	
5/1/2019 TO 4/30/2020	
PROGRAM SALARIES	\$ 2,854,089
PROGRAM FRINGE BENEFITS	1,500,911
CONTRACT SERVICES	791,612
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE	40,663
SUPPLIES	392,301
OCCUPANCY	107,560
INTEREST ON MORTGAGES	110
UTILITIES	213,405
MAINTENANCE	319,618
TRAVEL	40,735
FOOD	223,496
VEHICLE EXPENSE	91,166
OTHER EXPENSES	371,072
INDIRECT	727,972
IN KIND	1,548,783
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$9,223,492

Audit & Review

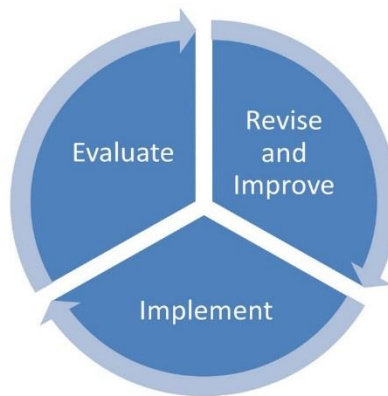
Annual Audit Results

The accounting firm of Maloney & Novotny, LLC, conducted an independent audit for the period ending December 31, 2019. The final report did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that could be considered as material weaknesses.

As stated by Maloney & Novotny, "In our opinion, the Stark County Community Action Agency and Affiliate complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2019."

Federal Review

In March of 2020, the Head Start program participated in a Focus Area 1 review conducted by the Office of Head Start. This review measures progress in providing services in the 5-year grant cycle. The SCCAA Head Start program was found to be fully compliant with the Head Start Performance Standards and there were no areas of improvement, non-compliance, or deficiency identified.



Stark County Community Action Agency Head Start Locations

Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices

3015 Mahoning Rd., NE
Canton, OH 44705
330-456-6218

William H. Hunter Center

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3015 Mahoning Rd., NE
Canton, OH 44705
330-456-6218

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Massillon, OH 44646
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Alliance Franklin Center

Head Start
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Metro Center

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Canton, OH 44702
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