

2020-2021 COMMUNITY SERVICES AGENCY

EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START

ANNUAL REPORT



CSA Head Start and Early Head Start

Making a Difference a Difference in a Young Child's Life

Community Services Agency Head Start and Early Head Start are committed to providing children a safe, caring, and education-rich environment that enhances each child's development, and prepares them for success in school and life. Together we stand in partnership with each family to help them reach self-sufficiency by meeting



their individual needs, as well as supporting them to achieve their fullest potential for lifelong success.

HS and EHS are early childhood programs designed to invest in the future of children.

Our programs have a primary purpose to do everything we can to prepare children for kindergarten. Community Services Agency HS and EHS are proud to be a part of a national initiative funded in every state.

CSA is a multi-purpose community action social service agency, which leverages a wide variety of programs: workforce initiatives, weatherization, and various emergency services. These services supplement HS and EHS services, which focus on early childhood education and school readiness.



2020-2021 CSA Head Start / Early Head Start Overview

ELIGIBILITY

TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED IN HEAD START
(including dropped and completed children)

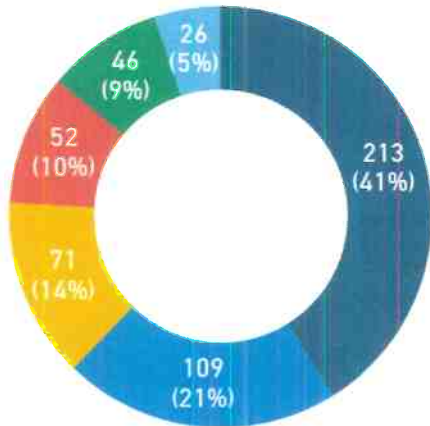
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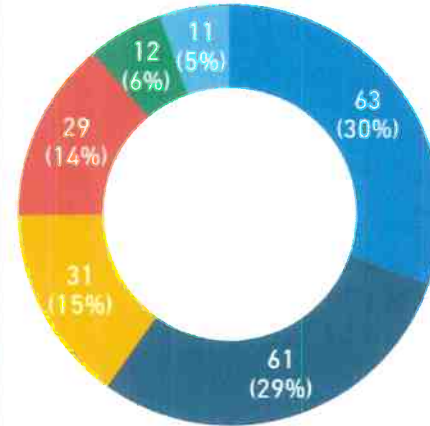
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HEAD START PROGRAM

EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM



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- Homeless
- Income 100 < 130%
- Public Assistance
- Over Income / Other N...
- Foster Child



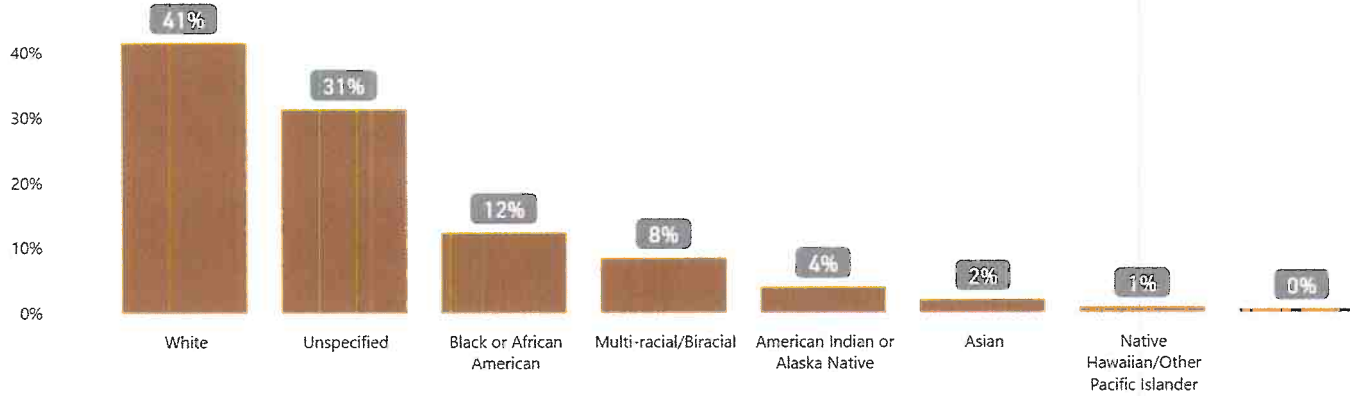
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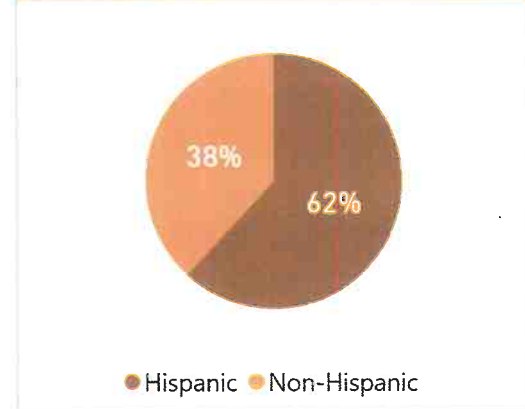
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RACE/ETHNICITY

