

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Irene Wortham Center	
Project Name:	Early Learning Center Program Enrichment	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)		Quarter 1 (July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023)
		Quarter 2 (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)
		Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)
	x	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>IWC has increased enrollment from 59 at our low in August, to 70 children for this quarter. We have multiple children in process, as we are gaining staff to meet staff to child ratio. The start of the year with behavioral support set the classrooms up for a successful year, by implementing visits outside of the center with families, setting picture schedules and specific behavior plans prior to start dates. Having the contracted behavior support personnel on hand to support teachers with implementation from day one had a positive impact on children and classrooms. We have documentation of picture schedules, items given to parents, parent meetings and supports added into the classrooms, which are available upon request.</p>
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Quarter 2	<p>IWC serves some medically fragile children so we started with smaller class parent functions since community levels remain high and we do not want to share germs across classrooms. 5 out of our 8 classrooms (2yr olds and up) completed a parent activity that was offered. We also completed a transition to Kindergarten meeting and information session for rising Kindergarten families as we start the preparation of children starting the transition to kindergarten so parents could gain information on the process and elementary school information/tour sessions. Families who could not attend were sent information and the option to speak with the teacher for more information. Behavior supports have been in family homes along with in classrooms. A more detailed report is available upon request of all items and activities completed with behavioral supports.</p>
Quarter 3	<p>Per parent survey, parent functions have been offered within the classroom or on a drop in basis at drop off/pick up times. Parent functions have revolved around child development. Parents asked to come visit the classroom for a special function, and teachers have provided information on specific child development or parenting information. Information such as Oral Health, "Those Limits", and How to Interrupt- A parent's Guide to teach children. Our enrollment is up to 74 children, we are currently still down 5 teaching staff members which is hindering enrolling more children. Children's behaviors have been stable with minimum situations for interventions. We have been working on social/emotional play within the classrooms to continue to strengthen self-regulation and problem solving.</p>

Quarter 4	<p>During quarter 4 we had a personnel change with our behavioral support personell. A new contracted support personnel started quarter 4 building relationships with teachers and children. Implemented "Second Step" social/emotional learning circles. Created picture cue's for start of upcoming program year for social/emotional, IEP goals and for behavioral supports. Completed Behavior Support Assessments on each preschool classroom, looking at classroom environment, positive behavior supports, responses to problem behaviors and collection of data and how staff implement supports. This helped set plans on what staff needed in terms of levels of support that will be directed by support personnel for the start of the program year along with resetting social/emotional materials in classrooms.</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 total student enrollment	95	70	2	2	4	78
Number of parent function provided	2	0	1	7	2	7
Percent reduction in challenging behaviors overall	80%	70%	2%	6%	2%	80%

Comments:

Behaviors have decreased with all children who are/were enrolled within the 2023-2024 program year. Currently we are working on behaviors with new children who have been enrolled within the past two months and continued supports with some children who developmentally will continue to need supports to help self-regulate. With help from the Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant and the NCPReK expansion grant, we were able to offer continued care and education through the summer for families who were not financially able or did not have a funding source that would cover summer time care and education. Within the last quarter, we have had some families/children transitioned out of IWC and have new enrollees who have started. We are currently down 7 staff and area activity interviewing as we would love to be able to serve more children as our waitlist keeps growing.

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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	\$ 239,720	\$ 60,074	\$ 58,680	\$ 60,180	\$ 71,751	\$ (10,965)
Travel/Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 811	\$ 231	\$ 458	\$ -	\$ (0)
Technology	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,526	\$ 5,100	\$ 3,860	\$ 2,521	\$ (7)
Curriculum/Assessments	\$ 1,800	\$ -		\$ 1,800		\$ (0)
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 64,000	\$ 15,675	\$ 14,387	\$ 12,537	\$ 23,657	\$ (2,256)
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$ 86,952	\$ 48,133	\$ 28,653	\$ 10,166		\$ (0)
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities	\$ 36,000	\$ 9,780	\$ 9,221	\$ 13,250	\$ 9,368	\$ (5,619)
Furniture	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,124	\$ 7,812	\$ 7,533	\$ 9,565	\$ (34)
Playground/Outdoor space	\$ 5,000	\$ -			\$ 5,048	\$ (48)
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (Hardships & Continuation of Care)	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,326	\$ -	\$ 7,164	\$ (211)
Total	\$ 489,972	\$ 144,844	\$ 125,410	\$ 109,784	\$ 129,074	\$ (19,140)

Comments:

The additional \$19,140 spent over the grant amount was covered by other budget sources.