

# CMCCAA Head Start Annual Report 2020-2021



#### **Our Mission**

To provide quality and professional child developmental services for low income families in our community.

Our Head Start program has 5 Centers where we provide a variety of services for young children and their families.

**Lincoln Homes** 



**Lafayette Center** 



**Kenwood Center** 



**Caldwell Lane** 



**Montgomery Central** 



# **Meet our Head Start Management Team!**





Head Start Program Director

**Paris Carnell** 















Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities Manager













Head Start Program Assistant Lucy Sierra

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Transportation and Facilities Manager Larry Hilliard



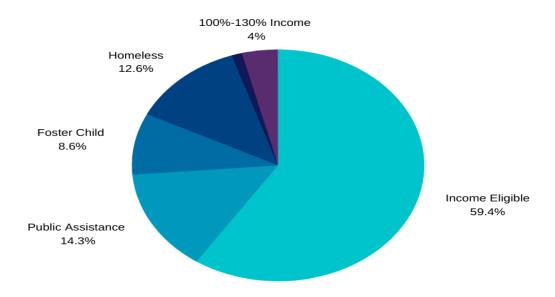


### **Enrollment**

Due to 2020's Coronavirus outbreak, our program operated at a reduced enrollment of 150 children with an active waiting list to fill vacancies at all 5 of our centers. All centers were condensed to 10 children per classroom to encourage social distancing. Our program aims to target the greatest need of the families within our community.

Whenever a slot became available, homeless and foster children received first priority into the Head Start Program, 62 children will be returning for another year.





#### **Children and Families**

During our 2020-2021 school year, we served a total of 160 families in which 57 families were two-parent families and 103 families were single-parent families. 147 out of 160 families received extra services from our program to include mental health services, assistance in enrolling into an education or job training program, education on nutrition, education on preventative medical and oral health, and much more. For our families in transition, 8 out of 30 homeless families, acquired housing during our program year.



#### **Medical Services**

#### Health

- 155 children received medical exams.
- 91 children received dental exams.
- 100% of enrolled children received vision, hearing, developmental, language, speech, nutritional, and behavioral screenings.

#### Mental Health

- 28 children enrolled in our program had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicating they have been determined eligible to receive special education and related services.
- 14 out of the 24 children were determined eligible *during* this enrollment year.

## Family Services

A strong relationship between families and Head Start staff is essential to promoting healthy child development and positive learning outcomes.



- ❖ 118 families received emergency/crisis intervention such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, and shelter.
- ❖ 140 received services for health education.
- ❖ 110 received services for parenting education.
- ❖ 11 received housing assistance such as subsidies, utilities, and repairs.
- ❖ 67 received education and/or job training.
- ❖ 147 families were provided services during our enrollment year.



## Parent, Family and Community Engagement

We value the families in our program and encourage involvement in a variety of ways.

- ♣ Parent Teacher conferences/ZOOM
  - Virtual parent meetings/trainings
- ♣ Policy Council and Parent Committees
- **♣** Participation in our Program Self-Assessment
  - **♣** Virtual nutrition workshops
  - **GED** training opportunities
  - ♣ Male involvement activities and workshops
    - Parent orientations
    - ♣ End of school year celebration
- ♣ Assistance with utilities, rent, mortgage, food, and shelter
  - ♣ Adult education
    - **♣** Job trainings

## Preparing Children for Kindergarten

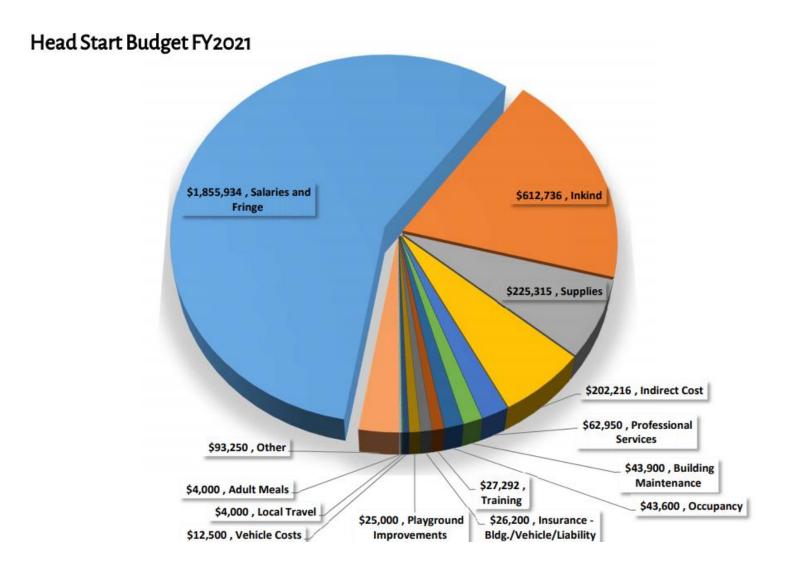
We aim to provide plenty of resources and prepare our children and families for the transition to Kindergarten. Every year the program takes a field trip to local schools to expose and educate



children of the daily routine inside a kindergarten classroom. Our program also hosts an annual Back to School Bash to provide families with resources, supplies and information in preparation for the transition into the school system. We also encourage our parents to attend the Kindergarten readiness workshops and conferences that are available for them to participate in. Our partnerships with the school system allow for a smooth transition for those currently receiving IEP related services.



## **Financial Overview**



Our Head Start program received additional funding due to the Coronavirus pandemic. An additional \$175,231.94 was granted to the program through the CARES ACT Funding, totaling our 2021 Head Start Budget at \$3,238,892.94 with In-Kind included.

There were no findings in our Annual Audit. For additional Audit information, please visit our agency website at <a href="https://www.cmccaa.com">www.cmccaa.com</a>.





Thank you for being a part of our Head Start family!