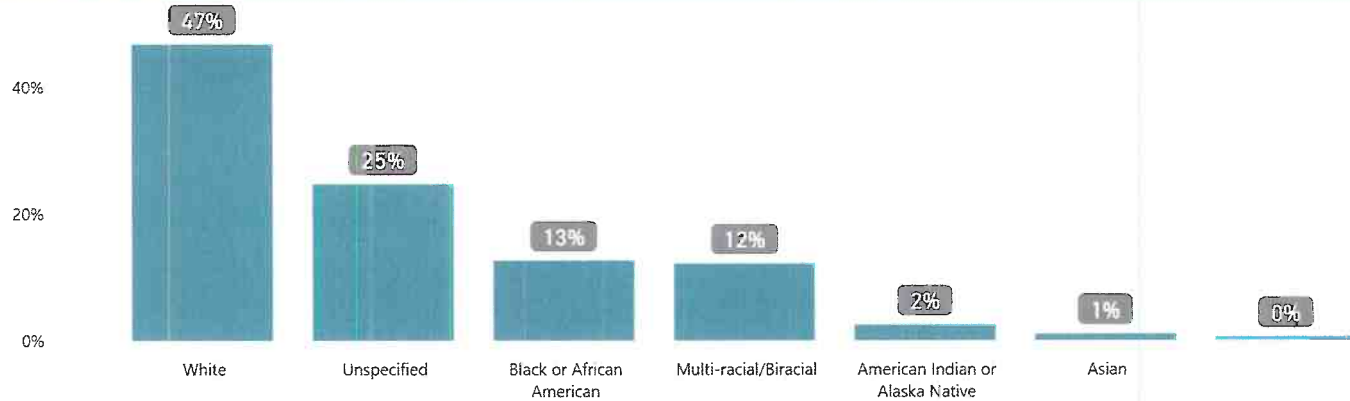
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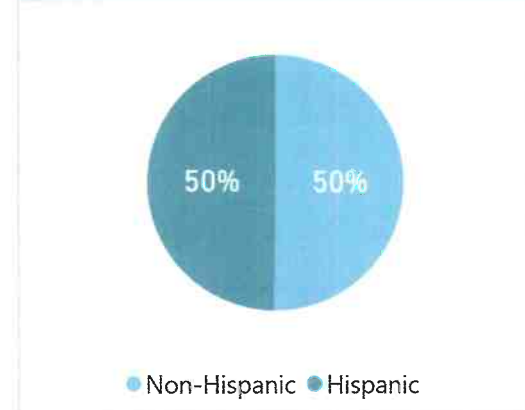
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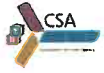


