

TIU#11

Juniata County Head Start/Early Head Start

Annual Public Report 2017

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

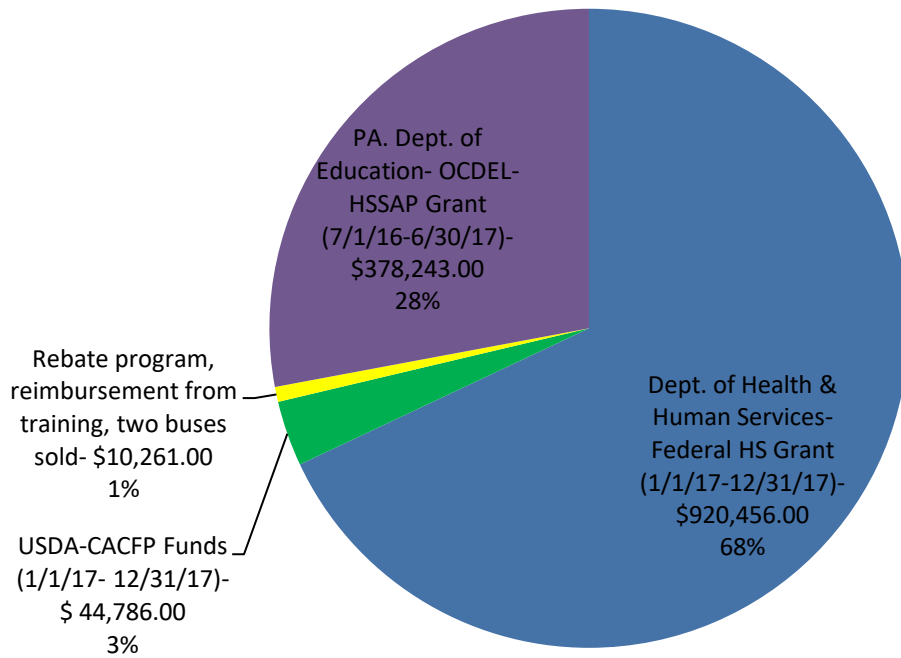
Head Start programs provide comprehensive services to enrolled children and their families, which include health, nutrition, social services and any other services that may be determined to be necessary by family needs assessments, in addition to education and cognitive development services. Head Start 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

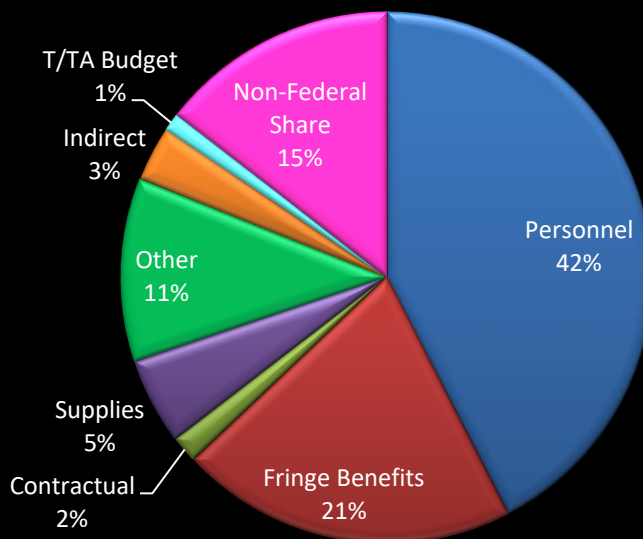
Juniata County Head Start provides comprehensive, preschool services to families residing in Juniata County, PA. The Head Start program operates five centers located in Mifflintown, McAlisterville, Richfield, and Nook. Children attend the part-day, part-year centers, which operate for 4 hours per day for 4 days a week or the full-day, full-year centers, which operate 6 hours or more for 4-5 days a week. Additionally, 19 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 2017



