



COASTAL PLAIN AREA
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY

2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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HISTORY

Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc (CPAEOA) began as a program development grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity, and was awarded to the Coastal Plain Area Planning and Development commission on January 14, 1965. This grant enabled a program developer to begin the groundwork for the development of a community organization to serve the poor and elderly. This work led to the incorporation of the Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. on April 18, 1966, under the laws of the state of Georgia, as a private non-profit corporation serving the ten counties of the Coastal Plain area of Georgia effective April 1, 1966. The Agency superseded the area planning and development commission as the office of economic development.

CPAEOA is dedicated to providing services, assistance, and other activities designed to develop employment opportunities, improving human performance, motivation, and productivity, as well as by bettering the conditions under which people in the area live, learn, and work.

COASTAL PLAIN AREA E.O.A., INC. SERVICE AREA

LOWNDES

LANIER

ECHOLS

BROOKS

BERRIEN

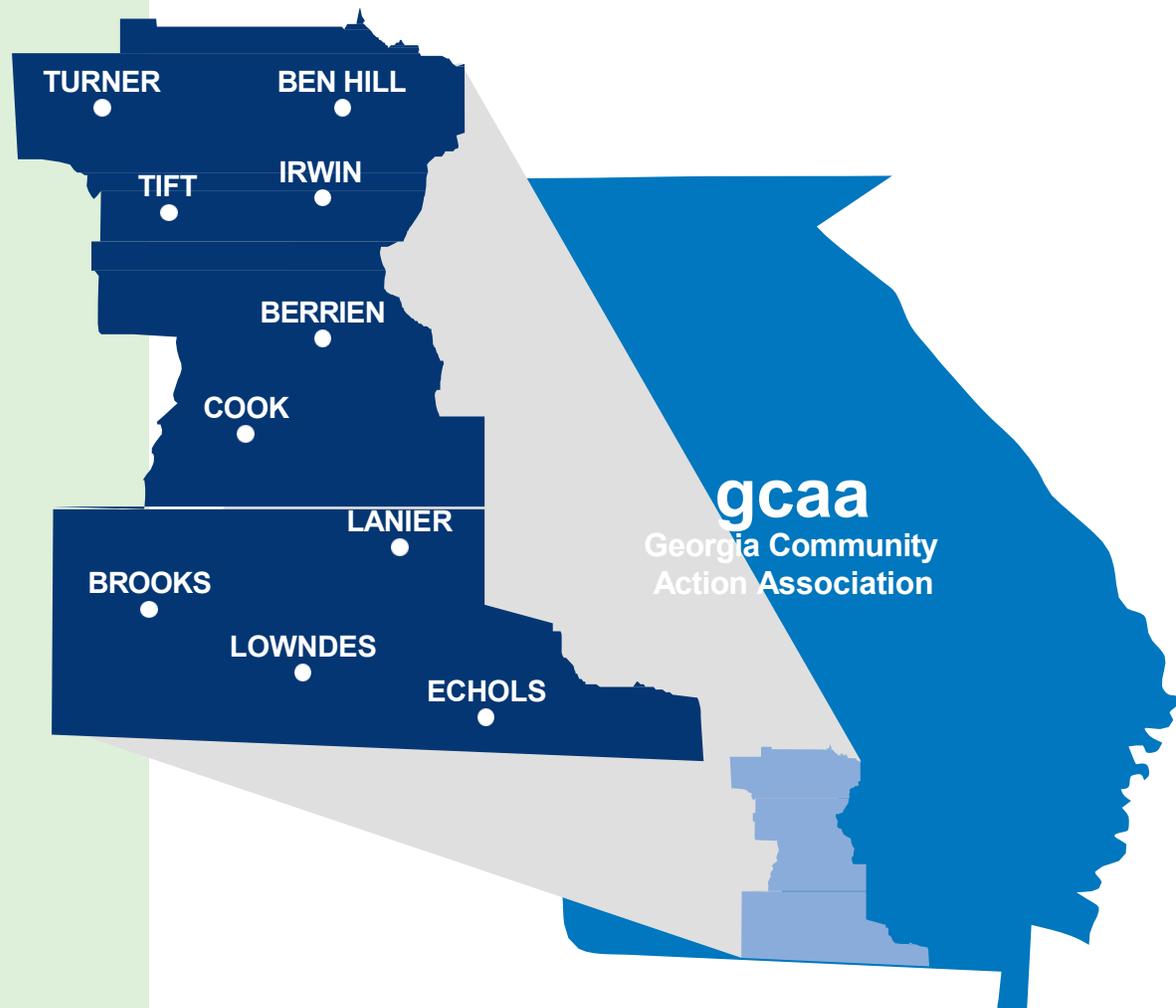
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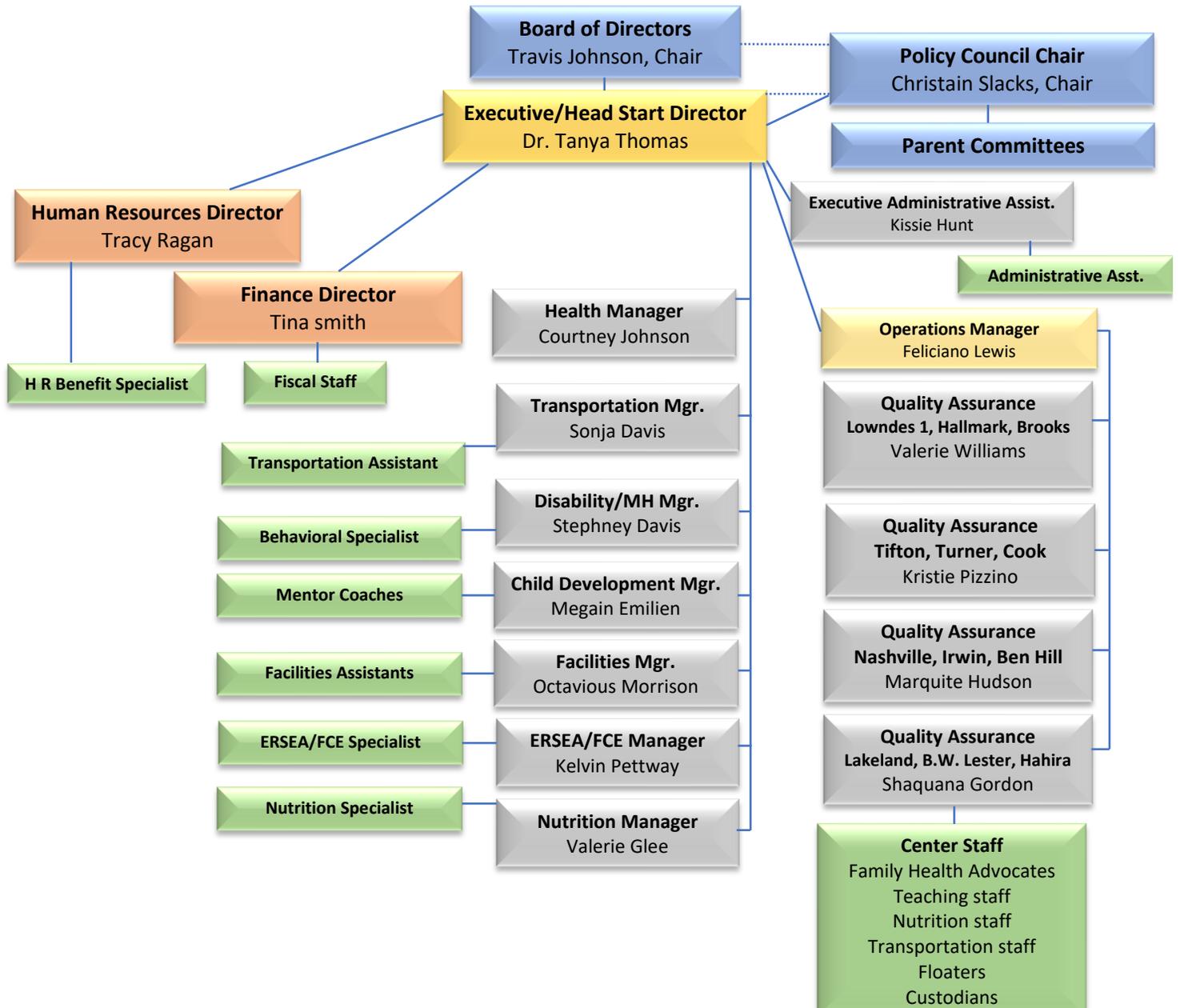
TURNER

