

Coastal Community Action, Inc.

303 McQueen Avenue, Newport, North Carolina 28570

2024-2025 Annual Report



Head Start and Early Head Start

We believe:

“Every child, regardless of circumstances at birth,
Has the ability to reach their full potential. “

Our Mission:

“Through advocacy, education, support and services, we will empower individuals, families and communities toward a better quality of life.”

The purpose of this document is to share data and updates about the program during the program year. This document is made available to the public via the Agency's website, coastalca.org. Parents may also request this report at any time and a copy will be made available to them.

Coastal Community Action, Inc. (CCA) the Head Start Program is making available to the public its annual report. "The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 and the Head Start Program Performance Standards. The report identifies the resources received for the provision of Head Start services, how the resources were used in the provision of the services and the services provided to the children and families during the 2023 Head Start Fiscal Year.

Services provided by CCA to the children and families enrolled in Head Start/Early Head Start:

- Education: to prepare children to be school ready for kindergarten
- Developmental Screens: to meet the individual needs of the child.
- Health: Help children be healthy
- Nutrition: provide healthy meals and snacks
- Mental Health: address children's emotional health
- Special Needs: support children's disability needs
- Family: help parents enhance their strengths and help in times of need
- Parent engagement: encourage families to be active in their child's education.
- Community Partnerships: assist families with community resources.
- Family Fun Nights: celebrating family and friendships.
- Transition: activities to prepare children and families for kindergarten

Overview

Coastal Community Action, Inc early childhood programs are federally funded designed to prepare low-income children and their families for success in kindergarten and later in life.

There are two program options for services to children: Center-Based and Home-Based. Coastal Community Action, Inc. (CCA) has 4 Head Start Child Development Centers. There are 4 Partnership sites in Craven, and 3 partnership classrooms in Jones County. All Head Start centers have 5-Star Rated licenses.

Financials

The Charts below shows a breakdown of dollars, financial source, Program account and designated use of funds:

Source	Designated Use	Amount
Federal	Head Start& Early Head Start	\$10,286,981.00
State	NC PreK	\$111,720.00
Local	Smart Start	\$12,800.00
USDA	Child Adult Care Food Program	\$465,448.00

Sources of Funds:

Public: Department of Health and Human Services, NC Department of Human Services

CATEGORY	BUDGET
Personnel	\$5,153,648
Fringe Benefits	\$2,335,378.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies	\$204,811.00
Travel (out-of-town)	\$59,639.00
Construction	\$0.00
Other	\$904,838.00
Contractual	\$450,686.00
TOTAL DIRECT COST	\$9,127,410.00
INDIRECT COST	\$1,159,571.00
TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	\$10,286,981.00
Match	\$2,571,745.00

Proposed Budget for Next Year

Source	Designated Use	Amount
Federal	Head Start& Early Head Start	\$9,303,216.00
State	NC PreK	\$190,129.60
USDA	Child Adult Care Food Program	\$434,287.86

Children and Families

CCA (Coastal Community Action, Inc. Head Start and Early Head Start are funded to serve 517 Head Start children and 142 Early Head Start children. 2024-2025 change in scope, enrollment reduced to 434 slots for the Head Start program and 96 for Early Head Start.

**Funded
Enrollment** **Actual
Enrollment**

Head Start	517	444	84%	
Early Head Start	142	93	65%	

Attendance: 64% of children were chronically absent.

Enrollment by Age: 605

Income at or below 100% of federal poverty line	243
100%-130%	62
TANF	5
SSI documentation	12
SNAP documentation	184
Homeless	14
Foster care	6
Over income	88

Health

Dental Screenings	394
Early Head Start: 109	Head Start: 454

The number of children who have been determined by a health care professional to be up to date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.

Early Head Start:92	Head Start: 341
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Number of children with an ongoing source of continuous accessible health care provided by a health care professional that maintains the child's ongoing health record and is not a primary source of emergency or urgent care.

Early Head Start: 109	Head Start: 496
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The number of children who are up to date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, according to the relevant state EPSDT schedule for well child- care.

Early Head Start: 51	Head Start: 364
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Children with Disabilities: 42

The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten.

We use The Creative Curriculum; a comprehensive, research-based curriculum led by student interest that encourages critical thinking skills through investigations and project-based learning. Also, Frog Street Curriculum is a research-based educational program designed for early childhood development, focusing on children from birth to early elementary grades. Ready Rosie is designed to enhance family engagement and support school readiness. Ready Rosie is aligned with the Head Start Learning Outcomes framework.

Books in the homes promote literacy.

Child-Plus DRDP (Desired Results Developmental Profile) developmental assessment.

Spring of 2023		
Approaches to Learning-Self-Regulation	EE Exploring Earlier	EL Exploring Later
Social and Emotional Development	EL Exploring Later	BE Building Earlier
Language and Literacy Development	EL Exploring Later	BE Building Earlier
Cognition, Including Math and Science	EL Exploring Later	
Physical Development	EL Exploring Later	BE Building Earlier

The four categories are Responding, Exploring, Building, and Integrating. The subcategories of Earlier, Middle, and Later.

Teaching Staff Qualifications



	Teachers	Remote Sites	Teacher Assistants	Early Head Start
Masters ECE	1	1		
Bachelors ECE	9	9	2	5
AAS ECE	8		18	1
CDA			5	2
Equivalent/Credential			3	
Total	18	10	28	8

Parent involvement activities

Parent engagement activities are planned and implemented by the Family and Community Partnership (FCP) team. The parent activities are designed to support family well-being, including family safety, health, and economic stability. These activities are also designed to support child learning and development, to provide, if applicable, services and support for children with disabilities. All families are assigned a Family Service Worker, to assist families in establishing a Family Partnership Agreement. The FCP team helps parents with developing decision-making and leadership skills. Parents are involved in program planning, policies decision, and operations of the Head Start program. The Head Start Policy Council is the primary vehicle for involving parents in decision-making concerning their role as a shared governing body adjacent to the Board of Directors. Training events, parental activities, and parent-child celebrations are planned by parents collaboratively with center staff and FCP staff.

Review and Audit Results

“Rose Group CPAs, PLLC Chapel Hill, NC September 30, 2024”