

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start Program

Annual Report

2007-2008

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start has been in operation for twenty-three years. During that time, the program has grown and changed to meet the changing needs of Tazewell County. The vision of Head Start is for every child to be ready for Kindergarten. The primary goal of Head Start is to reach and serve low income children and their families so that they are prepared for school. Head Start does this through an education program that relies on Creative Curriculum Framework and used Houghton Mifflin, the preschool curriculum used in the school system, to supplement the curriculum. Head Start works to develop the whole child, in addition to providing education.

Head Start is funded to serve 167 three and four year old children and their families. In the 2007-2008 program year, Head Start received \$ 826,068 in federal funding, \$338,669.42 in in-kind donations, \$70,292.17 from USDA, \$5,000 from Head Start for training purposes and \$20,000 from Clinch Valley Community Action CSBG funds. The majority of in-kind funds were received from Tazewell County Public Schools (\$206,460.02). Professional services donated was \$26,095.43. Medical and dental donations totaled \$5,800.00. Parent and policy committee volunteer services totaled \$29,116.91. Donated supplies were \$22,199.00. Other miscellaneous donations totaled \$2,490.34.

For the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the agency is budgeted to receive \$896,068.00 in federal Head Start funds, \$77,862 in USDA funding, \$15,000 in federal training funds and \$227,767.00 from in-kind. \$1,047,141 is budgeted for program expenses, including salaries, benefits, transportation, and other program operation expenses. \$15,00 is budgeted for staff training, and the remaining \$175,257 is budgeted for all administrative costs.

The last audit for CVCA had no programmatic or financial findings.

Head Start provides educational, sensory and mental health screenings for children. Brigance is the screening instrument used to screen for developmental progress, and is administered twice a year.

During the 2007-2008 program year, Head Start served 206 children; 96 of whom were age 3 and 110 who were age 4. 188 children were white, 12 Black, and 6 were bi-racial. Head Start served an estimated 94% of all children ages 3 and 4 who live at or below the poverty level during the year. Head Start served a total of 192 families.

Head Start holds 160 days of classes each year. In the 2007-2008 school year, 131 slots were available for children in seven classrooms, 12 slots in a Home Based Program, and 24 slots through four Blended classrooms in the school system. Attendance for Head Start averaged 85% for the school year.

One of the goals of Head Start is to assist families in obtaining health insurance, and to ensure families have a medical and dental home. 99% of Head Start children obtained health insurance. 99.5% had a source of health care. 92% obtained physicals and 99% had up-to-date immunizations. 100% of children obtained a source of dental care. Head Start provided professional dental exams to 87% students in Head Start. 79% received preventative dental care. Thirty needed extra dental treatment, and 70% of those children received treatment.

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start has a partnership with both Family Preservation Services and Cumberland Mt. Community Services. They provide assistance with behavior and mental health issues. The average number of hours a mental health professional was on-site in Head Start Centers in 2007-2008 was 1,840. 188 children received a individual assessment. 35 children received services.

Seventeen children with IEP's were served in Head Start

Head Start uses the Brigance to measure development of children. In 2007-2008, 186 were screened using the Brigance. Head Start also uses the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum to measure student's growth in all

areas. Children ages 3 to 4 exhibited increased over the continuum from 62% with few or no skills to 44% with high skills and 2% with very high skills. Children ages 4 to 5 years of age showed skills increases overall to 70% with high One large are of improvement was in social-emotional skills. Children also showed a marked increase in vocabulary skills.

Ninety –four children were placed in transition to kindergarten activities this year, spending time at the local kindergarten class, receiving orientation, or receiving assistance to enroll their children in Kindergarten.

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start provides a well coordinated curriculum for children in Head Start that allows a child to develop at his/her own pace. Children are fed breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. A typical day starts with children engaged in physical activity that provides teaching moments. Children are allowed self-directed activity time, and more structured learning activities.

Head Start readily accommodates children with disabilities and integrates them into the regular classroom.

Head Start provides transportation in most areas. Recruitment for the new program year will begin in March in conjunction with the Tazewell County Public School Preschool.