



**Tazewell-Woodford Head Start
Annual Report
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WHAT IS HEAD START?



Head Start is a federally funded income-based preschool program for children ages three to five and their parents. Both full day and part day classrooms were provided at six different sites during the 2017 – 2018 school year. Classes were held 5 days a week. Classrooms were located at the Family Center in East Peoria, Pekin Preschool Family Education Center, Hensey Elementary School, Roanoke Mennonite Church in Eureka, LaSalle School in Creve Coeur and Midwest Central Middle School in Green Valley. All services are provided to children and families at no cost.

Programming is designed to prepare children to enter kindergarten with funding to serve 330 children residing in Tazewell and Woodford counties. Tazewell Woodford Head Start focuses on the whole child including: medical care, dental care and nutrition.

Along with school readiness goals for the child, the program focuses on the entire families' well-being. Many opportunities are provided to parents to support their child's early education. Monthly Parent Committees, monthly Literacy Events, an opportunity to participate in Policy Council, and individualized family support services are provided to support the entire family.



WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY TAZEWELL WOODFORD HEAD START?

Education:

Head Start's educational program is designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Classroom activities follow the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework as well as those of the Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards. A child's growth and development is assessed three times per year to ensure children are ready to learn when they enter kindergarten.

Family Services:

Head Start Staff develops a positive, goal-oriented relationship with families to better develop a child's school readiness and support the family. Head Start believes that a parent is a child's first and most important teacher, and parents are educated and supported to encourage their child's development. Family Engagement Coordinators assist parents in exploring opportunities to expand their education, find or obtain better employment, and assist with access to needed resources available in the community.

Health:

Children must be healthy in order to grow and be ready to learn. Head Start works with each family to provide for a child's medical and dental needs, immunizations, and additional health assessments.

Nutrition:

Nutritious meals are served family style throughout the program. Each part-day child receives breakfast and snack or lunch and snack, and full day children receive breakfast, lunch and a snack. Nutrition education is provided for all parents and children. Special menus are planned for each child with medical or religious needs.

Transportation:

Head Start buses are staffed with a driver and monitor and are equipped with safety harnesses. Bus routes are established as close to the family's home as possible.

Mental Health Services and Disabilities:

Support is provided to ensure children with disabilities are included in all program activities. Children needing additional social-emotional support are provided with referrals and support services to meet individual needs.

Parent Involvement:

Head Start encourages parents to become involved in their child's education; both in and out of the classroom. Head Start teachers welcome parents and family members in the classroom. Parents support their children while attending Head Start by: attending parent/teacher conferences, serving on the Policy Council or Parent Committee, attending trainings and family activities, and completing take-home activities with their child. The program emphasizes a positive first school experience for both the parent and the child.

EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES

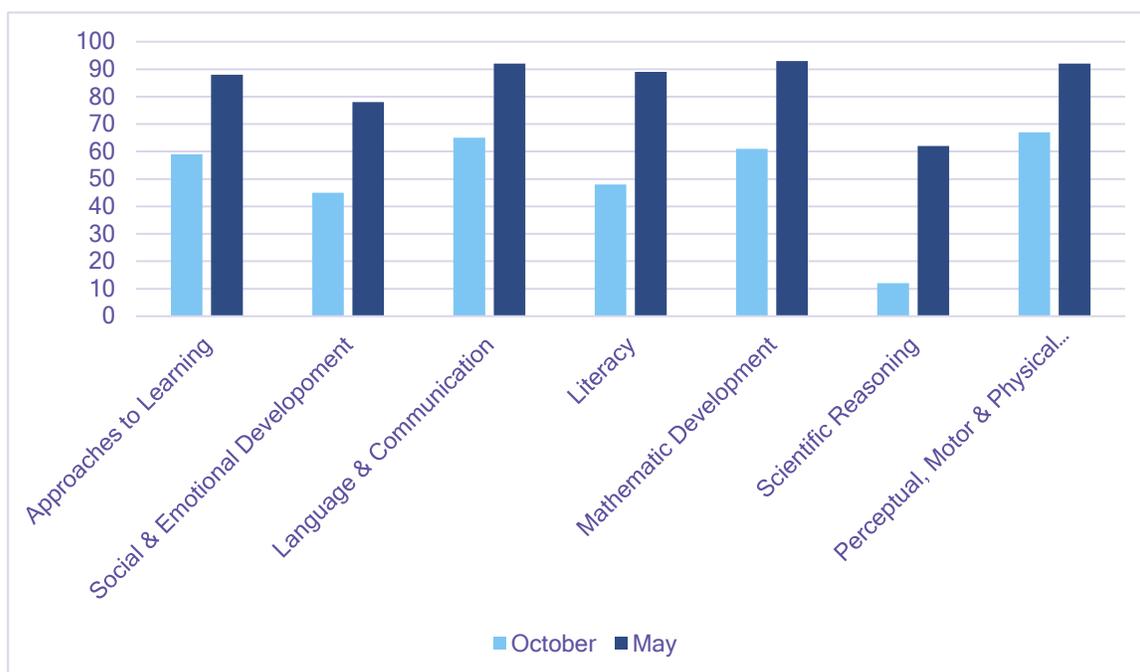
All children enrolled in Head Start are screened for developmental delays within 45 days of the start of school. If needed, children are referred to their local school district for further screening, evaluation and services. Tazewell Woodford Head Start curriculum follows Federal and State Learning Standards and addresses all areas of a child's early development. Children are assessed three times a year in the following areas: Social and Emotional Development, Approaches to Learning, Language Development, Literacy, Mathematics, Science, Creative Arts, Physical Health & Development; Social Studies; and Logic & Reasoning. Assessment results are shared with parents and activities are provided that can be completed at home to support their child's development.

