

## TIU#11

### Juniata County Head Start/Early Head Start

#### Annual Public Report 2016

Head Start is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children ages birth to 5 from low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social and emotional development. Head Start programs provide a learning environment that supports children's growth in:

- Language and literacy
- Cognition and general knowledge
- Physical development and health
- Social and emotional development
- Approaches to learning

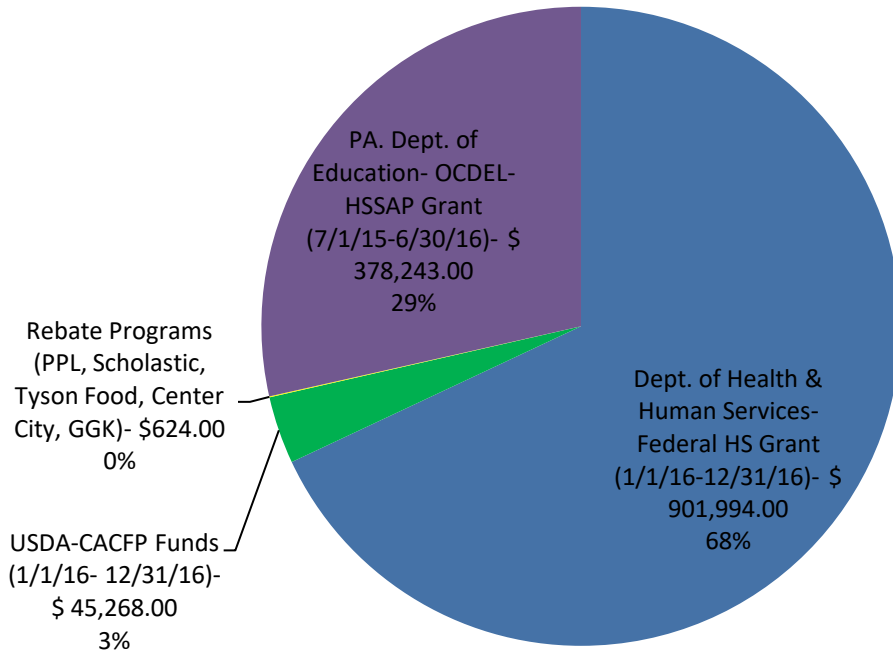
Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social services and any other services that may be determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services. Head Start services are designed to be responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural and linguistic heritage.

Head Start emphasizes the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher. Head Start programs build relationships with families that support:

- Family well-being and positive parent-child relationships
- Families as learners and lifelong educators
- Family engagement in transitions
- Family connections to peers and community
- Families as advocates and leaders

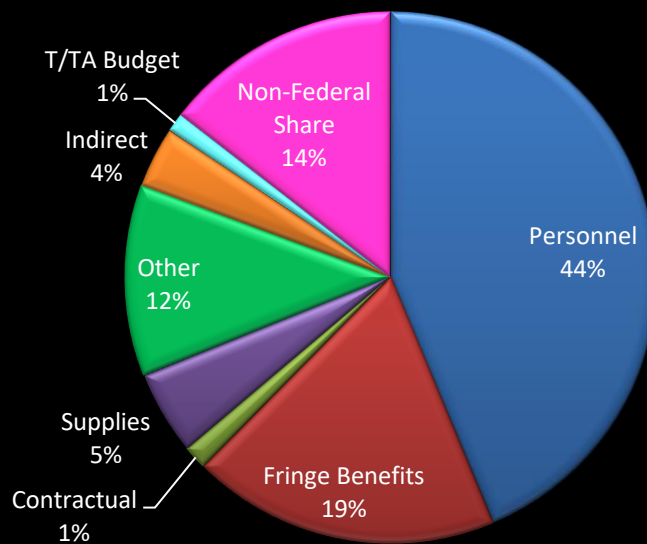
Juniata County Head Start provides comprehensive, preschool services to families residing in Juniata County, PA. The Head Start program operates five centers located in Mifflintown, McAlisterville, Richfield, and Nook. Children attend the part-day, part-year centers, which operate for 4 hours per day for 4 days a week or the full-day, full-year center, which operates 6 hours for 5 days a week. Additionally, 26 families are provided with services through our home-based program option where a trained home visitor conducts weekly home visits and bi-weekly socializations.