BEN HILL

IRWIN



COASTAL PLAIN AREA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY, INC. ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



This Agency chart defines the reporting relationships within CPAEOA. Solid lines indicate direct reporting relationships. Dotted lines indicate indirect reporting relationships. The Head Start Policy Council represents an approval/disapproval relationship regarding specific decisions made within the Agency.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



TRAVIS JOHNSON
Board Chairman

Dear Community Members,

As the Chairperson of the Board, I bring a wealth of leadership experience and community involvement to my role as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. (CPAEOA).

With more than 20 years of service with the Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice, I bring valuable insights into issues affecting our youth and families. I am also an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advocating for social justice and equality.

I have pastored for 18 years at Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Adel Georgia,

I want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for your ongoing support, commitment, and belief in the mission of our organization. Together, we have made a meaningful impact, touching the lives of many individuals and families, and working toward creating a stronger, more vibrant community for all.

Our work is made possible because of the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters. Each contribution, no matter how big or small, plays a vital role in advancing our cause and helping us achieve our goals. I am continually inspired by the passion and generosity you bring to our shared mission.

As we look to the future, we are filled with hope and determination to continue expanding our reach and impact. With your continued partnership, we can overcome challenges, embrace opportunities, and make an even greater difference. Together, we will shape a better tomorrow.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. Your support empowers us, and we are deeply grateful for all you do.

Warmest regards,

Mr. Travis Johnson
Board Chairman

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE/HEAD START DIRECTOR



DR. TANYA THOMAS
Executive/Head Start Director

Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc. has been a part of helping the 10 county Coastal Plain Area for over 50 years. We have invested more than \$250 Million Dollars into the communities that our employees, clients, and families live, work, and serve.

Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc., has always strived to achieve our mission statement "People Helping People to Achieve Self Sufficiency." However, in this world of change, we too are changing, not only are we helping people to achieve self – sufficiency, we are changing our communities by em- powering people and enriching families and communities.

I have served Coastal Plain Area EOA for over 18 years. I began my experience with Coastal Plain Area EOA seventeen years ago as the Education Coordinator and then later the Head Start Director. Now presently I am proud to serve as the Executive Director for the Agency. I am proud to be a part of the positive changes being emulated throughout our agency. As you read our Annual Report, you will see the positive changes that are not only taking place within our agency, but those that we have put into motion throughout our 10 year.

We are thankful for everyone who has helped in making Coastal Plain Area EOA, Inc. The Board of Directors, for encouraging us to move forward into the future. Our Directors, who have done outstanding with their program, training employees and making a difference within our agency. The employees that are there every day with a smile on their face, helping students and clients, showing everyone that Coastal Plain Area E.O.A., Incorporated is your local community action agency.

It is my honor as Executive Director to present to you our 2023 Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority Incorporated Annual Report.

Dr. Tanya Thomas

Executive/Head Start Director

2023-2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Member
Brooks County

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Member
Tift County



2023-2024 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dr. Tanya Thomas

Executive/Head Start Director



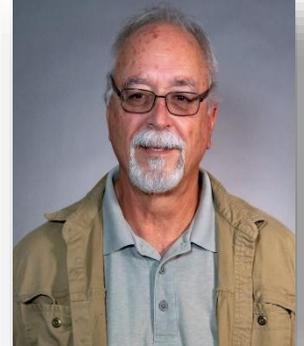
Tracy Ragan

Human Resource Director



Tina Smith

Finance Director



John Tyno

Weatherization Director



Carla Gervin

CSBG Director



Joseph Matchett

Transportation Manager



Faye Walker

Program Budget Analyst



Courtney Johnson

Health Manager



Valerie Glee

Nutrition Manager



Octavious Morrison

Facilities Manager



Feliciano Lewis

Operations Manager



Kelvin Pettway

ERSEA/Family & Community Manager



Stephney Davis

Disability/Mental Health Manager



Ashley Kilpatrick

Child Development Manager



COASTAL PLAIN AREA
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY

SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE

COASTAL PLAIN AREA ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AUTHORITY, INC. SCHEDULE OF PROGRAM REVENUE FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2024