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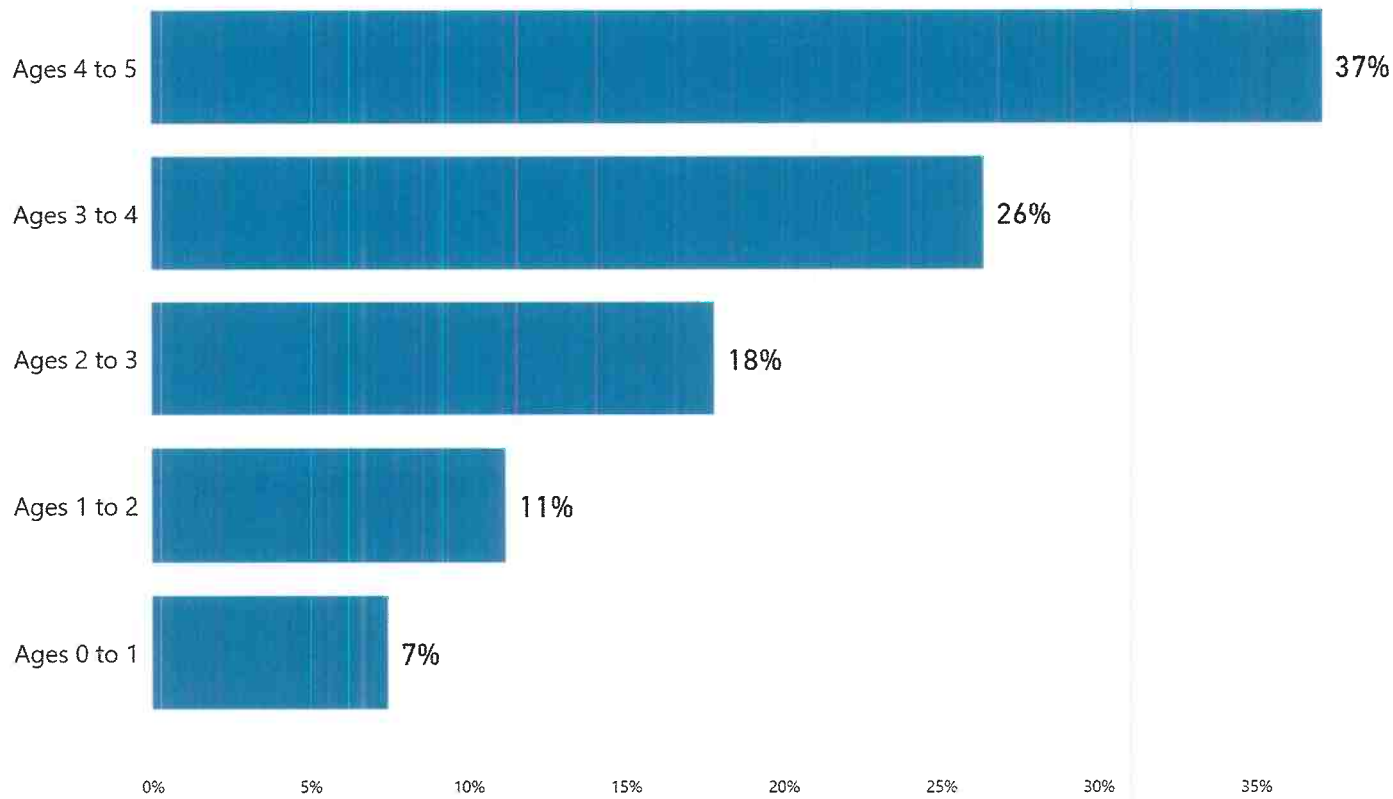
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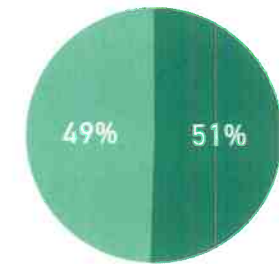
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AGE AT PUBLIC SCHOOL CUT-OFF DATE (Sept. 30, 2020)



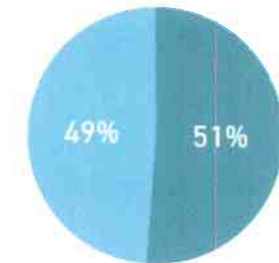
AGE/GENDER

HS GENDER BREAKDOWN: 2019-2020



● Male ● Female

EHS GENDER BREAKDOWN: 2019-2020



● Male ● Female

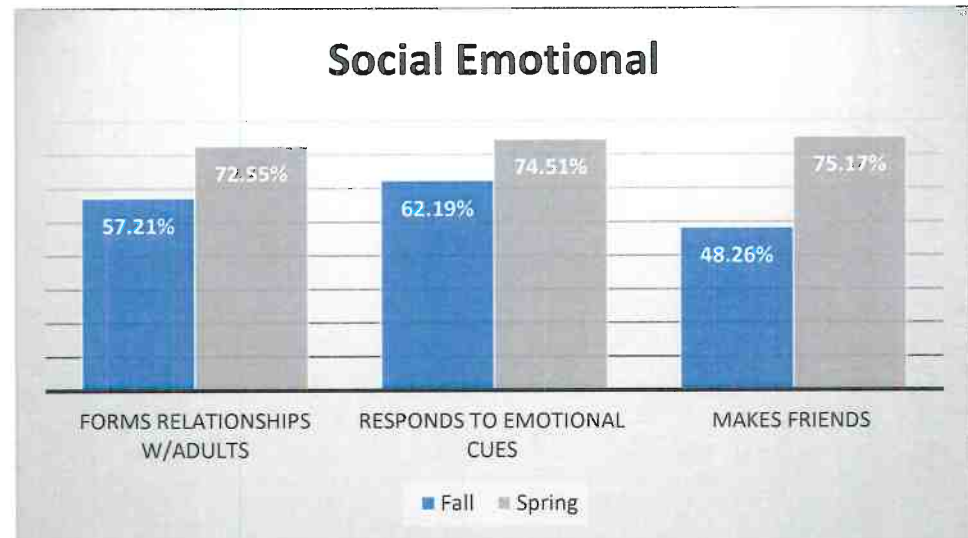
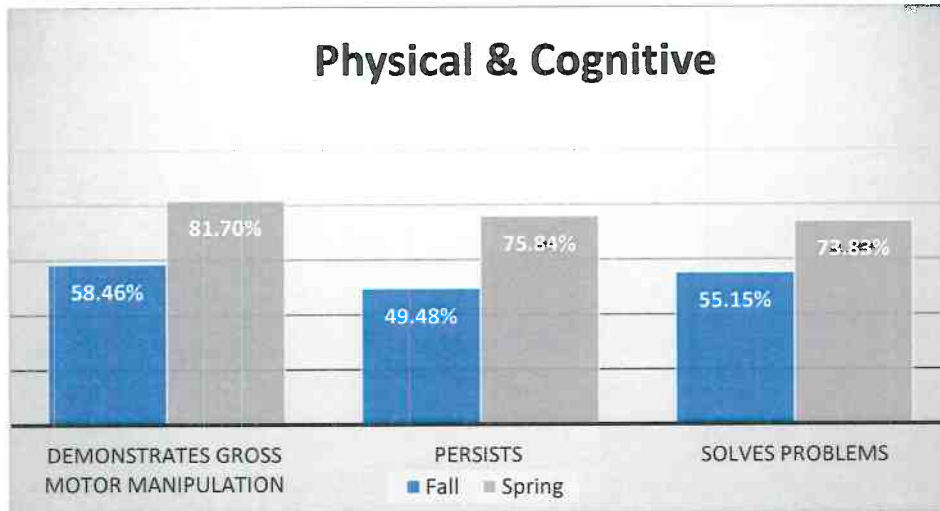


