

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start Program

Annual Report

2008-2009

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start has been in operation for twenty-four 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 with Houghton-Mifflin materials for supplements.

Number of children served: Funded for 167 Actually Served: 201

Race: White	178
Black	11
Biracial/Multi-racial	11
Asian	1

Federal funding received for 2008-2009: \$911,068, including \$15,000 in training funds

(\$732,147.93 was program costs, \$163,920.07 was administrative costs)

In-kind donations: \$291,205.34

USDA funding: \$78,624.63

The majority of in-kind funds were received from Tazewell County Public Schools (\$155,441). Parent, Policy Committee and other volunteer services totaled \$82,481.34. Medical and dental donations totaled \$44,010.00. Donated supplies were \$6,537. Professional services were \$716. Other miscellaneous donations totaled \$2,020.

For the 2009-2010 program year, Head Start has been funded for \$1,088,026. Local match money required is \$234,715.

ARRA money awarded totaled \$71,264.

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

Head Start holds 160 days of classes each year. In the 2008-2009 school year, 131 slots were available for children in seven classrooms, 18 slots in a Home Based Program, and 20 slots through four Blended classrooms in the

school system. Attendance for Head Start averaged 83% for the school year. Head Start provided transportation to 149 children during the school year.

One of the goals of Head Start is to assist families to obtain health insurance, and to ensure families have a medical and dental home. 97% of Head Start children obtained health insurance. 98% had a source of health care. 96% obtained physicals and 98% had up-to-date immunizations. 84% of children obtained a source of dental care. Head Start provided professional dental exams to 83% students in Head Start. 83% received preventative dental care. Twenty-seven needed extra dental treatment, and 100% of those children received treatment.

Clinch Valley Community Action Head Start has a partnership with both Family Preservation Services and Cumberland Mt. Community Services to 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 2008-2009 was 5,200. 178 children received an individual assessment. 43 children received services.

Eighteen children with IEP's were served in Head Start.

Head Start uses the Brigance to measure development of children. In 2008-2009, 297 were screened using the Brigance (for most children, twice during the year). Head Start also uses the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum to measure student's growth in all areas. Children ages 3 to 4 exhibited increased skills over the continuum from 40% with few or no skills to 78% with high skills and 10% with very high skills. Children ages 4 to 5 years of age showed skills increases overall to 59% with high skills and 39% with very high skills. One large area of improvement was in social-emotional skills. Children also showed a marked increase in vocabulary skills.

Ninety-three 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 also participate in more structured learning activities.

Head Start served 189 families this year, 90 of them were two parent families and 99 were single parent families. One hundred and sixty-seven families received health training during this program year. Head Start has parent meetings monthly. Parents constitute at least 51% of the composition of the Policy Committee that governs Head Start. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in Head Start, and are always welcome in the classroom. A total of 159 parents volunteered in the program.

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.