

FY2022 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Community Action Opportunities	
Project Name:	We're Different and the Same! Take Home Library	
Reporting Quarter: (Check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 1 (July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2021)
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 2 (October 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021)
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 4 (April 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022)

Narrative summary of grant related activities

Please provide brief responses that fit within the box provided

Overall project updates:	<p>We're Different and the Same! Take Home Library is a project for Community Action Opportunities (CAO) Head Start children/families, and is on track for success. Thanks to a Buncombe County grant, we purchased, at a discount, culturally diverse books for Head Start preschoolers, which will be distributed in our Summer Fun Learning Kits to Head Start families in May 2022. Each Head Start child/family will receive four books, each of which display cultural diversity and demonstrate racial and ethnic sensitivity. The titles of the books are: Full, full, full of love by Trish Cook, En las Piernas de Mama' – On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert Scott, Bring in the New Year by Grace Lin, and a Sesame Street book – We're Different We're The Same by Bobbi Kates. The books are purchased, paid for, and await distribution.</p>
Activities related to increasing equity, diversity and inclusion:	<p>By giving Head Start families a Take Home Library with books about cultural diversity, we are promoting the true diversity of our community, our country and our world. Besides receiving culturally diverse, racially and ethnically sensitive preschool books, Head Start parents will also receive bookmarks that provide a message about the importance of reading to their children. As they read these books, both parents and children will learn about the beauty and exciting nature of cultural diversity and importance of living in an inclusive society. A sample of the messages on the bookmarks include: Reading books with kids helps kids know that you love them; Reading books with kids helps kids achieve, believe and imagine; Reading books with kids helps kids learn about the world; Reading books with kids helps kids know books are their friends; (Source: National Children's Book and Literacy Alliance - https://thencbla.org/advocacy/why-do-kids-need-books/)</p>
Activities related to increasing operational excellence:	<p>According to the Institute for Operational Excellence, a simple definition of operational excellence is, "Each and every employee can see the flow of value to the customers..." (Source: https://instituteopex.org/what-is-operational-excellence/) With the We're Different and the Same! Take Home Library project, the flow of value is access to tools that low wealth Head Start parents cannot afford – books for their children. Head Start parents will have preschool books that are culturally diverse and racially sensitive, with intent to create a more inclusive society and world.</p>

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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data) Please only include new data for the specific quarter				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of students receiving books	322	0	0	0	390	390
Percent of Head Start coaches and/or supervisors who agree the books meet the criteria for cultural and ethnic diversity	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
Percent of Summer Fun Learning Kits delivered timely to children at the end of the school year	100%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%

Comments:

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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						\$ -
Travel/Training						\$ -
Technology						\$ -
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 4,999		\$ 4,999			\$ -
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (please list)						\$ -
Total	\$ 4,999	\$ -	\$ 4,999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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