Community Services Agency utilizes Creative Curriculum, a nationally known Early Childhood curriculum. This curriculum has built-in assessments of each child's progress over the course of the school year. Following an initial Brigance screening, each child is assessed 3 times a year in each learning areas including: language, literacy, math, social-emotional, physical, cognitive, science, social studies and the arts, depending on the child's age. Parents participate in home visits and conferences several times a year for the purpose of discussing their child's learning progress and setting goals for future learning.

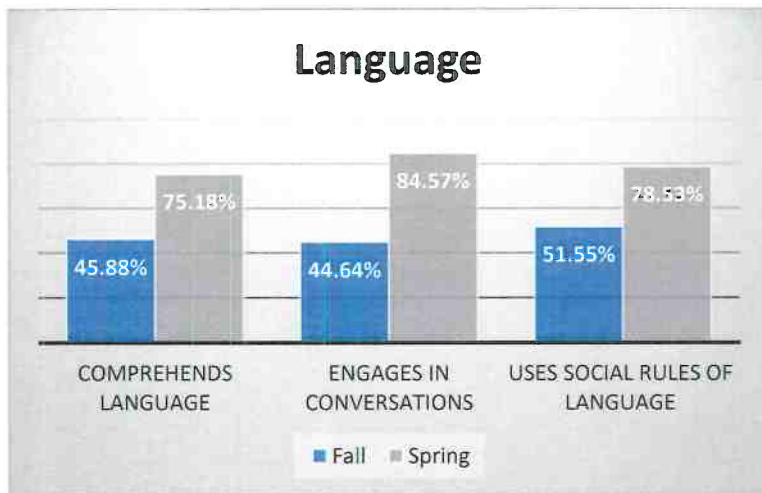
After the Fall assessments are completed, the Education & Family School Readiness Committee reviews program wide data and develops school readiness goals and program wide school readiness activities. Each classroom has its own specific school readiness plan and teachers develop activities that target the individual needs of each child. Training and professional development are also related to school readiness goals and additional materials are purchased to support classroom activities. Parents are also given activities to do at home with their child to support the home school connection. Below is the data from the Fall 2019 compared to Spring 2020 checkpoint period which shows the growth the children made from the beginning of the school year to the end.



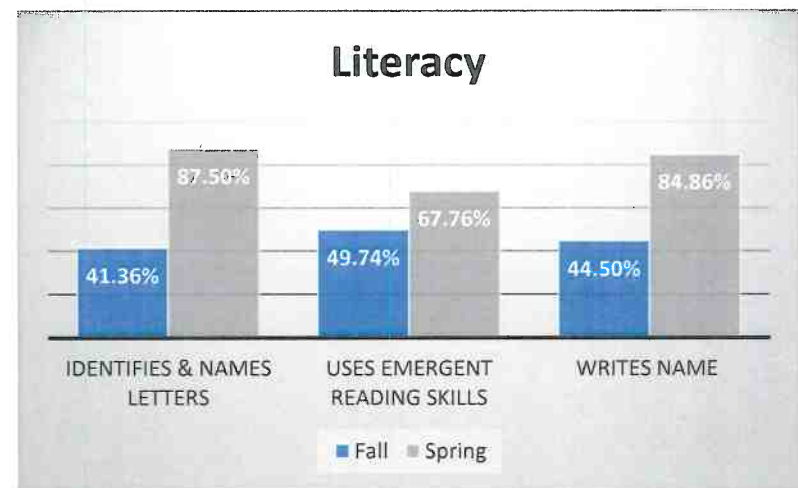
2020-2021 Fall-Spring School Readiness Data Comparison - Head Start