## Income for Head Start 2016



## Budgeted Categories for Head Start 2016

Inclusive of both Federal and State budgeted monies



## **Head Start Program Information from 2015-2016 year:**

<i>Total funded enrollment-</i>	<i>110</i>		
<i>Total number of children/families served-</i>	<i>110</i>		
<i>The average monthly enrollment-</i>	<i>94%-from August-July</i>		
<i>Percent of income eligible children served-</i>	<i>56%</i>		
<i>Receipt of public assistance (TANF, SSI) -</i>	<i>2%</i>		
<i>Foster Children-</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>Homeless-</i>	<i>8%</i>
<i>Over-income-</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>Income between 100-130% of poverty-</i>	<i>23%</i>
<i>Percent of children who received medical care-</i>	<i>75%</i>		
<i>Percent of children who received dental care-</i>	<i>87%</i>		
<i>Number of children who transitioned into Juniata County School District-</i>	<i>59</i>		
<i>Number of Districts/#of Elementary Schools-</i>	<i>1 District/ 8 Elementary Schools</i>		

**Results of most recent Federal review:** In October of 2013, Juniata County Head Start/Early Head Start was found to be in compliance with all Federal regulations. Next scheduled review was anticipated to be any time from October of 2015 into September, 2016. However, the monitoring system and cycle was restructured and the program does not know at what point it will be reviewed by the Office of Head Start.

**Results of most recent financial audit:** The most recent financial audit for the TIU#11-Juniata County Head Start/Early Head Start contained no findings or non-compliances.

**Information about Parent Involvement Activities:** These are a listing of the Parent Involvement Activities that were sponsored for 2015-2016:

September 9,10	Parent Orientation/ Volunteer Trainings
September 24	Parent Meeting/Training, Volunteering/PC Nominations and election
September 26	Thompsons town Parade
October 8	Parent Meeting/Conflict Resolution, (Choose Contest Winners)
October 20	Health Advisory
October 22	Policy Council
October 22	Mom's Day (All Centers)

October (Month)	Design the next Tee Shirt Contest
November 3,10,17	Nutrition Links Training
November 5	Mobile Dentist
November 5	Parent Meeting/Training: Math Activities You Can Do with Your Child
November 18	Dad's Day November 18, 19, 20 Picture Days (Different Days different centers and socialization days)
November 19	Policy Council
November 20	Family Fun Night
December 3	Parent Meeting/Training: Abuse Network
December 8, 15	Parent Support Group
December 17	Policy Council
January 5, 19	Parent Support Group
January 7	Parent Meeting/Training: FLIP IT
January 12	Kindergarten Transition Activity
January 14	Grandparents Day
January 14	EVENT: Parent Café
January 20	Family and Community Partnership Advisory Meeting
January 21	Policy Council Orientation Training
January 21	Policy Council
January 25	Mobile Dentist
January 28	Family Fun Night
February 3	Parent Meeting/Training: Child Abuse and Simple Science Projects Part 1
February 9	Mom's Day (most centers)
February 9	PC Review of Governance Screener
February 11	McAlisterville Center's Winter Festival (7PM))
February 12	Mom's Day (McAlisterville) This date suited parents better.
February 16	Parent Engagement Advisory Meeting
February 16	Kindergarten Transition Workshop (AM and PM)
February 18	Policy Council
February 25	EHS Evening Socialization Day
March 1	Family Fun Night/Puppets
March 3	Transition Training
March 10	HS/EHS Parent Meeting/Training: Simple Science Projects/Examining Consequences
March 17	Policy Council