Budgeted Categories for Head Start 2017

Inclusive of both Federal and State budgeted monies



Head Start Program Information from 2016-2017 year:

<i>Total funded enrollment-</i>	<i>110</i>		
<i>Total number of children/families served-</i>	<i>121</i>		
<i>The average monthly enrollment-</i>	<i>97%-from September-June</i>		
<i>Percent of income eligible children served-</i>	<i>61%</i>		
<i>Receipt of public assistance (TANF, SSI) -</i>	<i>2%</i>		
<i>Foster Children-</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>Homeless-</i>	<i>2%</i>
<i>Over-income-</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>Income between 100-130% of poverty-</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Percent of children who received medical care-</i>	<i>79%</i>		
<i>Percent of children who received dental care-</i>	<i>91%</i>		
<i>Number of children who transitioned into Juniata County School District-</i>	<i>44</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 Engagement Activities sponsored for the 2016-2017 program year.

Parent Chose to have meetings on Thursdays

September 12 & 13	Parent and Children's School Readiness Days
September 22	Parent Meeting/Training, Volunteering/PC Nominations and election Design a Tee Shirt Contest (Winner chosen at Oct. Parent Meeting)
September 28	Policy Council Meeting
October 13	Parent Meeting-Training- Conflict Resolution

October 17	Policy Council
October 17	PC Training
October 17	Health Advisory
October 18	Mom's Day in Centers
October 18	Special Parent Meeting (Explorer Center)
October 22	Port Royal Parade
October 25	FCN Autumn Learning-At home activity to FCN (Make a Scarecrow)
October 25-Nov 15	AM Nutrition Training
November 3	Parent Meeting Training: Taking the Stress out of Finances-Joan Wheeler
November 1-15	AM Nutrition Training Continues
November 15	Dad's Day
November 16	Policy Council
November 22	Education Advisory
December 1	Parent Meeting Training: Development and Behavior (Natasha Ufema)
December 21	Policy Council- meeting was cancelled no quorum
January 5	Parent Meeting/Training: Sample Budget (Joan Wheeler)
January 10	Kindergarten Transition Training
January 11	Family and Community Partnership Advisory Meeting
January 19	Parent EVENT: Math Activities to do with Your Children (Adam Wolf)
January 26	Grandparents Day
January 26	EHS Evening Activity
February 9	HS/EHS Parent Meeting Training, Child Behavior cont. (Natasha Ufema)
February 16	Policy Council
February 16	Family Curriculum Night (Dance, Gross Motor)
February 22	Mom's Day
March 2	HS/EHS Parent Meeting Training, Child Behavior cont. (Natasha Ufema)
March 7-28	Nutrition Training (PM)
March 9	Parent Curriculum Review Committee
March	Policy Council
March 23	Dad's Day
March 30	HB Dad's EVENT (PM)
April 3	Health Advisory
April 6	Parent Meeting-Training-Child Abuse/Delays and Disabilities (Rob & Courtney Shear)
April 13	Mobile Dentist
April 21	Math Science at Home Activity list due.
April 25	Grandparent's Day
April 26	FCN Celebrate Earth Day

April 28	Policy Council
May 5	Open House-Art Contest Entries on display
May 11	Parent Meeting End of Year Dinner (SA Parent Meetings)
May 18	Policy Council
July 7	EHS Parent Meeting
July 27	Policy Council
August 31	Policy Council

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.

Head Start efforts to prepare children for kindergarten for 2016-2017:

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 principles 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.

