

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Community Action Opportunities	
Project Name:	Pre-K Project at Johnston Elementary	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	X	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
		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 Johnston Elementary School classroom for the 2023 - 2024 school year.</p> <p>The Program performed outreach and recruitment activities within the Deaverview apartment complex and through the elementary school as well as throughout the community. There have been 18 children enrolled in the Johnston classroom during the first quarter of the year. The average annual family income is \$19,277.</p> <p>We have been very fortunate to have the same highly qualified teacher for the past five years. Pre-Service staff training this year included recognizing child abuse and neglect, domestic violence awareness, classroom safety, and the importance of diversity and inclusion.</p> <p>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>
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Quarter 2	
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