

# FY2021 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

<b>Organization Name:</b>	<b>YWCA of Asheville and Western North Carolina</b>		
<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Early Learning Program Quality Enhancement Program</b>		
<b>Reporting Quarter:</b> (Check one)			Quarter 1 (July 1, 2020 - September 30, 2020)
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## Narrative summary of grant related activities

<b>Overall project updates:</b>	<p>ELP is running pretty close to capacity. We currently have 149 students enrolled with 5 students slotted to begin in the next two weeks. We are licensed for 153 students. We are in process of having DCDEE add capacity. This process involves having the following inspections completed: Fire, Building, Sanitation and Licensing. We hope to have added capacity by the end of February, 2021. This added capacity will allow us to fully fill our ELP program while being able to serve the communities need for temporary school age care. We are also experiencing a difficult time hiring qualified childcare staff members to maintain educational points under our star rated license. We currently have 3 full-time teaching positions available for hire. Our annual inspection, which includes an independent environmental rating scales review, is due in March.</p>
<b>COVID-19 impacts:</b>	<p>During this quarter, ELP has continued the POD method (two classrooms working in tandem) to ensure cross-contamination and student exposure is kept to the lowest level possible. This method of containment still provides time for extra cleaning of high touch surfaces, toy washing and CDC &amp; DCDEE sanitizing requirements. We have also purchased sanitizing wands and sanitizing backpacks to help combat the spread of Covid. Parents are still not allowed to access the building. Temperature scans and health questions are recorded daily. The YWCA follows the interim guidance updated on 12/10/2020 from the NC Department of Health and Human Services.</p>
<b>Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:</b>	<p>ELP staff members are working to include diversity, equity and inclusive activities into their classroom instruction. Teachers are focusing on treating all children with dignity and respect. They were encouraged to participate in the social justice 21 day challenge presented by YWCA-USA. We hope to gain more training and be able to implement an anti-bias curriculum during our next fiscal year beginning in July, 2021</p>
<b>Activities related to increasing operational excellence:</b>	<p>ELP is utilizing Procure software and Kidreports programs to increase reporting capabilities and parent engagement /communications. We continue to participate in Teaching Strategies Gold and family engagement trainings. We use Conscious Discipline; Resilience tools and Mindfulness activities to enhance the social/emotional aspects of our program. The upper hall is providing Literacy (4-5 year olds) and Art instruction (3- 5 year olds). We hope to return swim lesson (3-5 years) to the program in early February.</p>

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## Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of new slots, by student age	14					11
- Student age less than 1 yr		2	3			5
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		0	9			9
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		0	8			8
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		0	1			1
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		9	4			13
# of slots maintained, by student age	148	104	25			144
- Student age less than 1 yr		11	14			25
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		16	25			41
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		13	21			34
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		24	23			47
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		40	61			101
# of NC Pre-K slots	18	17	1			18
# of Child Care Subsidy slots	81	59	85			144
# of unique students served	162	104	144			248

Enrollment percentage	100%	80%	88%			
# of children on wait list, by student age						76
- Student age less than 1 yr		39	11			50
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		16	8			24
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		11	9			20
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		4	4			8
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		6	2			8
Student attendance rate	86%	80%	74%			77%
Student achievement on school readiness assessment (meet or exceed standards) 3 to 5 year olds	90%	na	66%	na		66%
Teacher retention	90%	82%	89%			86%
Teacher attendance	85%	93%	96%			95%
# of successful placements from Buncombe County Health and Human Services		2	8			10

**Comments:**

The ELP program is currently licensed to serve only 153 students. ELP is currently working with DCDEE to license the multipurpose room to increase our capacity to add to the ELP program. Brigance Screen III used to assess School Readiness Standards.

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## Student demographics (if applicable)

	Actual Results (Enter Data)				
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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Student Count
<b>Race/Ethnic Categories</b>					
American Indian or Alaska Native	0				0
Asian	0				0
Black or African American	36	46			82
Hispanic or Latino	5	8			13
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0				0
White	61	85			146
Other	2	5			7
<b>Total</b>	104	144	0	0	248

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## Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			\$ 20,000
Travel/Training	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250			\$ 2,500
Technology						\$ -
Curriculum/Assessments	\$ 12,136	\$ 3,034	\$ 3,034			\$ 6,068
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 500			\$ 1,000
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (scholarships/vouchers)	\$ 21,864	\$ 5,216	\$ 5,216			\$ 11,432
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 81,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 41,000</b>

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