



WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. Early Head Start Child Care Partnership - Expansion Annual Report 2017-2018



WSOS Mission:

We create partnerships and opportunities to help individuals, families and communities thrive.



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Introduction

Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, Congress appropriated \$135 million for new Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) and Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion grants. EHS-CCPs support states and communities in expanding high quality early learning and development opportunities for infants and toddlers. After only two years EHS-CCP programs have shown positive and comprehensive impacts on the lives of young children across the country. The new law will increase the number of EHS-CCP programs, allowing more children access to high quality care in the United States. In 2017, WSOS was a recipient of an Early Head Start –Child Care Partnership Expansion grant to serve 112 Infant and Toddlers. These grants allow Early Head Start programs to partner with local child care centers serving infants and toddlers from low-income families to expand high quality early learning opportunities to infants and toddlers. The partnerships support working families by providing a full-day, full-year program so that low-income children have healthy and enriching early experiences they need to realize their full potential.

Early Head Start Child Care Partnership-Expansion programs provide comprehensive services that benefit children, families, and teachers, including:

- Health, developmental and behavioral screenings
- Elevated health, safety and nutrition standards
- Increased professional development opportunities for teachers
- Increased parent engagement opportunities

WSOS is funded to serve 112 Early Head Start children throughout the Northwest Ohio counties of Wood, Sandusky, Ottawa, Lucas and Seneca.

WSOS Early Head Start Child Care Partnership-Expansion Sites

A Rainbow's Treasure
All 4 Kids
Angie's Angels
Educare Academy 4 (Starr)
Educare Academy 12 (Sylvania)
Hand in Hand
Imaginative Beginnings
Rainbow Acres (Oak Harbor)
Rainbow Acres II (Port Clinton)
Quality Time Too
WSOS Stricker Center

A. Public and Private Funds Received

EHS-CCP Expansion

FY 2017-18 (Aug 17 - July 18)	Budget	Revenue	Percent of Total	2018-2019 Proposed Program Budget
Category	Program	Program		
Federal Revenue - HHS	3,028,469	2,974,503	79.7%	2,020,905
In Kind Revenue**	757,117	234,747	6.3%	505,226
Federal Revenue-TANF	-	33,403	0.9%	33,300
Parent Fees/ Co Pays	-	536	0.0%	1,200
Start Up	488,998	488,998	13.1%	
Start Up Inkind	122,250	-	0.0%	
Total Amount	4,396,834	3,732,187		2,560,631

** Non-Federal Share waiver submitted to Office of Head Start

B. Budgetary Expenditures FY 2017-2018

EHS-CCP Expansion

FY 2017-2018 (Aug 17 - July 18)	Budget	Expenditures			Percent of Total	2018-2019 Proposed budget (Basic + T&TA)
Category	All Funds	Basic and Start Up	T&TA	Total		
Personnel	412,292	412,292	-	412,292	10.8%	353,174
Fringe Benefits	256,829	256,829	-	256,829	6.7%	220,865
Travel	55,618	28,902	47,233	76,135	2.0%	36,476
Equipment	-	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Supplies	122,500	227,574	-	227,574	6.0%	40,991
Contractual	1,687,200	1,126,813	-	1,126,813	29.5%	1,091,840
Facilities	11,162	20,972	-	20,972	0.5%	-
Other	890,640	876,753	43,014	919,767	24.1%	582,373
Start Up	488,998	488,998	-	488,998	12.8%	-
Start Up Inkind	122,250	-	-	-	0.0%	-
Direct Costs*	4,047,489	3,439,133	90,247	3,529,380	92.3%	2,325,719
Indirect Costs	349,345	293,054	-	293,054	7.7%	234,912
Total Amount	4,396,834	3,732,187	90,247	3,822,434		2,560,631

*Includes the amount for In-Kind Expenses

C. Services to Families

In school year 2017/2018, WSOS Early Head Start Child Care Partnership-Expansion program sites provided services to 200 children and 173 families. The average monthly enrollment was 112 children. Most of the children served were income eligible (including children below 100% of poverty line, on public assistance, foster children, and homeless).

