



WASHITA VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL

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ANNUAL REPORT

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THE PROMISE OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and, makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Counties Served

Caddo and Grady

History of Washita Valley Community Action Council

A group of Anadarko citizens that were interested in youth problems began a county-wide volunteer organization in 1965. The organization had committees in each of the communities in Caddo County. The group applied for an OEO Grant at the end of 1965 and became designed as the Community Action Agency for Caddo County. At the same time, a group of representatives from Chickasha and other communities in Grady County became designed as the Community Action of Grady County. In 1968, the Green Amendment required that Community Action Agencies merge. The merger of Caddo and Grady Counties was completed in June 1968 and the corporation became Washita Valley Community Action Council. Five Executive Directors have served the corporation.

Mission Statement

To assist individuals and families in our communities through public and private partnerships to improve the quality of their lives by minimizing the effects of poverty, promoting self-sufficiency and advocating for social change.

Board of Directors

Our tripartite Board of Directors includes membership of one-third representing the public sector, one-third representing the low-income sector and the remaining one-third representing the private sector.

Gene Cain
Tom Cantrell
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Jim Hobbs
Jack Porter, Vice-Chair
Jane Porter, Secretary/Treasurer
Rose Roberson
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Stacey R. Smith, Board Chair
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Programs

HOME Program

Funding for the HOME Program is provided through a partnership with the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency to purchase existing homes, renovate and rent to low-income individuals and families. A new duplex was built in 2016 for developmentally disabled individuals. We recently sold one of our homes to a couple in February 2017 that needed help building their credit, which we provided and also paid the closing costs for the couple. In 2019, construction was completed on a three bedroom/two bath home that will be available for veterans.

Transit

Washita Valley Transit began transporting passengers in January 1998 with two new buses. We currently have nine ADA buses/mini vans.

Our transit services are made possible through federal funding, state funding, and contracts with Logisticare, Inc., the Department of Human Services, and individuals/companies that advertise on our vans/buses.

We provide transportation to the elderly, disabled, and low to moderate income citizens of Grady County.

Our trip statistics show the following totals beginning October 2019 through September 2020:

- 48,137 revenue miles.
 - 27,199 passenger miles.
 - 10,651 passenger trips.
 - 2,101 elderly trips.
 - 1,592 disabled trips.
 - 1,883 trips for the elderly/disabled.
- We provided 8,212 hours of service for the public.

Head Start

We have provided Head Start services in Caddo and Grady Counties since 1968 and Early Head Start services since 2010.

Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs serving low-income children from birth to five years old and their families. Authorized under the Federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Head Start Program addresses children and their families with the overall goal of improving school readiness. The Early Head Start Program, established by the 1994 reauthorization of the Head Start Act, provides services to low-income pregnant women, children birth to three and their families.

The Head Start and Early Head Start Programs provide individualized services in education, early childhood development, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, parent involvement and family development. The programs provide services, information and referrals to meet the needs and goals of the entire family. The programs strive to prepare children for success in school and life.

Head Start and Early Head Start Program services are based on the age of the child, family income at or below the federal income guidelines, recipients of TANF or SSI, homelessness and foster children.

Mission

Inspire and equip children and families to excel today and soar tomorrow.

VISION

To provide a premier early childhood program with highly qualified staff incorporating excellence in teaching and technology to ensure that our families and children are positioned, ready and capable to embrace the opportunities of the future.

PHILOSOPHY

Parents are the child's first and most important teacher.

Parents are provided the opportunity for individual and family goal setting and to participate in all areas of the program.

We maintain that when children have adequate nutrition, are immunized, receive appropriate educational and social support, and have learning problems identified and remedied early, they have far greater success in school and life.

Our goal is to assist children in building self-confidence and competence needed to become lifelong learners.

Program History

The federal Head Start Program began in 1965 as a part of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty" designed to help lift families out of poverty.

Service Area

Caddo and Grady Counties

HEAD START CENTERS

Anadarko Head Start
315 NE 3rd Street
Anadarko, OK 73005
405-247-6745

Apache Head Start
300 S. Forrest
Apache, OK 73006
580-588-2270

Chickasha Head Start
1000 W. Minnesota
Chickasha, OK 73018
405-222-0172

Cyril Head Start
103 S. 4th Street
Cyril, OK 73029
580-464-2536

Fort Cobb Head Start
Caddo Kiow Technology Center
Fort Cobb, OK 73038
405-643-5314

Lookeba Head Start
Lookeba-Sickles Elementary
Lookeba, OK 73053
405-547-6493

Ninnekah Head Start
Ninnekah Elementary School
Ninnekah, Ok
405-448-3036

EARLY HEAD START CENTERS

Anadarko EHS
315 NE 3rd Street
Anadarko, OK 73005
405-247-6745

Carnegie EHS
511 E. Town 1st Street
Carnegie, OK 73015
580-654-1510

Chickasha EHS
1000 W. Minnesota
Chickasha, OK 73018
405-222-0172

Chickasha EHS Center
1304 South 6th Street
Chickasha, OK 73017
405-224-3471

Fort Cobb EHS
Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center
Fort Cobb, OK 73038
405-643-3248

Head Start and Early Head Start Enrollment

2019-2020

Head Start Program is funded to serve 220 and the Early Head Start Program is funded to serve 138 as of November 2018, due to conversion of Head Start slots to Early Head Start slots.