Developmental information is collected on all children three times a year is used for classroom and individualized lesson planning and ongoing professional development for teachers. Outcome data is shared with Employees, Governing Bodies, Statewide and National Head Start Associations, and the community.

Outcome Data is acquired using the Teaching Strategies Gold® Assessment. The following information shows the growth of four-year-olds by comparing the number of children considered "Ready to Move On" from assessments completed in October and May.

Outcome Data – Growth from September 2017 - May 2018

Four-Year-Old Assessment of Children "Ready to Move On"



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED

361 children were enrolled in six centers

149 three-year-olds

212 four-year-olds

336 families were served

61 children were self-identified as homeless

134 two parent households were served

202 single parent households were served

21 foster children were served



AREA DEMOGRAPHICS

12% of children in Tazewell County live in poverty (2017 Kids Count Data)

12.8% of children in Woodford County live in poverty (2021-2016 American Community Survey)

Children in these School Districts were served at one of our Head Start locations:

46 children from Washington #50, #51 and #52

39 children from Creve Coeur District #76

82 children from East Peoria District #86, Robein District #85 and Riverview District #2

21 children from Morton School District #709

139 children from Pekin District #108, Rankin District #98, North Pekin/Marquette Heights District #102 and South Pekin District #137

12 children from Midwest Central District #191, Delavan #703 and Deer Creek-Mackinaw District #701

22 children from Woodford County School Districts.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION OUTCOMES

HEALTH OUTCOMES

Parents are given resources and are encouraged to establish medical and dental homes for their family. All Head Start Staff partner with parents to ensure that all children are up-to-date with medical and dental care. Attendance is monitored in order to track health issues and assist with treatment and follow-up, if needed.

361 children had current physicals, TB, hemoglobin and lead testing

315 children received preventative dental care

322 children were up-to-date on immunizations

16 children were referred for additional vision screening

11 children were referred for additional hearing screening

NUTRITION OUTCOMES

Food costs are primarily funded by the USDA Food Program and are supplemented by Head Start funds. Part-day children receive at least one-third, and full day children receive one-half to two-thirds of their nutritional needs for the day. Children are encouraged to try a variety of nutritious foods. Education and food related learning activities are provided to children and families.

30 children were provided with special diets and/or menus

26,487 breakfasts were served to children

43,502 snacks were served to children

27,517 lunches were served to children



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Head Start regulations require that at least 10% of the total number of children served by the program are children with disabilities. Tazewell-Woodford Head Start works closely with all local school districts to serve children with disabilities in the most appropriate setting. Each child has individualized plans so that the program meets their needs.

