

FY2021 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

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

Overall project updates:	We currently have 119 students enrolled. Our school age program closed on 4/2/2021 as the public schools transitioned to in person learning. As with most businesses, we are experiencing difficulty in hiring qualified staff members. Our annual inspection was completed and we retained our 5 star license. ELP graduated 36 students this year. Our kids will be spread out over 3 counties and 12 different elementary schools. We served 27 different school age families during the pandemic when face to face instruction was not possible by licensing our multipurpose room for occupancy by children. Students ages 3 to 5 returned to receiving weekly swim instruction in April. Our students also completed a 10 month art program using the Root and Wings Little Wings Pre-K creative cultivation curriculum. The "Little Wings" curriculum focuses on the process by exploring meaningful early childhood experiences through the creative exploration using art.
COVID-19 impacts:	During this quarter, ELP continued to POD. Podding provided time for extra cleaning of high touch surfaces, toy washing and meeting additional sanitizing requirements. Since 6/7/21, Parents have been allowed to enter the building and drop students off at the classroom door. No one but teachers and students are allowed in the classroom space at this time. Temperature scans and health questions are recorded daily using our ProCare parent engagement tool. The YWCA is following the most up to date interim guidance from the NC Department of Health and Human Services using the Public Health Toolkit.
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	ELP staff members are working to increase diversity, equity and inclusive activities into their classroom instruction. Teachers are initially focusing on building community. Starting with our fall term August 23, 2021, ELP will teach an anti-bias curriculum created by the YWCA Minneapolis Early Childhood Education Department. Teachers received training in conscious discipline, mindfulness and resiliency to help families deal with the effects of the pandemic.
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	ELP is utilizing Procare software for data collection. In June, we switched our parent engagement tool from Kidsreports to the ProCare parent engagement tool. Parents have been pleased with this new software. We continue to participate in Teaching Strategies Gold and developmental assessments using Brigance III or Ages and Stages. 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) and weekly swim lesson (3-5 years).

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Progress toward annual goals

		Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
Measure	Annual Goal	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
# of new slots, by student age	14					15
- Student age less than 1 yr		2	3	7	2	14
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		0	9	2	2	13
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		0	8	3	0	11
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		0	1	0	0	1
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		9	4	2	0	15
# of slots maintained, by student age	153	104	25	14	4	119
- Student age less than 1 yr		11	14	5	5	35
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		16	25	20	20	81
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		13	21	19	19	72
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		24	23	16	16	79
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		40	61	59	59	219
# of NC Pre-K slots	18	17	1	0	0	18
# of Child Care Subsidy slots	81	59	85	59	59	262
# of unique students served	162	104	144	119	119	486

Enrollment percentage	100%	80%	88%	90%	90%	
# of children on wait list, by student age						393
- Student age less than 1 yr		39	11	72	12	134
- Student age greater than 1 & less than 2		16	8	48	15	87
- Student age greater than 2 & less than 3		11	9	41	22	83
- Student age greater than 3 & less than 4		4	4	24	8	40
- Student age greater than 4 yrs		6	2	27	14	49
Student attendance rate	86%	80%	74%	75%	82%	
Student achievement on school readiness assessment (meet or exceed standards) 3 to 5 year olds	90%	na	66%	na	82%	
Teacher retention	90%	82%	89%	97%	85%	
Teacher attendance	85%	93%	96%	96%	94%	
# of successful placements from Buncombe County Health and Human Services		2	8	2	4	16

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Student demographics (if applicable)

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	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Student Count
Race/Ethnic Categories					
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0
Black or African American	36	46	34	17	133
Hispanic or Latino	5	8	6	6	25
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
White	61	85	74	89	309
Other	2	5	5	7	19
Total	104	144	119	119	486

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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	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Travel/Training	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -
Technology						\$ -
Curriculum/Assessments	\$ 12,136	\$ 3,034	\$ 3,034	\$ 3,034	\$ 3,034	\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 2,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (scholarships/vouchers)	\$ 21,864	\$ 5,466	\$ 5,466	\$ 5,466	\$ 5,466	\$ -
Total	\$ 81,000	\$ 20,250	\$ 20,250	\$ 20,250	\$ 20,250	\$ -

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