March 24	Dad's Day
March 8, 15, 22, 29	Nutrition Links Training (Rescheduled)
March 16, 30	Kindergarten FFN (with School District)
April	Ed Advisory Meeting
April 5,12,19, 26	Nutrition Links Training
April 7	Parent Meeting/Training: Money Matters
April	Art Contest for Parents and Staff Winners announced May Open House
April 13	Health Advisory
April 21	Policy Council
April 28	Grandparent's Day
April 28	Family Fun Night (Centre Wildlife Care)
May 2	End of Year Picnic
May 6	Open House
May 9	Parent Meeting End of Year Dinner
May 18	McAlisterville class End of Year Celebration
May 19	Policy Council
May 21	PC By-Law Committee Meeting
July 17	EHS Parent Meeting
August (1-12)	Summer Kindergarten Readiness Program

In addition to these activities parents are encouraged to engage in classroom activities at home activities and to join their children on field trips. We publish a monthly newsletter with parent/child activities, and contests that provide incentives for reading the newsletter and calling in to answer a question about what they learned. The newsletter also encourages parents to participate in community events that will help their families to better themselves, and reinforces concepts learned at trainings. We also include a Parent Child Agreement that provides incentives to parents who work with their children on specific activities and turn in documentation of their participation.

We are making use of new technology to enhance our ability to contact parents.

We also instituted a Parent of the Month to recognize parents for their participation and to encourage other parents to volunteer.

## **Head Start efforts to prepare children for kindergarten for 2015-2016:**

Juniata County Head Start uses a variety of ways to reach parents to inform and discuss their child and family's transition from Head Start to Kindergarten. Here are some of the activities, events, and information provided to families:

- Transition to Kindergarten folders-prepared by the Education Managers of the Head Start program.
- Transition to Kindergarten trainings held at parent meetings.
- Participation in respective IEP meetings for children transitioning to Kindergarten in the fall.
- Kindergarten Skills List, with written release of information from parents, permitting teaching staff to provide information to the local school district principals with the intent of that information being shared with each child's respective Kindergarten teacher.
- Meeting and Muffin Basket event for each school within our district that would be receiving Head Start children in the fall. This serves as a time to meet with each principal and to exchange information about each child entering kindergarten.
- Successfully signed MOU regarding Transition with Juniata County School District Principals.
- MOU signed between Juniata County Head Start and Early Intervention provider, with a section that includes children transitioning to Kindergarten.
- Participation in the Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC)'s Memo of Understanding with a Transition to Kindergarten section which details the coordination with multiple agencies in planning and providing for a smoother transition for children entering kindergarten.
- Kindergarten Workshops for parents to gain access to Kindergarten registration packets required by the local district. Assistance is provided to families by HS staff as indicated by their need.
- Head Start teachers and managers assist the local school district with their Family Fun Night for incoming kindergarten students called "Going Bananas".
- Head Start staff assist with kindergarten screenings at all elementary school buildings.

## **Early Head Start-**

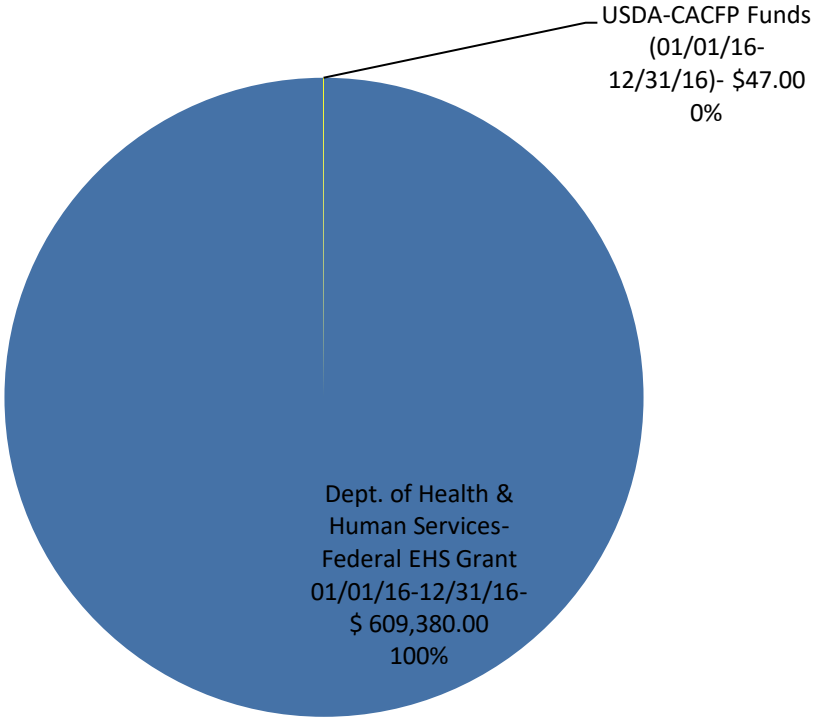
The reauthorization of the Head Start Act in 1994 made it possible to establish Early Head Start as a program to serve infants and toddlers under the age of 3, and pregnant women.