PROGRAM AND CONTRACT NO.	FEDERAL AND STATE	PROGRAM AND OTHER	GRANTEE INKIND	TOTAL
CSBG – 10/1/2022 -9/30/2023 CSBG – 10/1/2023 -9/30/2024	\$520,082.06 \$444,068.40	-	-	\$964,150.46
WX-BIL 7/1/2022-6/30/27	\$1,374,573.26	-	-	\$1,374,573.26
WX-DOE 4/1/22-3/31/24	\$173,610.76	-	-	\$173,610.76
WX-HHS 10/1/22-9/30/23 WX-HHS 10/1/23-9/30/24	\$142,770.07 \$282,005.03	-	-	\$424,775.10
Head Start PA20 (T/TA) 2024 Head Start PA22 2024	\$84,984 \$8,810,216.00	-	\$2,035,279	\$10,930,479
CACFP - Head Start 10/01/22-9/30/23 CACFP - Head Start 10/01/23-9/30/24	\$314,210.11 \$329,501.89	-	-	\$643,712.00
LIHEAP LIWAP 10/1/21-9/30/23	\$487,291.14	-	-	\$487,291.14
LIHEAP 10/1/2022 -9/30/2023 LIHEAP 10/1/2023 -9/30/2024	\$4,166,404.84 \$1,118,737.15	-	-	\$5,285,141.99
TOTAL	\$18,248,454.71	-	\$2,035,279	\$20,283,733.71

COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTERS

BEN HILL COUNTY

223 S Grant St.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
229-426-5177

BERRIEN COUNTY

402 Hazel Ave.
Nashville, GA 31309
229-686-7871

BROOKS COUNTY

201 S. Barnes Street
Quitman, GA 31643
229-474-6883

IRWIN COUNTY

517 Fourth St.
Ocilla, GA 31774
229-468-5186

LANIER COUNTY

108 S. Hwy 135
Lakeland, GA 31635
229-482-3435

LOWNDES COUNTY

900 S. Troupe St.
Valdosta, GA 31601
229-242-8814

ECHOLS COUNTY

170 Church of God St.
Statenville, GA 31648
229-559-3472

TURNER COUNTY

124 E. College St.
Ashburn, GA 31714
229-567-2844

COOK COUNTY

303 S. College St.
Sparks, GA 31647
229-549-8780

TIFT COUNTY

2737 S. Central Ave., Suite 4
Tifton, GA 31794
229-382-2960

COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT - CSBG



All direct services, other than Head Start services, are provided through a network of ten Community Service Centers (CSC). CSCs are located in each of the ten counties within the Agency's primary service area. Each CSC is an active part of the local community, and provides a variety of community services for individuals of all ages.

A major strength of the CSC's is that no two are alike. Each one provides its own array of services to meet the specific needs that are unique to each county in the service area. With primary funding through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), services range from job-skills training to management counseling and crisis intervention.

Advocacy: A priority for all CSCs is to provide advocacy. The CSCs serve as advocates on local public health issues such as affordable housing, utility rates, and health care. Assistance is also provided to low-income residents who are not Medicare-eligible, to help them to apply for discount prescription medication and prescription eyeglass programs.

Without the ability of the CSCs to provide these very important components, many of those who need assistance would not be able to get the help which they need. The advocates are crucial to the success of the Community Service Centers. We are the "Helping Hands."

CSBG

Served 21 clients

Total amount of

\$22,154

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Rental/Mortgage Assistance Program provides emergency assistance to avoid eviction or homelessness.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Energy Assistance Program assists eligible low-income households with their heating and cooling energy costs, bill payment assistance, energy crisis assistance, weatherization, and energy-related home repairs.

CSBG

Served 5 clients

Total amount of

\$1,777

CSBG

Served 2 clients

Total amount of

\$2929

MINOR CAR REPAIR

This program was put in place to help assist those individuals who are currently employed but experience problems with their vehicle and are unable to get to and from work causing issues with their employer. Clients must have been employed for 6 months or more and provide a verification of employment.

FOOD VOUCHERS

Food vouchers are issued to individuals who need emergency food, due to hardship such as loss of employment due to no fault of their own, cut in work hours or wages, receive no food stamps or maximum of \$50 in food stamps. The value of food vouchers starts at \$200 each.

CSBG

Served 3 families

Total amount of

\$600

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

CSBG

ADMINISTRATIVE

\$290,373

PROGRAM

\$595,453

TOTAL

\$885,826

LOW-INCOME HOME HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

With funding from the Department of Human Resources, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is able to assist low-income families in offsetting the increased costs of energy for home heating during the winter months. Priority is given to households comprised of those who are 65 years or older, those who are home bound, and other disabled clients. Funding is also set aside for those with life-threatening medical conditions. Although this service is for energy costs during the winter months, in some cases, the Federal Government will release funds to assist the elderly and those who are homebound with cooling assistance.

SOME OF THE BENEFITS FROM THIS ENERGY PROGRAM ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Reduces the incidents of health problems attributable to winter cold.
- Enables the elderly and those with life-threatening medical conditions to maintain independence while maintaining a state of well-being.
- Helps to keep fuel costs from rising by reducing billing write-offs for energy suppliers.
- Circumvents energy cut-offs for homebound, elderly, and other low-income households.
- Stimulates the local economy through funds put into circulation for the payment of energy bills.

Funds are made available during the winter months to help individuals who are out of options and who are therefore in a crisis situation. These individuals may be about to have their utility or heating services disconnected, may have run out of heating fuel, or are faced with extreme winter temperatures, or have some other emergency.

The LIHEAP and Supplemental services were provided to more than 7,632 households, each receiving a minimum of \$350. The total amount expended from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024, for the programs was \$3,536,277.

APPLICATION TYPE	HOUSEHOLDS SERVED	BENEFIT AMOUNTS
Regular LIHEAP Heating and Cooling Applications	6,679	\$2,740,944
H.E.A.T. Inc. Benefits	34	\$21,240
Total Administrative Costs	–	\$249,810.61
Total Program Support	–	\$140,898
LIHEAP INFA Benefits	450	\$131,124
LIHEAP INFA Administrative Costs		\$8,759.88
LIHEAP INFA Program Support		\$6,901
Supplemental Benefits	469	\$211,779
Supplemental Administrative Costs		\$23,638
Supplemental Program Support		\$1,183
TOTAL	7,632	\$3,536,277.49

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

Coastal Plain Area E.O.A., Inc. Weatherization Program provides energy conservation, and health and safety measures to low-income families in its 10-county area. The program is funded through the Department of Energy and Department of Health and Human Services. The program helps lower the energy burden on the household and provide a healthier and safer living environment for its occupants.



The Weatherization Program has certified BPI Energy Auditors and Quality Control Inspectors to use advanced diagnostic equipment to measure air infiltration, pressure imbalances, lead safe practices, ductwork leakages and heating and cooling operations within the home. Combustion safety testing is done on homes with Natural or Propane gas when it is the fuel source for the appliances in the home. Air quality testing through ASHRAE ensures that the home is getting enough fresh air turn over per hour as needed through air quality standards. All these test help insure the home is safe and is a healthy environment for its occupants.