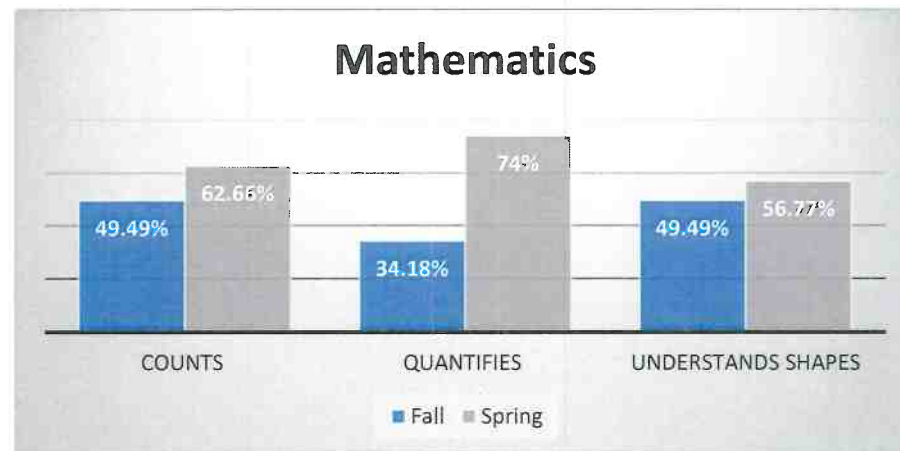
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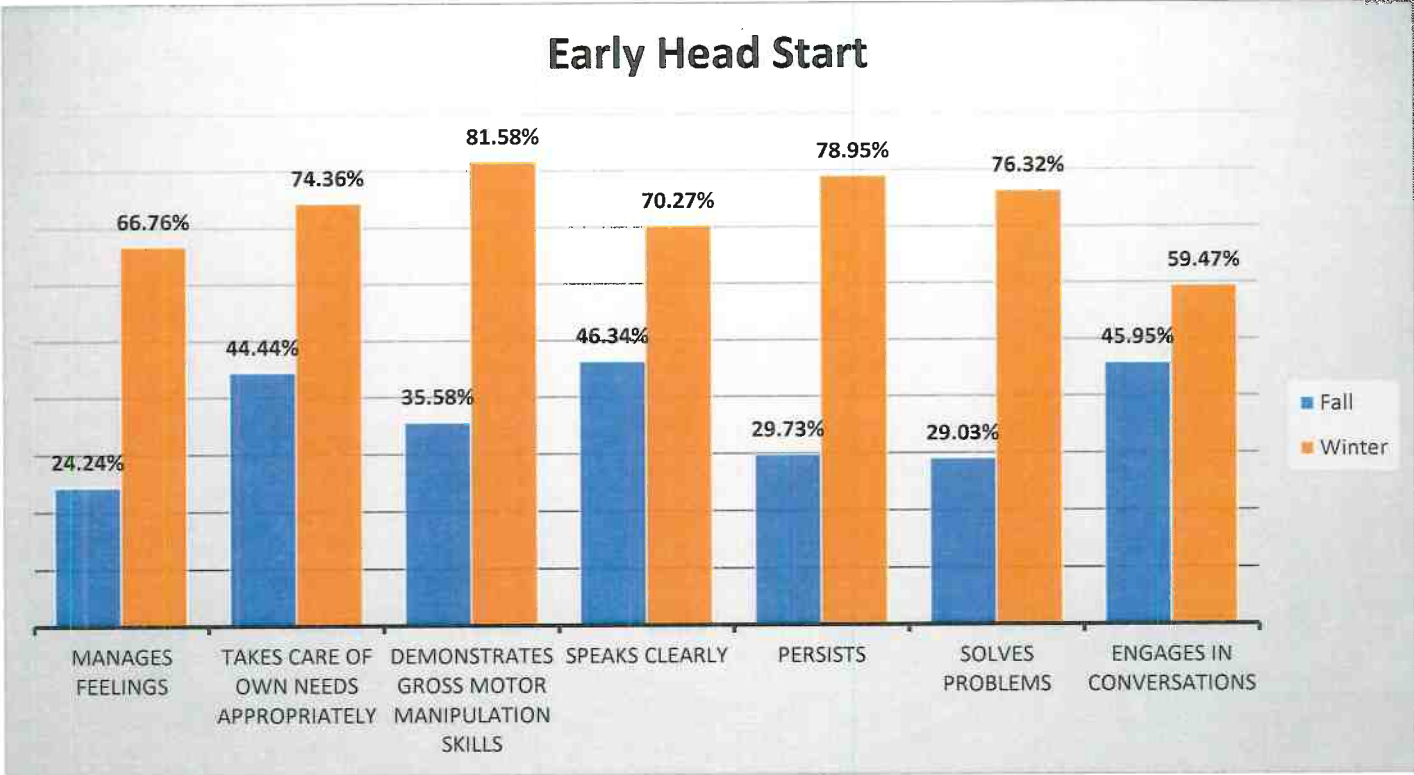
Literacy