Early Head Start provides early, continuous, intensive, and comprehensive child development and family support services to low-income infants and toddlers and their families, and pregnant women and their families.

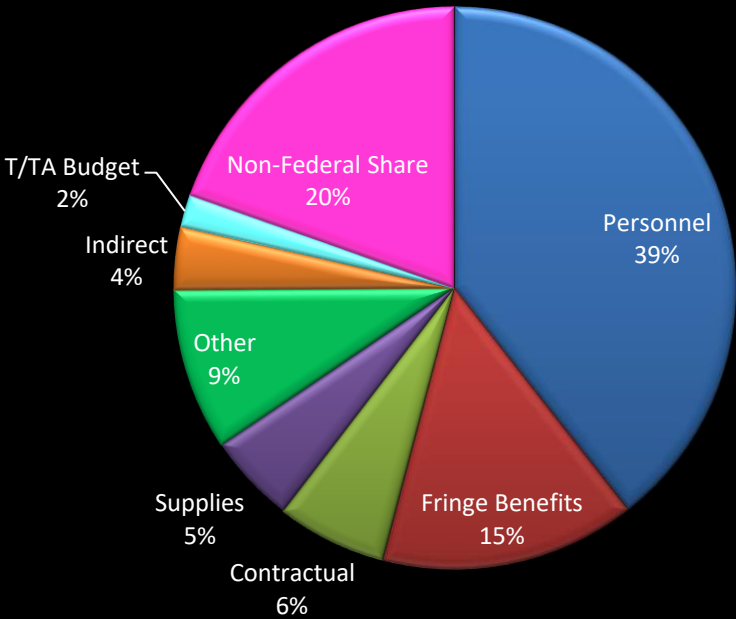
## **The Goals of Early Head Start**

- To provide safe and developmentally enriching caregiving which promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of infants and toddlers, and prepares them for future growth and development;
- To support parents, both mothers and fathers, in their role as primary caregivers and teachers of their children, and families in meeting personal goals and achieving self-sufficiency across a wide variety of domains;
- To mobilize communities to provide the resources and environment necessary to ensure a comprehensive, integrated array of services and support for families;
- To ensure the provision of high quality responsive services to family through the development of trained, and caring staff.

# Income for Early Head Start 2016



# Budgeted Categories for Early Head Start 2016





## **Early Head Start Program Information from 2015-2016 year:**

<i>Total funded enrollment-</i>	<i>60</i>		
<i>Total number of children/families served-</i>	<i>98</i>		
<i>The average monthly enrollment-</i>	<i>100%-from August-July</i>		
<i>Percent of income eligible children served-</i>	<i>68%</i>		
<i>Receipt of public assistance (TANF, SSI) -</i>	<i>1%</i>		
<i>Foster Children-</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>Homeless-</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Over-income-</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>Income between 100-130% of poverty-</i>	<i>18%</i>
<i>Percent of children who received medical care-</i>	<i>72%</i>		
<i>Percent of children who are up-to-date on preventive oral care-</i>	<i>64%</i>		