Lowering these homes energy consumption benefits all of us by keeping our energy rates lower and enabling the energy source to allow more clients on the present grid system. We educate the clients the need to conserve and therefore they save on their energy bill which allows them to have more disposable income to use on other household or personal needs. Weatherization Works!

COUNTY	PROGRAM OPERATIONS	AVERAGE COST	TOTAL UNITS	TOTAL OCCUPANTS
Ben Hill	\$51,488.10	\$12,872.03	4	7
Berrien	\$32,806.84	\$10,935.61	3	6
Brooks	\$61,647.95	\$12,329.59	5	9
Cook	\$111,638.78	\$13,954.85	8	18
Echols	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0
Irwin	\$55,477.70	\$18,492.57	3	10
Lanier	\$43,223.15	\$13,307.72	3	5
Lowndes	\$184,231.60	\$10,235.09	18	42
Tift	\$57,721.80	\$14,430.45	4	9
Turner	\$39,501.69	\$9,875.42	4	10
TOTAL	\$637,737.61	\$116,433.33	52	116

HEAD START

Head Start is a comprehensive early childhood development program for economically disadvantaged preschool children and their families.

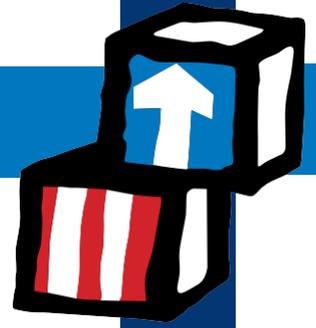
THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS PROGRAM ARE:

1. To improve the child's health
2. Aid the child's intellectual, social, and emotional development
3. Improve and expand the child's ability for self expression
4. Help both the enrollees and their families gain greater confidence, self-respect, and dignity. Eligibility guidelines require that enrollees, including children with disabilities, are between three years of age and compulsory school attendance, and at least ninety percent are from low-income families.



AT LEAST
90%
ARE FROM
LOW-INCOME
FAMILIES

HEAD START LOCATIONS



NASHVILLE HEAD START ★ ★

204-A Hazel Ave.
Nashville, GA 31639
(229) 686-3085
(229) 686-2030 Fax
Nashville@cpheadstart.org

IRWIN HEAD START ★ ★

517 Fourth St.
Ocilla, GA 31774
(229) 468-5712
(229) 468-7907 Fax
irwin@cpheadstart.org

BEN HILL HEAD START ★ ★ ★

410 E. Altamaha St.
Fitzgerald, GA 31750
(229) 423-3191
(229) 423-1021 Fax
benhill@cpheadstart.org

HAHIRA HEAD START ★ ★

809 Tillman St.
Hahira, GA 31632
(229) 794-3310
(229) 794-3323 Fax
hahira@cpheadstart.org

COOK HEAD START ★ ★

504 W. First St.
Adel, GA 31620
(229) 896-7322
(229) 896-4275 Fax
cook@cpheadstart.org

LANIER HEAD START ★ ★ ★

104 South Oak St.
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-3467
(229) 482-3175 Fax
lanier@cpheadstart.org

LOWNDES 1 HEAD START ★ ★

1613 Ulmer Ave.
Valdosta, GA 31601
(229) 244-6300
(229) 244-8706 Fax
lowndes1@cpheadstart.org

BW LESTER HEAD START ★ ★ ★

2522 Copeland Rd. Valdosta,
GA 31601
(229) 247-9750
(229) 247-9751 Fax
bwlester@cpheadstart.org

HALLMARK HEIGHTS HEAD START ★ ★

605 Hightower St.
Valdosta, GA 31601
(229) 244-7773
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64 Tifton Eldorado
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BROOKS HEAD START ★ ★

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TURNER COUNTY HEAD START

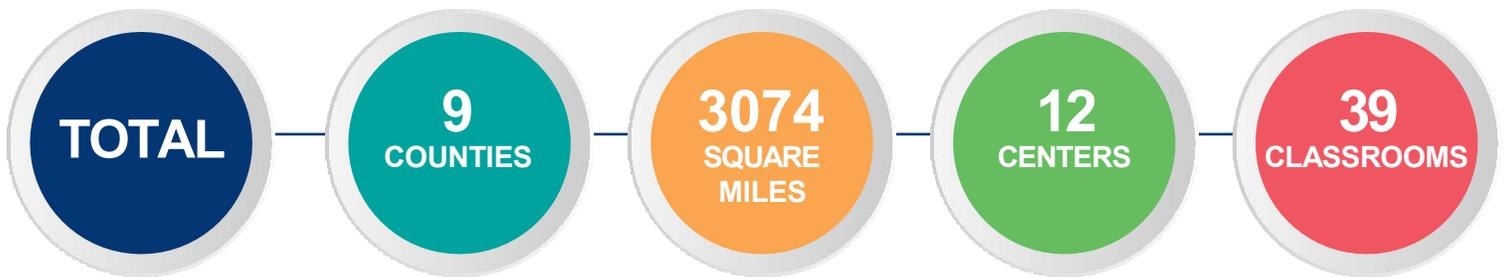
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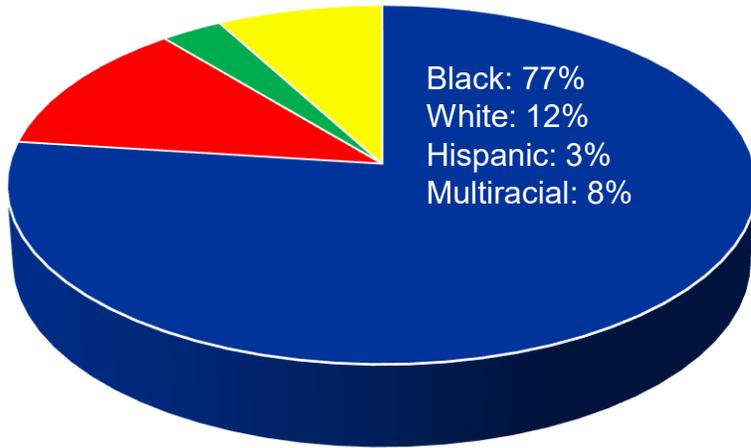
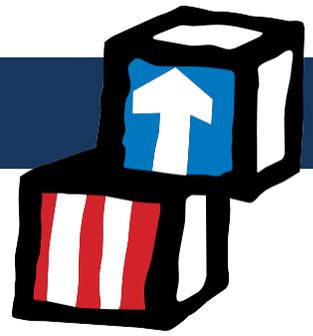
Quality Rated Child Care of Georgia is a resource for parents and families to help them find high-quality child care, preschool, and Pre-K programs. Quality Rated has an online tool that helps families find child care in their area that have been evaluated by credentialed early childhood experts and deemed high-quality. Quality Rated assigns one, two or three stars, with three being the highest, to early education care programs that meet or exceed the minimum state requirements. Stars beside the center name signifies rating of each site.

