

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Community Action Opportunities	
Project Name:	Full-Year PreK at the Lonnie D Burton Center	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide a brief summary (no more than 1500 characters). You may attach supplemental documents if needed.

Quarter 1	<p>CAO Head Start (CAOHS) is pleased to report on the continuation of the two Lonnie D. Burton Center Full-Year classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. As part of full-year services, the summer program ran from June 20th to August 4th and had 30 enrolled children.</p> <p>The Program performed outreach and recruitment activities throughout the Southside community and Asheville Housing Authority residences. There are 16 children enrolled in each classroom for a total of 32 children enrolled during the first quarter. Two children unenrolled during the quarter and were replaced. The average annual family income is \$11,054.</p> <p>CAOHS has continued to face significant staffing challenges. We began the year with strong teaching teams in both classrooms. A new site supervisor is continuing to build strong teaching teams. The COVID-19 pandemic and resulting staffing challenges are continuing to impact classroom operations. With an extremely limited number of program substitutes, whenever a teacher has to be out of the classroom, we are having to close the classroom for in-person services and provide virtual services during that time. Across our program, we are seeing an increase in children and families impacted by long term pandemic impacts and other traumas which result in challenges with child behaviors and family struggles with housing, transportation, health, mental health, substance abuse and domestic violence. We provide resources, referrals and other supports to all our families.</p>
Quarter 2	<p>Family Services completed a parent meeting that covered multiple topics including social/emotional skill building, resiliency, child abuse & neglect prevention, fatherhood engagement, financial literacy, and the importance of attendance. Family Services also facilitated food, new shoes, clothing and other resources for families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family Services provided resources and referrals for families with information from Eblen Charities, the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots as well as information on finances, housing, Medicaid enrollment, and other issues.</p> <p>The Burton Center is partnering with Read to Succeed to support literacy activities for children. They have provided learning kits and books for each child.</p>

Quarter 3	<p>The classrooms are fully staffed and attendance is increasing.</p> <p>The FSA Team facilitated the Transition to Kindergarten Virtual Parent Meeting. The topics covered included: Registration/Orientation Dates for BCS and MCS, Tips for Families, Health Requirements, Pisgah Legal Services, OnTrack, and Charter School Information. There were several guest speakers who shared information to assist families with the transition to kindergarten. Meeting information was shared with families who were unable to attend. Read to Succeed provided literacy learning kits and books for each child.</p>
Quarter 4	<p>Both classrooms were fully staffed, open, and running smoothly through June 7th.</p> <p>Classroom staff participated in professional development activities to improve the classrooms.</p> <p>The Housing Authority of the City of Asheville (HACA), the owners of the property hosting the Lonnie D. Burton Center, notified CAO that they were not renewing the lease. Subsequently, HACA issued a RFP for the space. As a result, CAO had to pack up the Center and prepare to move out. The Summer Preschool program classrooms were moved to the Johnston Elementary Head Start classrooms. Because of the move, some families were not able to provide transportation, so attendance dropped. Teachers and Family Service Associates were in close communication with families during the transition of locations.</p>

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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	
Number of children served by this grant	32	32	-2	1	0	31
Child attendance rate	85%	75%	-15%	9%	-5%	63.71%
Percent of students meeting or exceeding expectations on average of Teaching Strategies Gold domains in Spring	90%		44%	83%	87%	87%

Comments:

Fourth Quarter: Two children left the program in April but were served during the quarter.

Spring Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment: Social-Emotional 82.97%; Physical 100.00%; Language 88.85%; Cognitive 94.43%; Literacy 75.22%; Mathematics 81.99%; TOTAL AVERAGE = 87.24%

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Use of funds to date and any budget considerations

Spending Category	Starting Budget	Total Spending (Enter Data)				Amount Remaining
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Personnel	\$ 240,452	\$ 103,470	\$ 90,017	\$ 98,331	\$ 90,963	\$ (142,329)
Travel/Training						\$ -
Technology	\$ 5,668	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,610	\$ 3,273	\$ 1,638	\$ (4,232)
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition	\$ 28,900	\$ -				\$ 28,900
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 5,000	\$ 30	\$ 354	\$ 33	\$ 169	\$ 4,414
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance)	\$ 44,610	\$ 23,093	\$ 19,617	\$ 20,125	\$ 19,564	\$ (37,789)
Other -Parent Activities, Field trips, Shared Costs	\$ 34,202	\$ 8,269	\$ 3,495	\$ 7,594	\$ 7,547	\$ 7,296
Total	\$ 358,832	\$ 137,242	\$ 116,093	\$ 129,357	\$ 119,881	\$ (143,741)

Comments:

We recognize that BC ECE funding was expended in the 3rd Quarter for this project. The remainder of the expenses will be picked up by NC Pre-K and Head Start funds.