

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Community Action Opportunities	
Project Name:	Full Year Toddler Care 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 first quarter of the first year of providing two full-year Toddler classrooms at the Lonnie D. Burton Center.</p> <p>CAOHS staff did amazing work to expand the center license to include 12-36-month-old children. Staff freshly painted the classrooms and ordered, assembled and set up two classrooms of age-appropriate materials and supplies. New sidewalks were installed and playground areas were updated. NC DCDEE licensing visited on September 20 and approved the space for toddlers. The classroom serving 24-to-36-month-old children opened September 27th. As a result of significant staffing challenges, the 12-to-24-month-old classroom will open as soon as another teacher is hired, (we have one teacher on-board and are actively hiring another teacher). The new site supervisor is working to build strong teaching teams for these classrooms, however the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting staffing challenges are continuing to impact classroom operations.</p> <p>CAOHS Family Service Associates performed outreach and recruitment activities with Head Start families throughout Southside, HACA residents and the Program. There are 8 children enrolled in each classroom for a total of 16 children enrolled during the first quarter. The average annual family income is \$8,394. Even though eight of the 16 enrolled children received classroom services during the first quarter, all families are received resource, referral and other supports as needed.</p>
Quarter 2	<p>CAO is pleased to report that both toddler classrooms are up and running with in-person services.</p> <p>Family Services completed a parent meeting and facilitated food, new shoes, clothing and other resources for families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family Services also 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>
Quarter 3	<p>Both classrooms are running smoothly. They are fully staffed.</p> <p>The classrooms are also fully enrolled and attendance is increasing.</p> <p>Families received information on affordable housing events.</p> <p>Classroom staff participated in a professional development training day focused on the Power of Play for toddler development. Teachers will receive coaching throughout the rest of the year using this tool.</p>

Quarter 4	<p>Both classrooms were fully staffed, open, and running smoothly through June 7th.</p> <p>The classrooms were fully enrolled and attendance increased during the quarter.</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 of that, CAO had to pack up the Center and prepare to move out, so the Summer program was not able to be completed. CAO was able to find space for the Summer Preschool classrooms at Johnston Elementary Head Start classrooms, but was not able to find space for the Summer for the Toddler program. The last day of the Toddler program was June 7th.</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	16	16	3	1		20
Child attendance rate	85%	92%	-30%	7%	1%	70.16%
% of students meeting or exceeding expectations on average of Teaching Strategies Gold domains in Spring	90%		59%	74%	81%	81%

Comments:

Quarter 4:
Spring Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment: Social-Emotional 100.00%; Physical 87.50%; Language 87.50%; Cognitive 87.50%; Literacy 50.00%; Mathematics 71.43%; TOTAL AVERAGE = 80.66%

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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	\$ 293,713	\$ 7,530	\$ 37,345	\$ 145,286	\$ 91,118	\$ 12,433
Travel/Training						\$ -
Technology	\$ 5,414	\$ 223	\$ 979	\$ 3,955	\$ 1,985	\$ (1,727)
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition	\$ 23,900	\$ -			\$ 5,633	\$ 18,267
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 66,000	\$ 40,676	\$ 1,855	\$ 42	\$ 2,520	\$ 20,906
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance)	\$ 42,588	\$ 1,754	\$ 8,195	\$ 31,165	\$ 19,720	\$ (18,247)
Other-Parent Activates, staff support, shared costs	\$ 19,658	\$ 96	\$ 305	\$ 999	\$ 13,629	\$ 4,629
Total	\$ 451,273	\$ 50,279	\$ 48,679	\$ 181,448	\$ 134,606	\$ 36,261

Comments:

Quarter 4: Expenses are reduced as a result of not providing the Summer program because of the HACA space issues.

This invoice for June 30, 2024 is for \$134,606.