HEAD START SERVICE AREA

	COUNTY	SQUARE MILES	CENTERS	CLASSROOMS
	Ben Hill	254	Fitzgerald	3
	Turner	290	Ashburn	2
	Irwin	363	Ocilla	1
	Tift	269	Tifton	6
	Berrien	458	Nashville	2
	Cook	233	Adel	2
	Lanier	199	Lakeland	2
	Brooks	498	Quitman	2
	Lowndes	510	B.W. Lester	3
	Lowndes	510	Hahira	2
	Lowndes	510	Hallmark Heights	5
	Lowndes	510	Lowndes 1	9



HEAD START POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

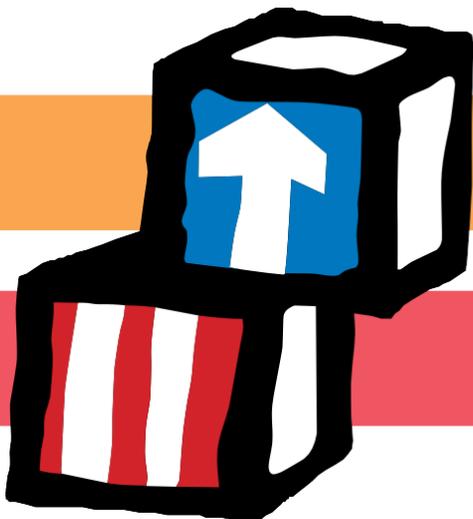


The racial composition of the total children in Head Start served this year is Black 77%, White 12%, Hispanic 3%, and Multiracial 8%. Our current funded enrollment is 650. Materials are printed by Head Start in Spanish to accommodate the families. The rural farming area in South Georgia has attracted more each year.

RACE AND ETHNICITY	# OF CHILDREN OF HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN	# OF CHILDREN OF NON-HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	1
Asian	0	1
Black or African American	6	560
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	0
White	8	77
Biracial/Multi-racial	12	46
Other - Hispanic, Arabic, and Haitian	20	0

HEAD START 2023-2024 PROGRAM ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

COUNTIES	INCOME ELIGIBLE	HOMELESS	FOSTER	SNAP	TANF	SSI	HEAD START'S AVERAGE MONTHLY
Berrien	18	0	0	15	0	1	79.55%
Ben Hill	16	0	1	32	1	6	
Brooks	18	0	0	16	1	1	
Cook	11	0	0	23	3	3	AGES 3 YEARS OLD SERVED 520
Irwin	6	0	0	13	0	1	
Lanier	12	0	0	16	1	9	
Lowndes	127	4	2	156	13	29	AGES 4 YEARS OLD SERVED 212
Tifton	31	0	1	76	2	5	
Turner	24	0	0	12	1	2	
TOTAL	263	4	4	359	22	57	



FUNDED ENROLLMENT: 650

ACTUAL ENROLLMENT: 732

ChildPlus PIR 2023-2024

HEAD START PROGRAM INFORMATION 2023-2024

			PARENTAL STATUS		
	CENTERS	FAMILIES SERVED	TWO PARENTS	ONE PARENT	
	B.W. Lester	48	10	38	
	Ben Hill	52	10	42	
	Brooks	35	5	30	
	Cook	37	3	34	
	Hahira	30	6	24	
	Hallmark	92	16	76	
	Irwin	20	1	19	
	Lanier	37	7	30	
	Lowndes-1	158	12	146	
	Nashville	33	13	20	
	Tifton	111	12	99	
	Turner	36	0	36	
	TOTAL	689	95	594	ChildPlus PIR 2023-2024

TOTAL CHILDREN RIDING BUS

113

TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED

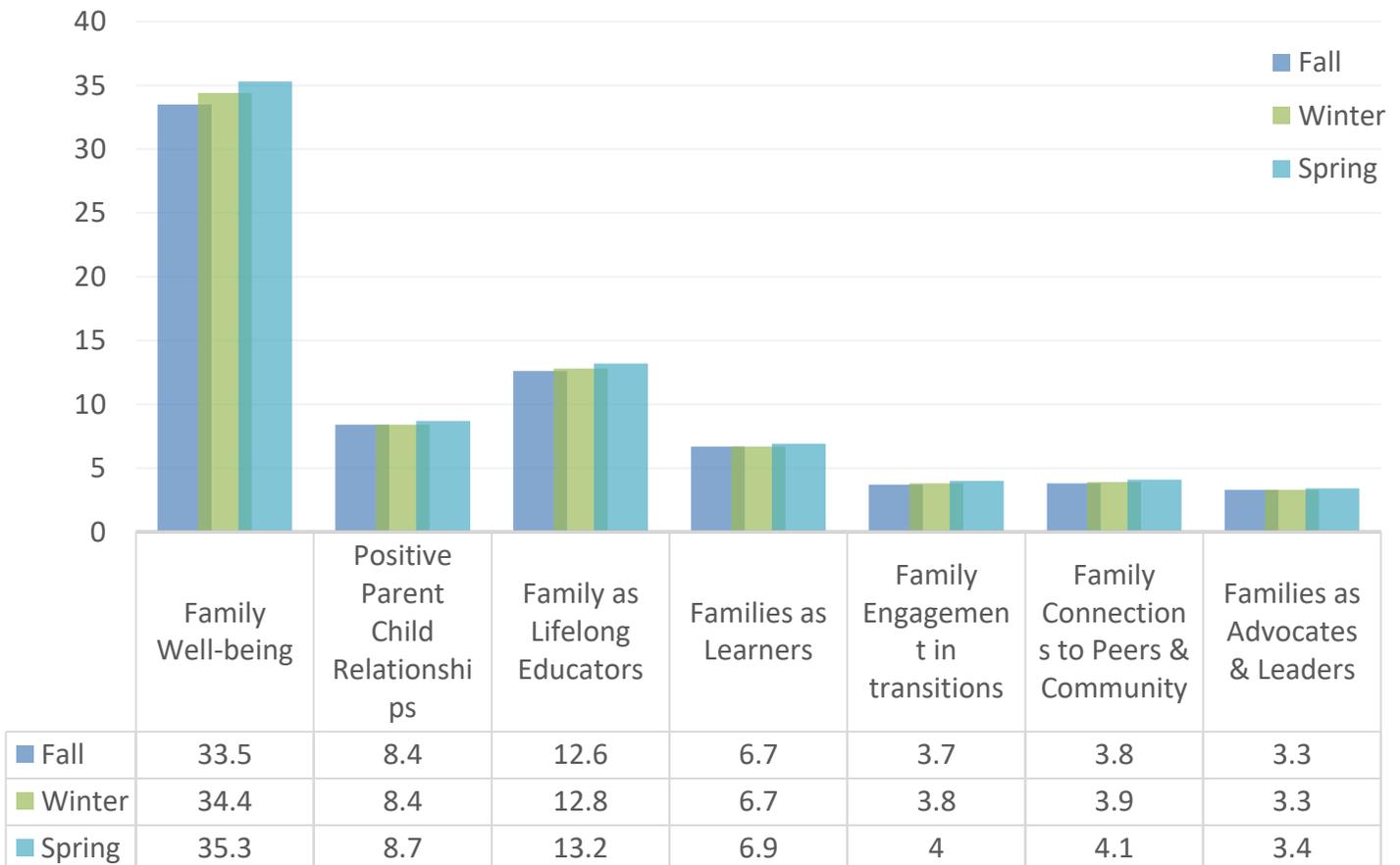
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HEAD START FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