- 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-

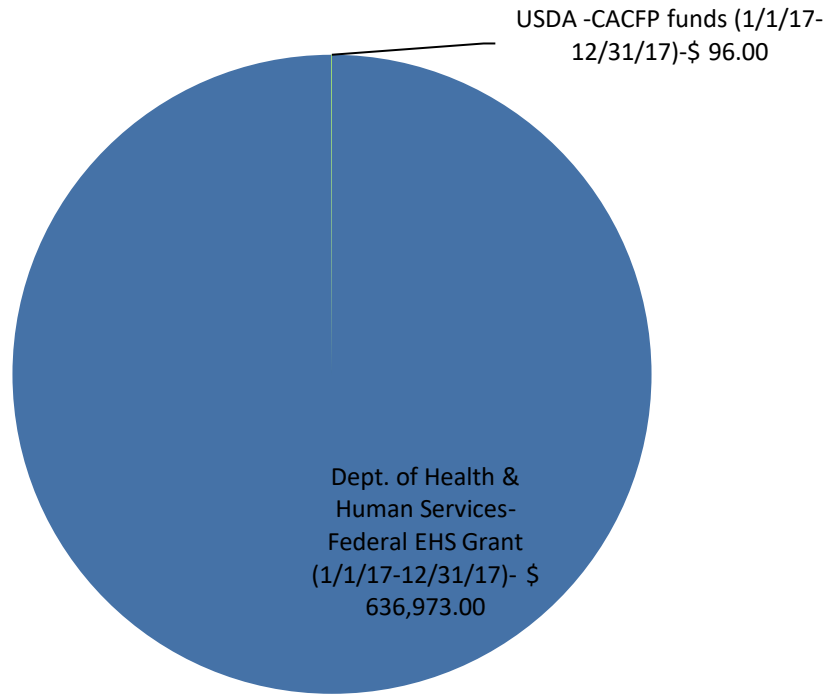
The reauthorization of the Head Start Act in 1994 made it possible to establish Early Head Start as a program to serve infants and toddlers under the age of 3, and pregnant women.

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.

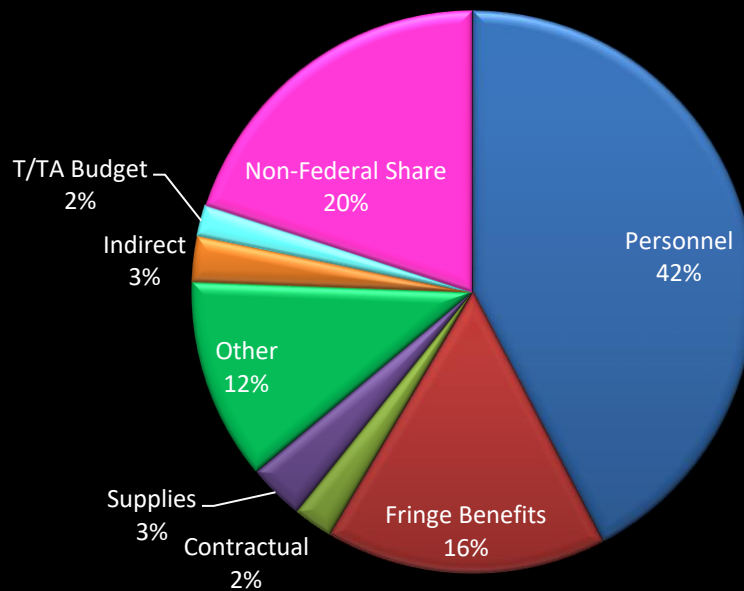
The Goals of Early Head Start

- 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 2017



Budgeted Categories for Early Head Start 2017



Early Head Start Program Information from 2016-2017 year:

<i>Total funded enrollment-</i>	<i>60</i>		
<i>Total number of children/families served-</i>	<i>110</i>		
<i>The average monthly enrollment-</i>	<i>100%-from August-July</i>		
<i>Percent of income eligible children served-</i>	<i>58%</i>		
<i>Receipt of public assistance (TANF, SSI) -</i>	<i>2%</i>		
<i>Foster Children-</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>Homeless-</i>	<i>3%</i>
<i>Over-income-</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>Income between 100-130% of poverty-</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Percent of children who received medical care-</i>	<i>94%</i>		
<i>Percent of children who are up-to-date on preventive oral care-</i>	<i>96%</i>		