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Regional Economic Community Action Program, Inc.
Head Start
Annual Report 2019

School Ready-Children, Families, and Communities
Head Start is a Comprehensive child development program that serves preschool children and their families. The overall goal is to increase the school readiness of young children and close the achievement gap between low-income and middle-income children.

RECAP Head Start provides services in the areas of education, health, dental, mental health, nutrition, and family engagement. In addition, the individualized program is responsive to each child’s developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.

Our program serves 184 three-to-five year old children at three different locations. Each location offers a unique combination of services and program times to meet the needs of enrolled children and families.

Our Service Area 2018-2019:

- It is estimated that there are 411 children age (0-4) and income eligible children in our service area.
- 402 Children in Orange County were in Foster Care.
- There were 3,980 reports of child abuse and neglect and 628 families were receiving preventative services.
- 5,128 families sought housing assistance and 919 were temporarily housed.
Kindergarten Preparation

47 Children Received Disabilities Services

- Speech and Language Therapy - 40 children
- Occupational Therapy - 20 children
- Special Education - 6 children
- Physical Therapy - 5 children

88.87%
Average Annual Attendance

Attendance

“Low-income students are four times more likely to be chronically absent than others often for reasons beyond their control, such as unstable housing, unreliable transportation and a lack of access to health care.”


Locations

1. Port Jervis Center
   31 W. Main St.
   Port Jervis, NY 12771
   (17) 6.5 hour slots
   (30) 3.5 hour slots

2. Middletown Center
   96 N. Beacon St.
   Middletown, NY 10940
   (75) 6.5 hour slots
   (54) 3.5 hour slots

3. Scotchtown Center
   240 Midland Lakes Rd.
   Middletown, NY 10941
   Transportation for (62) 3.5 hour slots
School Readiness Goals

Progress of children in meeting widely held expectations. 2018-2019

- 96.8% Met or exceeded goal in Physical Readiness.
- 92.8% Met or exceeded goals in Social Emotional Readiness.
- 94.9% Met or exceeded goals in Language Readiness.
- 88.7% Met or exceeded goals in Mathematics Readiness.
- 95.5% Met or exceeded goals in Cognitive Readiness.
- 93.9% Met or exceeded goals in Literacy Readiness.
All Children made progress in meeting our school readiness goals. As a result 100 four year olds children left prepared to learn in kindergarten.

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<th>Area of Development</th>
<th>GOLD Readiness Benchmark</th>
<th>RECAP Head Start Average</th>
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89% of Teachers have a Bachelors Degree or higher

Contents

The Following Report includes nine areas of program information:

1. The total amount of public and private funds received
2. An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
3. The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served.
4. The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial Audit.
5. The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams
6. Information about parent involvement activities
7. The agencies effort to prepare children for Kindergarten
8. Any information required by the Secretary
9. A summary of the programs most recent Community Assessment
Kindergarten Preparation – School Readiness Goals

**Curriculum:** The Creative Curriculum for Preschool-Bilingual

A research based curriculum that engages children in studies to make sense of the world around them.

**Assessment:** Teaching Strategies GOLD

Teachers are reliable in assessing children in English and Spanish on 36 objectives for development and learning.

RECAP tracks the progress of children in achieving 18 school readiness goals. The goals pertain to the following areas of School Readiness:

- Social Emotional Development
- Cognitive and General Knowledge
- Approaches to Learning
- Language and Literacy
- Physical Development and Health

The goals are aligned with:

- New York State Early Learning Guidelines
- The NYS Pre-K Foundation for the Common Core
- Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework
Parent Involvement

Family Workshops and Activities
- Parent/ Child Orientation and Phase In
- Dads take your child to school
- Introduction to Policy Council— Roles and Responsibilities
- Fall Festival Preparation
- Fall Festival Activities and Parade
- Recruitment: Parents as Recruiters
- Lead Poisoning Awareness and Adult preventive health by Orange County Department of Health
- New Year, New You -Fitness, Mental Health, and Nutrition presented by Orange County Department of Health
- Healthy Relationships by Eunice Salazar
- Weatherization and HEAP Program by RECAP
- Dental Awareness by SUNY Orange Dental Hygiene Students
- Week of the Young Child Events
- Managing your Child’s Behavior— Workshop by Christine Smallin