The family outcomes assessment report shows the results for fall, winter, and spring 2023-2024. The chart shows the comparison as to where the families started in the fall quarter and where they were at during spring quarter. The families increased slightly in each outcome area except families as advocates and leaders where there was a slight downward change.

Family Health Advocates are continuing to provide services to the families via phone, in person and by zoom and giving the parents resources to help guide them to a stable or thriving family outcome as they assist the families with their goals, interests and needs.

HEAD START FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES SPRING (FINAL) 2023-2024



2023-2024 HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION

COUNTY	MEDICAID	PRIVATE INSURANCE
Berrien	33	1
Ben Hill	57	0
Brooks	35	0
BW Lester	45	4
Cook	37	3
Hahira	27	3
Hallmark Heights	93	2
Irwin	20	0
Lanier	39	0
Lowndes 1	165	2
Tifton	113	2
Turner	33	0
TOTALS	697	17

COMPLETED PREVENTIVE CARE

DENTAL EXAMS **89%**

MEDICAL EXAMS **95%**

IMMUNIZATIONS **98%**

RESULTS FROM DISABILITY SERVICES 2023-2024

Preschool Disability Services

DIAGNOSED PRIMARY DISABILITIES	DETERMINED DISABILITY	RECEIVING SERVICES
a. Health Impairment (meeting IDEA definition of “other health impairments”)	1	1
b. Emotional/behavioral disorder	0	0
c. Speech or language impairments	31	31
d. Intellectual disabilities	0	0
e. Hearing impairments, including deafness	0	0
f. Orthopedic impairment	0	0
g. Visual impairment, including blindness	1	1
h. Learning disabilities	3	3
i. Autism	4	4
j. Traumatic brain injury	0	0
k. Non-categorical/development delay	36	36
l. Multiple disabilities	0	0
m. Deaf-blind	0	0

TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH

Our Head Start program plays a critical role in buffering the impact of trauma by promoting resilience for children, families, and staff. The effects of trauma are lessened by protective factors such as strong parent-child relationships; relationships between staff, children, and families in Head Start programs; and through relationships and supports within the community. Supporting staff wellness is a critical part of any trauma-informed approach in Head Start programs.

Trauma occurs when frightening events or situations overwhelm a child or adult's ability to cope or deal with what has happened. These kinds of experiences cause an extended stress response and lasting effects on the physical and mental health of children and families. Traumatic events can be a single event (e.g., a terrible accident) or chronic (e.g., domestic violence), and there are many factors that affect the intensity of a person's response. Exposure to trauma is more common than most people believe. It is also multi-layered, with individual, community, and historical experiences. That said, not everyone exposed to adverse experiences is traumatized.

Our program is designed to implement a comprehensive, ongoing trauma-informed approach that provides all staff activities to implement the 4R's as one that:

THE FOUR Rs OF TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE



REALIZE the widespread impact of trauma and understand potential paths for recovery.



RECOGNIZE the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system.

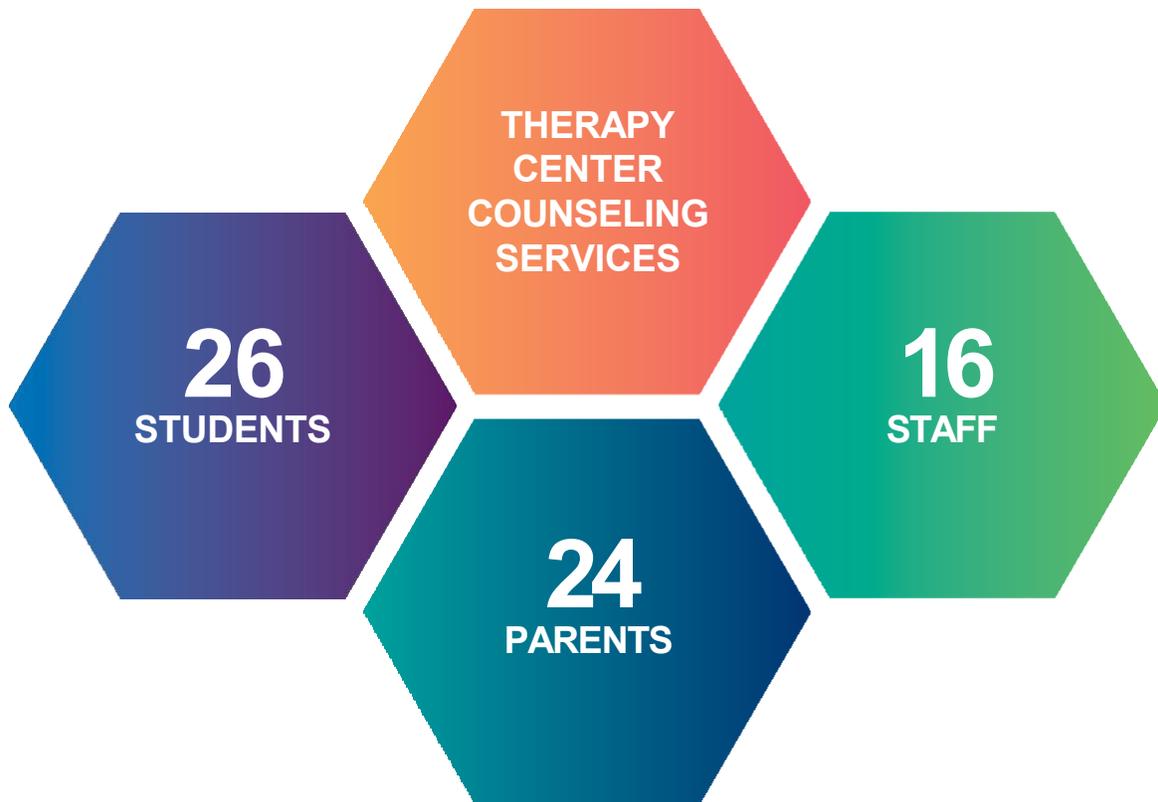


RESPOND by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices.