Month	Head Start	Early Head Start	Total	Funded	Total Percentage
March 2019	211	138	349	358	97%
April 2019	206	136	342	358	96%
May 2019	201	139	339	358	95%
June 2019	0**	137	137	138	99%
July 2019	0**	134	134	138	97%
August 2019	180	134	314	358	88%
September 2019	188	136	324	358	91%
October 2019	190	132	322	358	90%
November 2019	192	136	328	358	92%
December 2019	193	134	327	358	91%
January 2020	194	134	328	358	92%
February 2020	193	136	329	358	92%

**June/July: Head Start classrooms are closed.

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Creative Curriculum for Preschool Children and Infants is used to promote school readiness in the classrooms. Creative Curriculum is scientifically based and correlates with the Oklahoma State Early Learning Guidelines for both preschool and infants. Gold is the assessment tool used to determine the developmental levels and kindergarten readiness of children. The percentage of children functioning at age level in the school readiness domains from the entry in the fall; compared to the end of school year as shown in the following charts.

End of Year Progression 2019-2020



3 & 4 year olds.

Area of Development	% Meeting or Above Widely Held Expectations	
	Fall	Winter
Social Emotional	54.32	35.00
Physical	52.79	82.00
Language	46.50	73.00
Cognitive	50.00	79.00
Literacy	49.07	78.00
Mathematics	46.88	78.00



Birth to 3 year olds.

Area of Development	% Meeting or Above Widely Held Expectations	
	Fall	Winter
Social Emotional	78.38	77.00
Physical	76.58	79.00
Language	71.43	69.00
Cognitive	87.38	89.00
Literacy	83.68	91.00
Mathematics	82.73	85.00

Eligible Children and Enrollment

Head Start:

- 89 with incomes below 100% of federal poverty.
- 10 on public assistance.
- 7 foster children – number of children only.
- 11 status as homeless.
- 26 over income.

Early Head Start:

- 77 with incomes below 100% of federal poverty.
- 16 on public assistance.
- 12 foster children – number of children only.
- 9 status as homeless.
- 31 over income.

Children with Continuous and Accessible Medical and Dental Care at the End of the Year

Head Start

- 126 Head Start children with health insurance.
- 118 Head Start children with dental care provided by a dentist.
- 11 Head Start children receiving health care through the Indian Health Services.

Early Head Start

- 157 Early Head Start children with health insurance.
- 123 Early Head Start children with dental care provided by a dentist.
- 13 Early Head Start child received health care through the Indian Health Services.
- 6 Pregnant women received prenatal health care.
- 4 Pregnant woman received professional dental examinations.

Volunteers

Head Start

- 88 volunteered for the Head Start Program.
- 31 were current or former Head Start parents.

Early Head Start

- 16 volunteered for the Early Head Start Program.
- 6 were current or former Early Head Start parents.

Race and Ethnicity

Head Start

13	American Indian or Alaska Native
0	Asian
7	Black
0	Native Hawaiian or other PI
92	White
30	Biracial/Multi-racial
7	Hispanic
25	Parents would not specify race
154	Total

Early Head Start

35	American Indian or Alaska Native
0	Asian
3	Black
0	Native Hawaiian or other PI
74	White
49	Biracial/Multi-racial
6	Hispanic
3	Parents would not specify race
170	Total

Family Services

The Head Start Policy Council consists of parents, who are elected at the local Head Start and Early Head Start Centers and partner with the WVCAC Board of Directors and staff to review and approve or disapprove policies of the Head Start and Early Head Start Program. Parent Committees are parents and guardians of children enrolled in the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs. Parent Committees meet once a month for training requested by the parents and are presented information for them to make recommendations for program plans. Parents develop skills through the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to be an advocate for their children. When children transition from Head Start to kindergarten, parents are given a transition packet of materials for parents to work on with their children during the summer months before entering kindergarten. Head Start and Early Head Start believes that parents are the first and most important teachers of their children.

Services provided during 2019-20.

	Head Start	Early Head Start
Emergency/Crisis Intervention	2	1
Housing Assistance	6	0
Mental Health Services	0	1
English as a Second Language	0	0
Adult Education	3	1
Job Training	6	10
Substance Abuse Prevention	0	0
Substance Abuse Treatment	0	0
Child Abuse and Neglect Services	0	0
Domestic Violence Services	2	4
Child Support Assistance	0	0
Health Education	117	136
Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals	0	0
Parenting Education	140	147
Relationship/Marriage Education	0	0
Asset Building Services	46	98
Total	122	126

Homeless Services

	Head Start	Early Head Start
Number of Homeless Families Served	9	9
Number of Homeless Children Served	9	9
Number of Families that Acquired Housing	2	2

Foster Care and Child Welfare

	Head Start	Early Head Start
Enrolled Children in Foster Care	7	12
Child Welfare Referrals	5	10

Children with IEPs and IFSPs

	32	7
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Head Start Federal Reviews

The Federal Head Start HSKI-C Monitoring Review was successfully passed in February 2016.
CLASS monitoring was successfully passed in September 2018.

Audit

There were no audit findings for the audit year ending September 30, 2019.

Agency Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Head Start and Early Head Start Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Budget

Total Federal Head Start/Early Head Start Grant for 2019-20. \$3,886,153.00

Budget	Head Start	Early Head Start
Salaries	1,385,394	1,071,387
Fringe	420,439	279,556
Contractual	47,000	11,000
Travel	5,396	2,080
Space Cost	9,600	4,000
Equipment	0	0
Other	418,748	231,553
Total	2,286,577	1,599,576

Expenditures	Head Start	Early Head Start
Salaries	1,082,621	618,577
Fringe	279,002	91,224
Contractual	26,311	13,384
Travel	2,925	1,307
Space Cost	10,930	2,000
Equipment	0	0
Other	820,179	535,614
Total	2,221,968	1,262,106

Other Funds:
SAF/HS Funds \$78,596