2018-2019
- Kindergarten Transition Workshop
- Mother’s Day Tea
- Field Day
- Nutrition on a Budget – presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Planning and Preparation for Moving up Day
- Preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences
- Math Night
- Stress Reduction
- Financial Literacy Workshop—
- Nutrition for your picky eater presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension
- Summer Safety

Total of Public and Private Funds Received
$2,498,256

Non- Federal Share 17.1%
CACFP 4.8%
UPK- Non- Federal Share 2.7%
Head Start 75.4%

Actual Expenses 2018-2019

Personnel and Fringe $1,559,717B
Occupancy $132,125
Vehicles and Child Transportation $92,585
Food for Children’s Meals $88,204
Training $22,398
Supplies $19,734
Children and Families

The Federal Government has allocated funding to provide 184 slots for Head Start eligible children. RECAP, Inc. served 202 children in 2018-2019 and Average monthly enrollment was 100% September—June.

49% of Head Start Eligible children are served in Early Childhood Programs

Services to the Entire Family 2018-2019

- Emergency Crisis / Intervention—9 Families
- Housing Assistance—36 Families
- Mental Health—170 Families
- Job Training—27 Families
- Parenting Education—179 Families
- Relationship/ Marriage Education—18 Families

Parent Involvement

- 163 Goals were set by families in 2018-2019
- 55% of families had at least one parent working
- 31% of families were High School Graduates
- 29% Of families had an Associate’s degree vocational training or some college

RECAP engages families in a variety of ways to benefit their children, themselves, and the program.
Parent Involvement

Our Mission
To Promote school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families.

Our Philosophy
RECAP Head Start regards parents as partners in their child’s education. It is our philosophy of parent participation and supportive home and community environments that has provided hundreds of our past preschoolers with successful experiences in school and later in life. Parents are respected as the primary educators and nurturers of their children.

Our primary goal is to increase the child’s social competence of ability to deal with his or her present environment and later responsibilities in school and life.

We also provide opportunities for parents’ and family members' growth in knowledge regarding child development, parental rights and responsibilities, and community resources. We empower families to recognize, develop and utilize their strengths in order to fulfill their needs and goals. We provide the opportunities, tools, and follow-up to ensure that these goals are accomplished so that the families are better prepared to function in and contribute to society.

Most Recent Reviews

Summary of RECAP Aligned Monitoring 2015-2019

Environmental Health and Safety Review
October 2015
✓ Compliant in all measures.

Results from CLASS™ Observations
December 2015
✓ Exceeded minimum thresholds in all domains and fell within the Top 10% of 319 programs reviewed from October 2015-June 2016.
✓ Emotional Support 6.5455
✓ Classroom Organization 6.2576
✓ Instructional Support 4.5152

Comprehensive Services and School Readiness
June 2016
✓ Compliant in all measures.

ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance)
April 2017
✓ Compliant in all measures.
Financial Audit

O’Connor Davies llp Accountants completed and independent Audit of RECAP, Inc. in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted under the AICPA for the Audit period ending February 29, 2019.

They issued a report of Financial Statements that there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or noncompliance material to financial statements noted. There were no material findings in financial statements for the year ending February 28, 2018.

In there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, or reportable audit findings among Federal Awards.

Medical and Dental Exams

Percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams during 2018-2019

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<td>Children with an up to date well child exam at the end of the program year</td>
<td>98%</td>
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<td>Children completing a dental exam</td>
<td>96%</td>
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<td>Percentage of children with chronic health issues needing treatment</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Percentage of children receiving needed medical treatment</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Percentage of children up to date on immunizations</td>
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<td>Percentage of children with Health insurance at the end of the year</td>
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“School Readiness begins with Health!”

https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/tta-system/health/health-services-management/health-managersorientation-guide