RESIST re-traumatization of children, as well as adults who care for them.

This figure is adapted from: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (2014). SAMHSA's concept of trauma and Guidance for a trauma-informed approach. HHS publication no. (SMA) 14-4884, Rockville, MD; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Therapy Center Valdosta’s mission is to provide services to the residents of Lowndes County and surrounding counties with evidence-based behavioral health services that are based on the unique situation of each individual’s physical, emotional, and cognitive function. As a community partner, they have dedicated themselves to sustain and strengthen the well-being of individuals and families in the area to promote a healthier society.

Therapy Center Valdosta provides therapeutic counseling to patients of all ages coping with a variety of mental health issues. They provide face-to-face, tele-counseling, and phone service counseling in order to service individuals and families with issues related to depression, anxiety, marital issues, post-traumatic stress, work issues, anger management, stress management, and daily life stressors. Alcohol and drug abuse treatment is available for patients and their families through individual therapy, group therapy, and/or family therapy. Therapy Center Valdosta utilizes prevention, education, intervention, and/or continuing help based on the needs of the patient.

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT SCORING SYSTEM (CLASS)

MOST RECENT REVIEW - RESULTS FROM CLASS OBSERVATIONS

CLASS reviews were conducted between 11/1/23-5/31/24.

Observations were conducted in preschool center-based classrooms using the Pre-K Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS). The CLASS tool looks at three domains and ten dimensions of teacher-child interactions and measures those observed interactions on a seven-point scale.

DOMAIN	SCORE
Emotional Support	5.59
Classroom Organization	4.97
Instructional Support	2.37

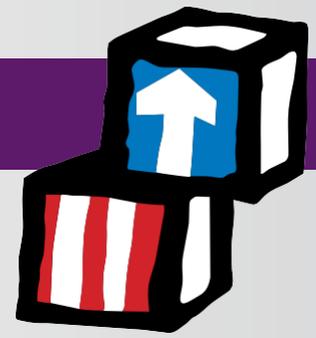
DIMENSIONS			
Positive Climate	5.2	Behavior Management	5.07
Concept Development	2.47	Negative Climate*	.99
Productivity	5.09	Quality Feedback	2.33
Teacher Sensitivity	5.14	Instructional Learning Format	4.74
Language Modeling	2.32	Regard for Student Perspectives	5.01
Emotional Support	5.59	Classroom Organization	4.97
Instructional Support	2.37		

**Note: To calculate the Emotional Support domain, subtract the Negative climate score from eight, add the Positive Climate, Teacher Sensitivity, and Regard for Student Perspective scores, then divide by four.*

OHS CLASS® DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS, 2020 NATIONAL GRANTEE-LEVEL SCORES BY DIMENSION

DOMAIN	DIMENSION	MEAN	STANDARD DEVIATION	MIN.	MAX.
EMOTIONAL SUPPORT	Positive Climate	5.98	.28	5.17	6.61
	Negative Climate	1.09	0.08	1.00	1.50
	Teacher Sensitivity	5.88	.30	5.06	6.63
	Regard for Student Perspectives	5.33	0.38	5.29	6.75
CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION	Behavior Management	5.96	0.33	5.29	6.75
	Productivity	5.32	0.35	5.00	6.81
	Instructional Learning Formats	2.46	0.41	1.76	3.46
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT	Concept Development	2.46	.041	1.76	3.26
	Quality Feedback	2.90	0.40	2.08	3.88
	Language Modeling	3.45	.048	2.22	4.50

EFFORTS TO PREPARE CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN



Our Head Start program strives to ensure each child is prepared for their next educational experience. Creative Curriculum is used as our developmental guide for classroom activities. Each child is assessed using the Brigance Assessment tool. This tool evaluates children’s early development and kindergarten readiness and assist teachers with identifying potential delays or giftedness, supporting referrals for services, and planning individualized instruction. In addition to Brigance, we use the Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) assessment that aligns with Creative Curriculum. TSG is an ongoing, teacher observation based tool that ensures the success of the students. Our school readiness goals are listed below.

They are aligned with the state and local school systems goals and expectations.

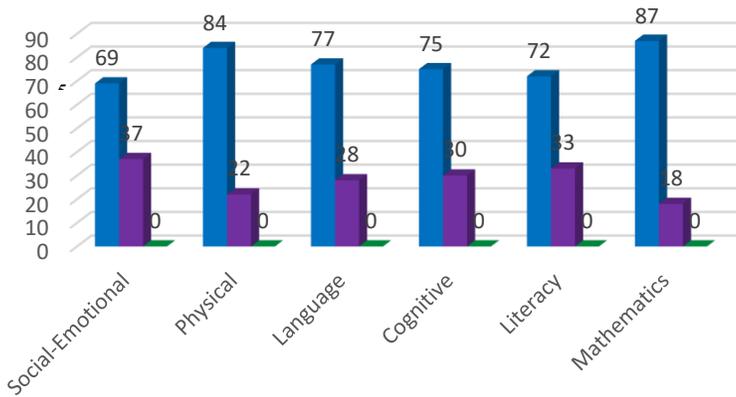
DOMAIN	SCHOOL READINESS GOALS 2023-2024
Language and Literacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children will comprehend an increasingly complex and varied vocabulary. 2. Children will increase their use of language to communicate with adults and peers.(Children who are dual language learners will demonstrate proficiency in their home language while acquiring beginning proficiency in English.) 3. Children will use and understand print as meaningful and organized symbolic system of communication. 4. Children will identify names and sounds associated with letters and have an awareness that language can be broken down into words and syllables.
Cognition and General Knowledge	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Children will use scientific skills and methodology to gain a better understanding of information and activities in their surroundings. 6. Children will increase their skills in remembering information and in being aware of their own thinking. 7. Children will use math regularly and in everyday routines to count, compare, relate, identify patterns, and problem solve.
Approaches to Learning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Children will show an interest in varied topics and activities, an eagerness to learn, creativity, and independence in their interactions with activities and materials. 9. Children will demonstrate persistence and sustained attention when working with materials, activities and information.
Physical Development and Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Children will maintain healthy and age appropriate physical well-being. 11. Children will develop safe and healthy habits. 12. Children will increase control of their small and large muscles.
Social and Emotional Development	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13. Children will engage in positive peer relationships and interactions with familiar adults and peers. 14. Children will learn to internalize (follow) classroom rules, routines, and directions.

