



Head Start & Early Head Start Annual Community Report 2014/2015

Report statistics based on the 2014-2015 Program Year
and FY15 Budget Year

Garrett County Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start is a federally funded child development program designed to provide high quality early childhood experiences to prepare children for success in Kindergarten, and to prepare families to be active participants in their child's education. Early Head Start serves children birth to age three, as well as pregnant women. Head Start serves children ages 3 to 5 who are not eligible for Kindergarten.

Centers / Program Options

Center	Program Options	Center	Program Options	Center	Program Options
Accident HS in Accident MD	19 Pre-School Children	Sunny Days Family Child Care at Friendsville Elementary School	5 Pre-School Children	Overlook Child Development Center Oakland MD	28 infants & toddlers
Broad Ford, Crellin, Dennett Road & Yough Glades HS at Dennett Road Early Learning Center	114 Pre-School Children	Grantsville HS/EHS at Grantsville Elementary School	25 HS/Pre-K Children and 18 infants & toddlers	Early Head Start Home Base Garrett County Community Action Oakland, MD	11 infants & toddlers
Friendsville HS/Pre-K at Friendsville Elementary School	20 HS/Pre-K Children	Kitzmilller HS in Kitzmilller MD	16 Pre-School Children	Early Care Program at Garrett County Health Dept. in Oakland, MD	24 infants & toddlers and pregnant women

Funded Enrollment

Head Start: 219

194 Center based
25 Pre-School Family Support Program
Actual Number Served: 228*

Early Head Start: 81

46 Center-based
23 Home-based
12 Pregnant Women
Actual Number Served: 139*

*Actual number served represents children who withdrew or transferred and their replacements

Average Monthly Enrollment

Average monthly enrollment for HS/EHS programs was 91%.

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

Income below 100% of federal poverty line.....82%
Income between 100% and 130%9%
Income over 130%.....9%

Receipt of public assistance.....17%
Foster Child.....2%

Funds Received	
Head Start	\$1,781,249
Early Head Start	\$1,074,038
State Supplemental	\$165,030
USDA	\$52,468

Expenses	
Salaries	\$1,458,495
Fringe	\$692,671
Contractual	\$265,242
Travel	\$23,503
Supplies	\$113,167
Other	\$467,237

In-Kind Match	
Head Start	\$353,797
Early Head Start	\$133,985

Head Start Approach to School Readiness

The Head Start Approach to School Readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children. Children are assessed in the areas of physical development, social emotional, approach to learning, logic & reasoning, language & literacy, mathematics, science, creative art and social studies. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) results indicate that Maryland students entering Kindergarten this school year continue to enter school ready to learn. In program year 2014-2015, 40% of Garrett County Kindergartners enrolled in a Head Start program the prior year were fully ready for school. The 2014-2015 school year was the 1st year for the KRA assessment replacing the MMSR assessment used in previous years. The 40% readiness scores for Head Start represent a new baseline for the KRA results.

Parent Engagement

Garrett County Community Action believes in engaging families in order to achieve overall family well-being and understands that children perform at a higher level when they are part of a thriving family. As a part of GCCAC's Dual Generational approach, which consists of working with children and parents, families receive financial education and coaching, career coaching and assistance and bundling of services as necessary.

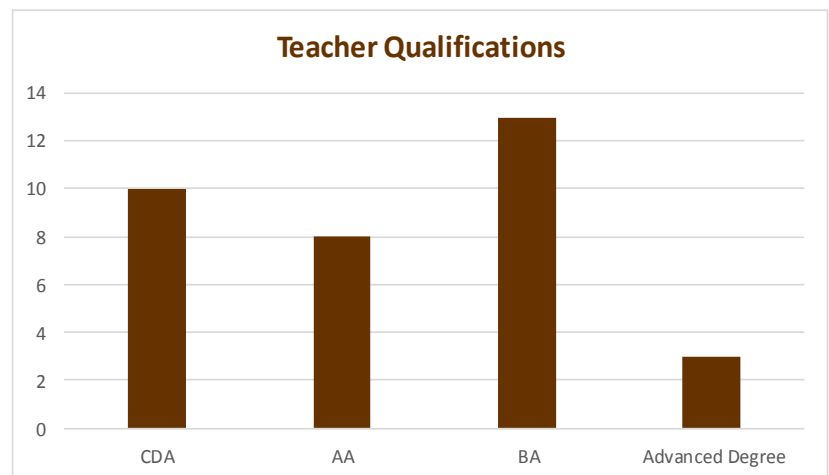
Parent meetings/trainings are held on a monthly basis. Training opportunities for parents include budgeting and financial education as well as career readiness and child and family health and nutrition. GCCAC also links families to partner resources within the community that promote overall family well-being. Parents participate in monthly Policy Council meetings to assist in program decision making as well as serve as volunteers in the classroom.

Health, Mental Health, and Dental Services

- 100% of children enrolled in Head Start/ Early Head Start programs had health insurance.
- 91% of children enrolled in Head Start/ Early Head Start programs are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to Maryland's EPSDT schedule for well child care.
- 87% of children received dental preventive care and completed an oral health examination while in the Head

Head Start Review

The Office of Head Start grant cycle has shifted from an indefinite period to a five-year grant cycle. This means that monitoring reviews will now take place yearly during the five-year grant period vs. a triennial basis. Each review year will have a specific monitoring path (i.e. environmental health & safety) vs. the all encompassing reviews of the past. The last review conducted for Garrett County Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start took place in April 2012. Garrett County Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start monitoring reviews will be conducted starting in FY2016.



Financial Audit

A financial audit of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. by Turnbull, Hoover & Kahl P.A. Dated August 28, 2014 reported there were no findings noted.