Mathematics



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Family Engagement at CSA Head Start & Early Head Start

CSA Head Start and Early Head Start partner with families in a wide variety of ways. Family engagement is critical to our program, and every year family engagement looks different, because our families are different!

Here at CSA, we know the parent is the child's first and best teacher, and that children who have parents who are engaged in their education do better in school!



In a typical year, all parents are encouraged to volunteer in the classroom, to eat breakfast with the children, to read to the children, to do table games, and to share their own skills and culture! This year our Fatherhood and Family Engagement Committee planned special activities in a creative way and we did parent book reading at circle time through zoom and did

parent activity days in which we sent materials home for parents to do with their child and they brought back pictures to document their experience.

We encourage our parents to help us make our program a success!

We have a variety of parent trainings: Healthy Crockpot Cooking, Conscious Discipline, Little Cooks & Little Books, Ready Rosie, and Literacy just to name a few.



Head Start and Early Head Start are synonymous with Family Involvement!



Transitions are an important part of Early Head Start and Head Start. As children come into Early Head Start, we work with parents to ensure continuity between home and school. As children age out of Early Head Start at 3 years old, we transition them into Head Start through meetings between the child's parents, their former teachers, and their new teachers, in order to ensure a smooth transition for the child.

Our classrooms are designed to help children grow by:

exploring their learning environment, asking and answering open-ended questions, playing games that develop math and science skills, and practicing other kindergarten skills, such as autonomy, leadership, and engaging in conversations with teachers and peers.



Head Start children are transitioned into kindergarten through visits to local kindergarten classrooms, trainings provided to parents by kindergarten teachers, and Parent Teacher Conferences. Transition packets with learning material and other important information are also given to each family at the end of the year whether they are returning or entering the school district.