21 children were referred to their local schools for services

40 children with diagnosed disabilities received Head Start services

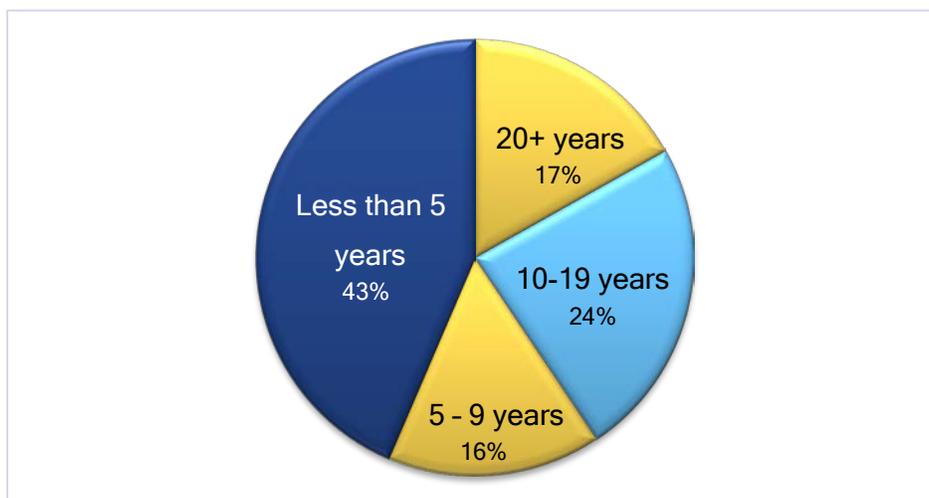
8 children were referred to a mental health professional and received services

STAFF

Tazewell-Woodford Head Start provided employment for 77 people.

24 employees were former Head Start parents.

HEAD START STAFF YEARS OF EMPLOYMENT



FEDERAL MONITORING

The Office of Head Start assesses Tazewell Woodford Head Start for compliance according to the Head Start Performance Standards, the Head Start Act and other regulations through the Aligned Monitoring System. It disseminates its finding through formal monitoring reports that are available upon request.

FAMILY OUTCOMES

HEAD START PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

80% of the parents returned the survey

58% of the parents volunteered at least once during the school year

52% of the families receive SNAP

24% of the families utilized WIC services

6% of the families received energy assistance

9% of families utilized local food pantries

34% of the families received holiday assistance

15% of the families received school supply assistance



***"Amazing Program! Great teachers! They're there for the whole family, not just the kids."
-Rose E.***

FAMILY PARTICIPATION

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in their child's school day. Parents are welcome to visit and assist in the classroom as much as their schedule allows.

Parent Committee Meetings are held monthly at each center. These meetings provide opportunities for parents to learn about upcoming events, receive education about relevant child development topics, and socialize with other parents in the program.

Parents are elected from the Parent Committee to represent their center on the Head Start Policy Council. Meetings are held monthly from October to May to provide parents the opportunity to have input on program services.

Family events are held throughout the year to provide families with a fun-filled, educational evening. Meals and activities are provided to all families that participate.

VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

VOLUNTEERS

Tazewell Woodford Head Start has many volunteer opportunities available, and community support is essential to the program.

Last year:

840 people volunteered services to Head Start

476 volunteers were former or current Head Start parents

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community partners provide critical direct and supportive service to Tazewell Woodford Head Start children and families.

Thank you to the following supporters!

Caterpillar, Inc. Volunteers

Children's Advocacy Center

Children's Hospital-Safe Kids Coalition

Children's Home Association of Illinois

Department of Children & Family Services

Department of Health & Human Resources

Dental Sealants & More

East Peoria Fire Department

East Peoria High School

East Peoria Kiwanis Club

Eureka Kiwanis Club

Fondulac Library

Harvest Bible Chapel

Safe from the Start Heart of Illinois

Hult Center for Healthy Living

Illinois Pioneer Bell

Just Kidz Dentistry

Kohl's

Lion Club of Creve Coeur

Local School Districts

OSF School of Nursing

Pekin High School

Pekin Hospital

Pekin Library

Pekin Outreach Initiative

Peoria District Dental Society

PNC Bank

Red Cross

Roanoke Mennonite Church

Tazewell County Health Department/All Our Kids

Network

Tazewell County Resource Center

Tazewood Community Services

Trinity Lutheran Church

Heart of Illinois United Way

University of IL Extension

Unland Companies

Washington Christian Church

Winter Insurance

SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY

As well as support from the community, Tazewell Woodford Head Start supports the local economy through purchasing for program needs.