Total Number of Families Served

Program	Served in 2017-2018
WSOS Sites	173
Total	173

Average Monthly Enrollment

Program	Funded Enrollment	Average Enrollment
WSOS Sites	112	100%
Total	112	100%

Total Number of Children Served

Program	Funded Enrollment	Served in 2017-2018
WSOS Sites	112	200
Total	112	200

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

Type of Eligibility	WSOS	Percentage
Income below 100%	146	73%
Public Assistance	13	6%
Foster Child	8	4%
Homeless	1	1%
Income 100%-130%	13	6%
Over Income	19	10%
Total	200	100%



D. Medical and Dental Services

Good health and nutrition are essential for learning. The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership-Expansion Program ensures that all children enrolled have timely physical exams and basic health screenings, including hearing, vision, health and nutrition and follow-up referrals to medical and outside providers.

	WSOS	Percentage of Enrolled Children
Completed Health Exams & Screenings	148	74%

E. Family Engagement

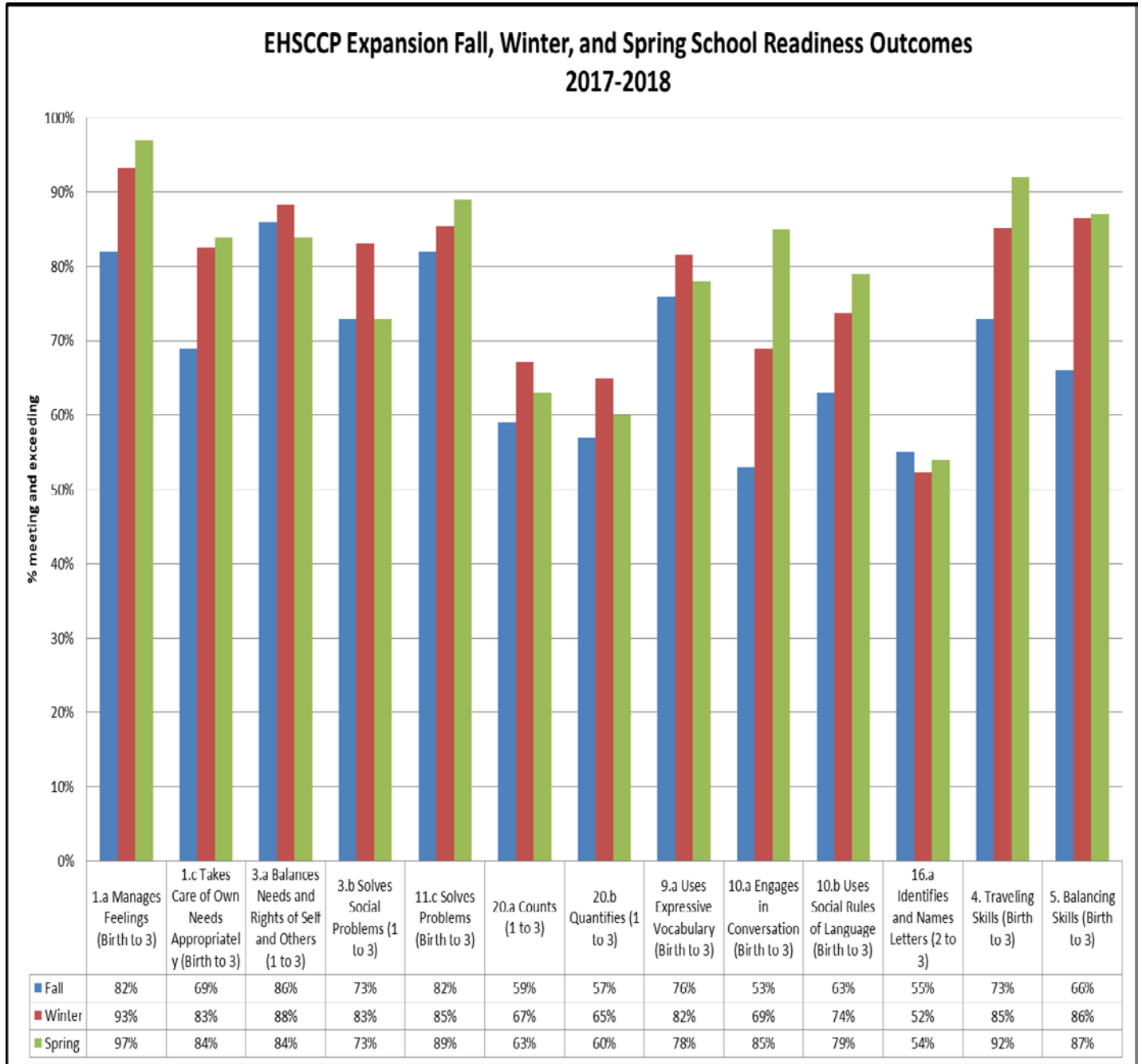
From the first meeting with the family, parents are offered the opportunity to be involved with the program. Parents can attend parent meetings at the center, serve on Policy Council, Policy Committee and Health Advisory Committee. Parents are always welcome to participate in the classroom by helping with or leading activities or projects, planning classroom activities with the teaching staff, and introducing or sharing their culture with the class. There are several ways parents can help the teaching staff: by sharing opinions, ideas and thoughts, working on projects at home, communicating with the staff, helping other parents feel welcome and reinforcing learning at home.