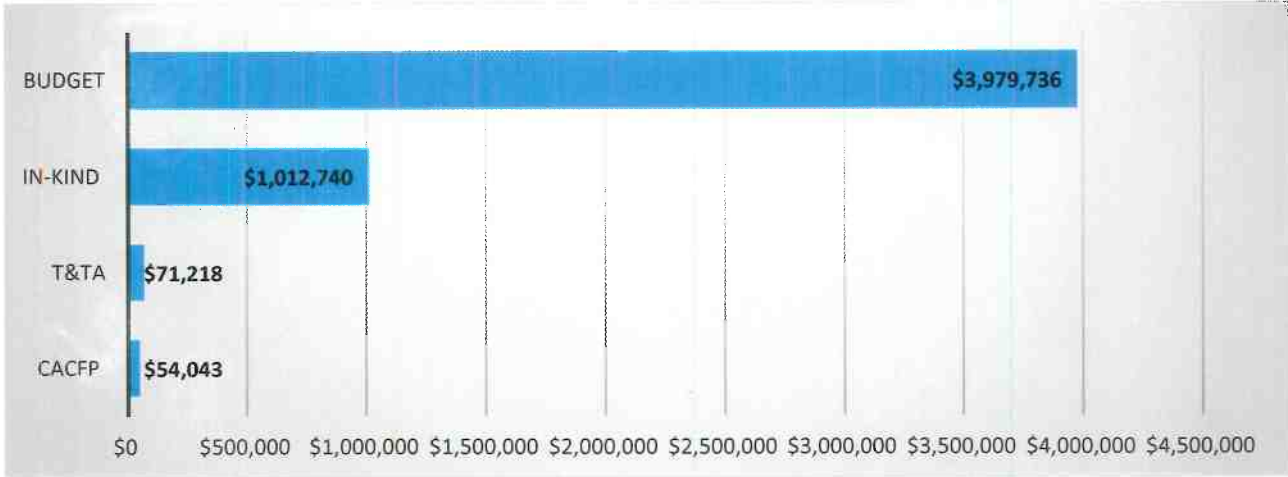


Health Services in Head Start and Early Head Start

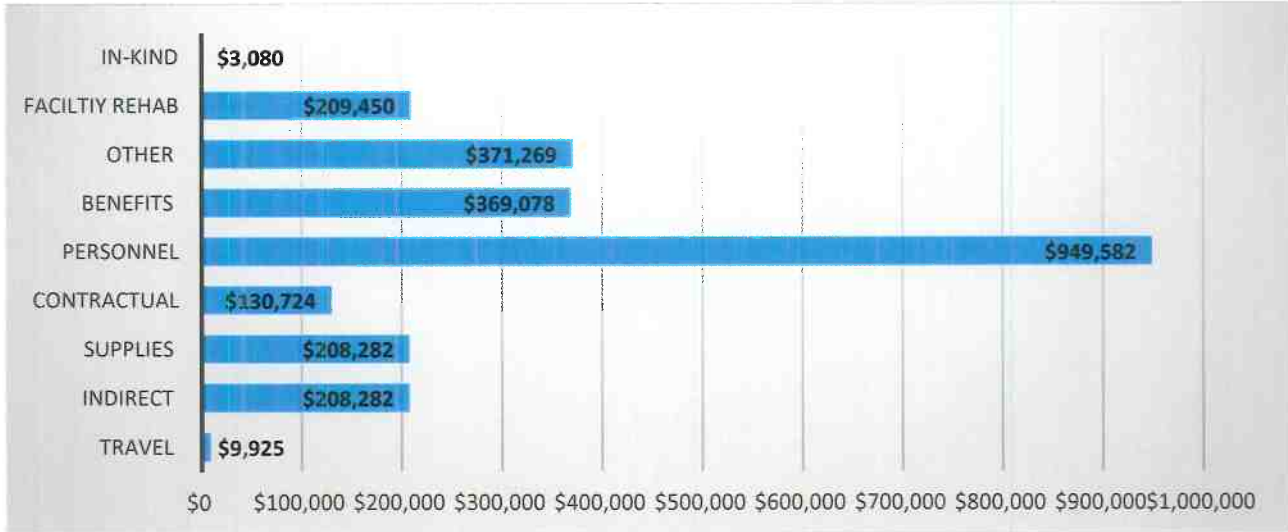


CSA partners with UNR Early Head Start to bring together our partners through our Health Advisory Committee to support the health and well-being of our children and families. This last year with the pandemic and serving some families through distance learning, it posed to be a little more challenging to get parents to take their child to a doctor or dentist but that did not stop our team from getting resources and materials out to families. We provided on-going health newsletters to families with important health information that included clinics in town that were little to no cost to our families. This last year 85% of all enrolled children had an ongoing source of continuous, accessible healthcare in closing out the year; 75% of those children received a medical exam for Head Start and 73% for Early Head Start. We also sent dental hygiene kits home to families to support oral health. 56% of all children enrolled had continuous, accessible dental care provided by an oral health care professional which includes access to preventative care and dental treatment; 44% of those children for Head Start received a dental exam during the program year.

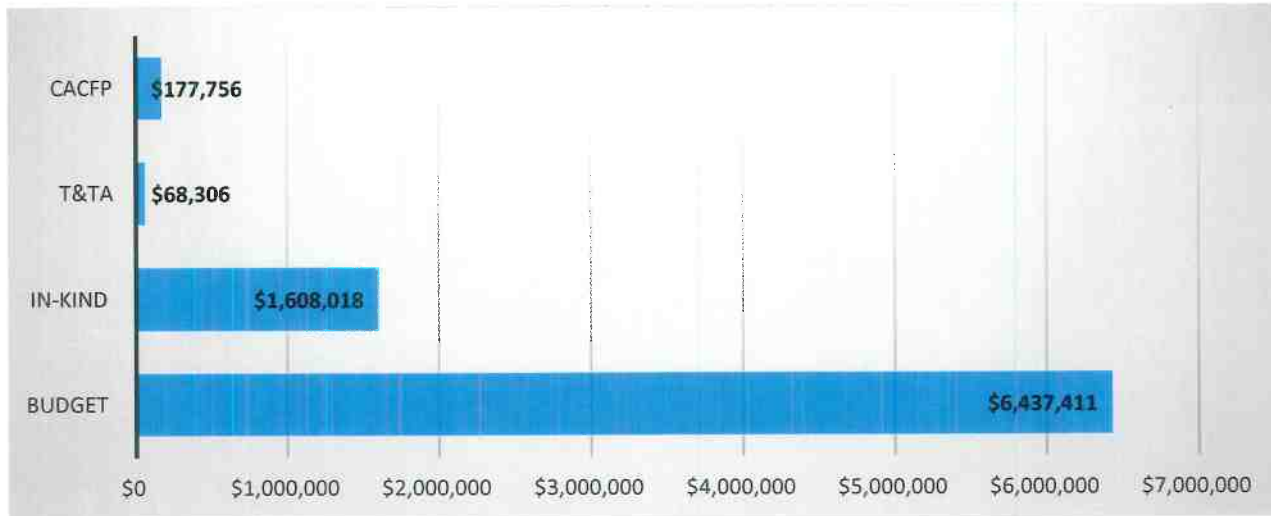
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Funding Level - CSA Early Head Start