HEAD START CHILD OUTCOMES

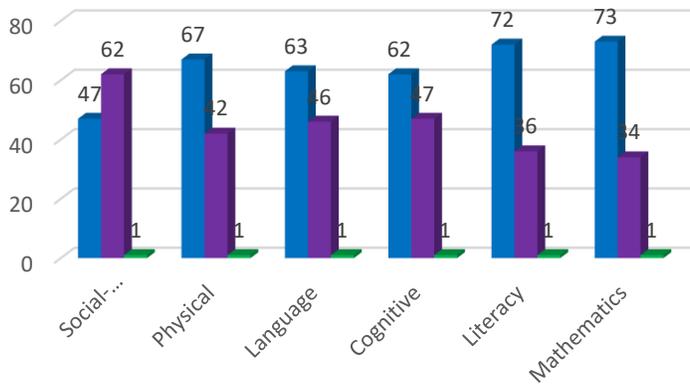
Students were assessed using the Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG) developmental assessment. Teaching Strategies GOLD child outcomes data gathered from Fall, Winter, and Spring were compared and data reflecting the growth of enrolled students between August 14, 2023, through May 17, 2024, is shown.

Program Wide Results of Teaching Strategies GOLD (TSG)

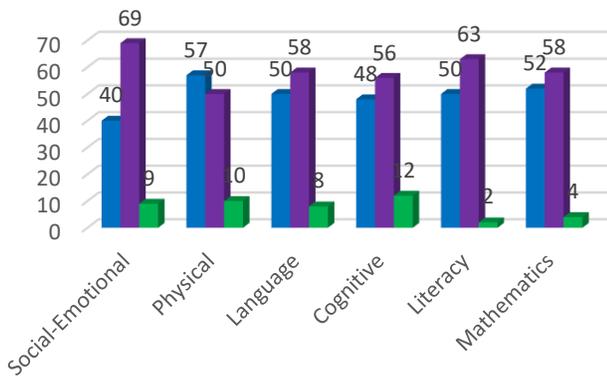
Based on the years comparison there was significant growth for students. Data shows an increase in the number of students who performed at age-level expectations. However, there was improvement needed in social-emotional, physical, and language domains. There were 25-27% of the children assessed still below expectations for their age in these domains. Social-emotional training, cozy corner items, new playground equipment, and adding Khan Academy to the classroom iPads were provided to improve upon these skills.



HEAD START CHILD OUTCOMES
FALL 2023-2024



HEAD START CHILD OUTCOMES
WINTER 2023-2024

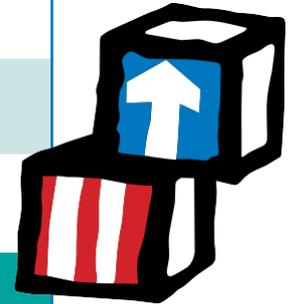


HEAD START CHILD OUTCOMES
SPRING 2023-2024

■ Below ■ Meets ■ Exceeds

HEAD START PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS RECEIVED

Head Start and HS T/TA	\$8,895,200
Non-Federal match	\$2,035,279
Child and Adult Care Food Program	\$643,712
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$11,574,191.00



BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

	HEAD START OPERATING	HS T/TA	HS NON-FEDERAL MATCH
Salaries	\$544,926	-	-
Fringe Benefits	\$1,357,246	-	-
Travel	\$72,000	-	-
Equipment	\$206,655	-	-
Supplies	\$165,302	-	-
Contractual	\$54,000	-	-
Other	\$1,425,103	-	-
Training	-	\$84,984	-
Non-Federal Match			\$2,035,279
OVERALL TOTAL	\$3,825,232	\$84,984	\$2,035,279

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DASHER HIGH SCHOOL



The former Dasher High School, named for Mayor Robert Dasher, was built in 1928 as the third public high school for African American students in Valdosta, and it is the only remaining school building from that era. Several prominent leaders of the Valdosta community graduated from Dasher High School, including writer and journalist Louis E. Lomax, the nation's first African American television journalist. The Coastal Plain Area Economic Opportunity Authority owns and uses the building to provide services to low-income households.

Georgia Trust Announces Its 2023 List of State's 10 'Places in Peril'

On November 16, 2022 The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation released its 2023 list of 10 *Places in Peril* in the state. On that list was the former Dasher High School located in Valdosta, Georgia. The following insert is what the president of the Trust had to say:

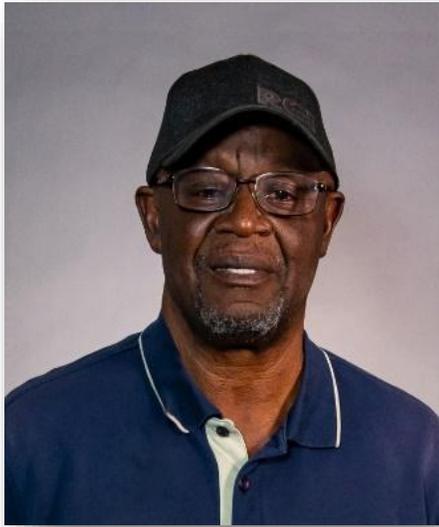
"This is the Trust's eighteenth annual Places in Peril list," said Mark C. McDonald, president and CEO of the Trust. "We hope the list will continue to bring preservation solutions to Georgia's imperiled historic resources by highlighting ten representative sites."



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Sunset

Faye Walker



Though Mrs. Faye Walker & Mr. Joseph Matchett III may no longer be with us in person, their legacy of love and kindness lives on. Let us carry forward the lessons they taught us and the love they bestowed upon us, keeping their memory alive in our thoughts and actions.

Let us also honor their memory by embracing the values they held dear. Through acts of compassion, generosity, and understanding, we can perpetuate the essence of who they were, ensuring that their presence continues to illuminate our lives and those of others.



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