As the child's first and most important teacher, parents have an important role in the program. We reach out to parents for whom English is a second language to help them feel included in activities and meetings by providing interpreters and culturally sensitive activities. Together with regular center committee meetings, there are Family Fun Events monthly for all families in the program. Parents can view their child's progress on a daily basis through Teaching Strategies Gold Parent Central online assessment tool.



F. Birth to Three School Readiness Preparation

Children were assessed using the ongoing assessment tool *Teaching Strategies GOLD*. Teachers observe children frequently throughout the year as they participate in everyday experiences. A minimum of three times a year, teachers evaluate each child’s individualized developmental progress through their documentation including but not limited to; observation notes, work samples, pictures, videos and checklist. The following chart demonstrates the percentage of children served at WSOS during the 2017-2018 program year that were meeting or exceeding widely held developmental expectations for each school readiness goal at the three checkpoints.



G. Accountability-Quality Assurance and External Review

Monitoring the goals and activities of the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Expansion Program is an ongoing process. Through the use of regular self-assessments, the Office of Head Start Monitoring system, annual fiscal audit, United States Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program monitoring visits, and participation in Ohio's Step up to Quality program, WSOS utilizes a comprehensive ongoing system for ensuring a quality program.

Office of Head Start Review

The Office of Head Start did not conduct any formal monitoring reviews on the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Expansion Program during the 2017-2018 program year.

Independent Audit

An annual independent audit is conducted in compliance with the requirements described in the US Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. The most recent audit found that WSOS complied in all material respects with the requirements applicable to each of its major federal programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. A copy of the Independent Audit is available upon request.

Step up To Quality

Step Up To Quality is a voluntary, quality rating system for early care and education programs. Programs can earn a 1-, 2-, 3-, 4- or 5-Star Rating by meeting the quality benchmarks for the State of Ohio.

WSOS is committed to ensuring our young children and families have access to quality care and education. Seven of the WSOS contracted sites currently have a 5 Star rating, three have a 3 Star rating and 1 is in process of being rated. WSOS is supporting all its sites in reaching a 5 star rating. The Stricker Center, where an Early Head Start Expansion classroom is located, is rated a 5 Star.