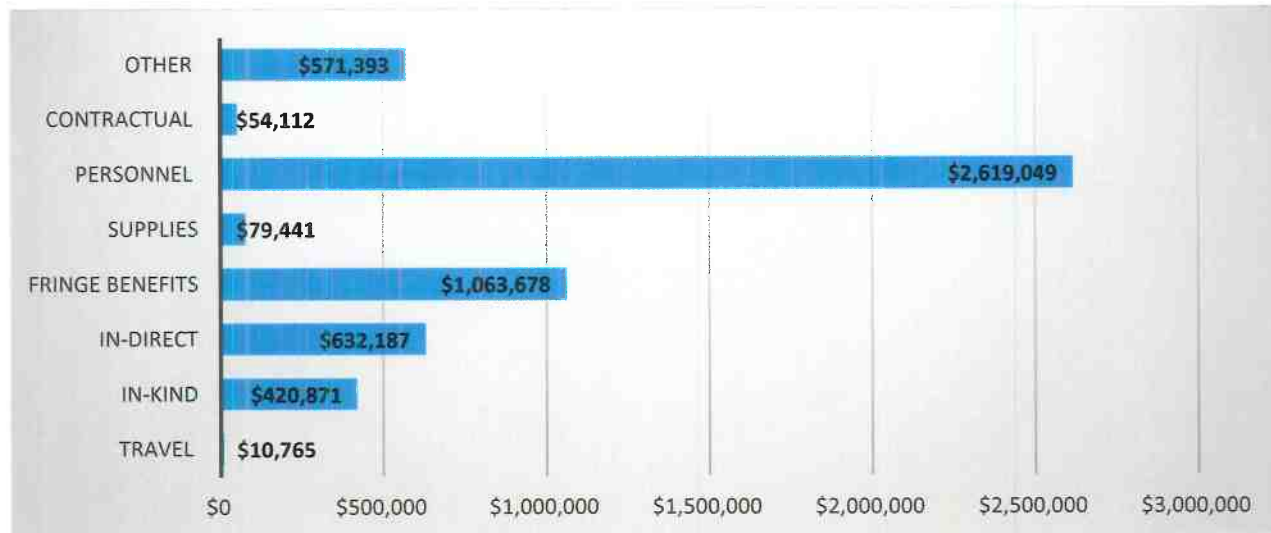
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Expenditures - CSA Early Head Start



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Community Concerns Needs and Strengths Based on CSA Head Start and Early Head Start Community Assessment and COVID Update

Community Concerns

- Nevada is marked by high health care costs, high cost of housing, high cost of living, high cost of childcare
- Limited and competitive housing options
- Numerous food deserts
- TANF Benefits are low
- Large number of low paying jobs
- No mandatory Kindergarten
- Kids Count Score Card for Nevada Grade: F
- High heroin and opioid death rates

Community Needs

- Affordable Fulltime Childcare
- Increased Health Care Access
- Affordable Housing
- Living Wages
- Coordinated Social Services
- Comprehensive Case Management Options
- Community Strengths
- Availability of Jobs
- Community Spirit of Willingness to Help Others
- Access to Free Community Events for Adults and Children
- Outdoor Recreation Opportunities

Community Strengths

- Availability of Jobs
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Annual Highlights

- ❖ Grantee Average Monthly Attendance: 92.8%
- ❖ Grantee serves 13% of eligible children in Washoe County, 15% of eligible children in Lyon County and 11% of eligible children in Carson City
- ❖ Grantee 2020-2-2021 Federal Review: FA1 Review conducted in February 2021; passed with no areas of concern
- ❖ Grantee 2019-2020 Financial Audit: Unqualified Opinion: CSA's auditors concluded that CSA's financial statements present fairly its affairs in all material respects.
- ❖ Opened 3 Early Head Start sites in Reno, Sun Valley and Carson City
- ❖ Our Sun Valley site was out first EHS to receive a QRIS rating, which was a 5 Star
- ❖ Provided reading program to distance learning children through our partnership with Northern Nevada Literacy Council
- ❖ Our amazing staff continued to help families throughout the pandemic providing resources and support both for the child and for the family to maintain getting their basic needs met....they rocked!!