\$224,077 was spent locally for food

\$20,137 was spent on fuel for transportation

\$15,153 was spent on utilities

\$31,003 was spent on phone and internet

\$29,960 was spent on college tuitions

\$63,989 was spent on classroom supplies



2017 – 2018 FUNDING SOURCES

Federal

Grant Award	\$3,158,622
USDA Funds	172,983

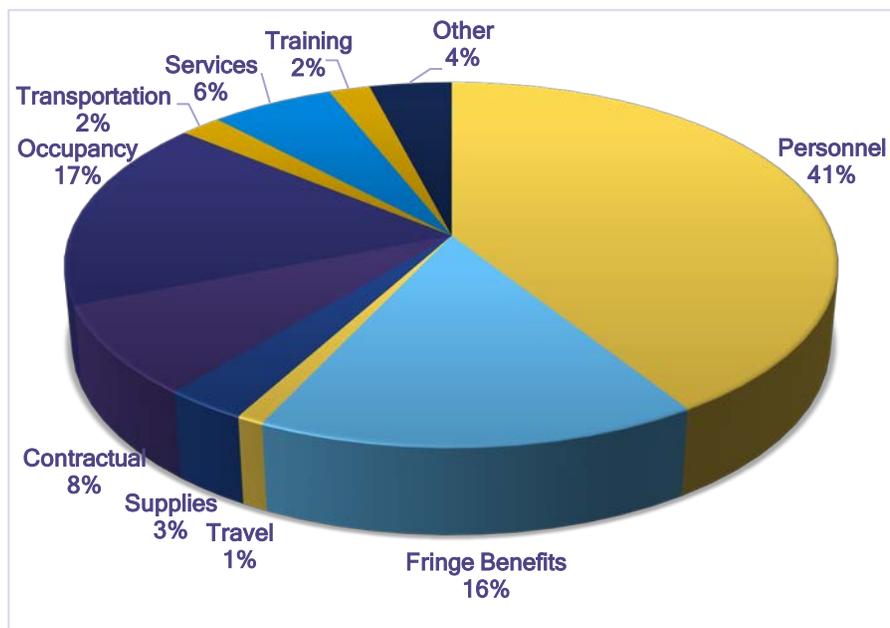
Non-Federal

Cash Donations	<u>9,929</u>
Total	\$3,341,534

In-Kind Contributions

Donated space for classrooms	\$500,424
Parent & Community Volunteers	203,021
Donated Bus Service & Storage	30,081
Classroom & Literacy Supplies	21,308
Other Services	<u>11,208</u>
Total	\$766,042

2017-2018 Operating Costs



FINANCIAL AUDIT

Heinold-Banwart, Ltd. Conducted the financial audit with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audit contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements of Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance).

No deficiencies or instances of non-compliance in internal control were disclosed during the audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019

HEAD START FAMILY CENTER, PEKIN, HENSEY, ROBEIN, CREVE COEUR, GREEN VALLEY AND EUREKA

Revenue

Grant Award	\$3,302,191
USDA Funds	<u>147,501</u>
	\$3,179,692

Expenses

Personnel	\$1,696,620
Fringe Benefits	654,815
Travel	16,800
Equipment	0
Supplies	75,416
Contractual	285,971
Training	31,314
Other	<u>418,756</u>
	\$3,179,692

Community Support

Donated Space for Classrooms	\$474,817
Parent & Community Volunteers	101,408
Donated Bus Service & Storage	25,408
Classroom & Literacy Supplies	30,003
Disabilities & Mental Health	63,980
Other Services	<u>7,710</u>
Total	\$703,326



TAZEWELL WOODFORD HEAD START MISSION

The mission of Tazewell Woodford Head Start is to create a sense of self-worth in children and parents, to provide resources and support to strengthen the family unit, to empower them to achieve their full potential, and to serve as an advocate within the community.



TAZEWELL WOODFORD HEAD START VISION

The employees of Head Start will be creative, possess a strong work ethic, be dedicated to professional development, and be committed to making a difference in the life of every Head Start child and family. Through supportive teamwork and honest, open and effective communication, we will empower parents to become positive role models for their children.

**Head Start does not discriminate
on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,
national origin, ancestry, age or disability.**