

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Irene Wortham Center		
Project Name:	Early Learning Center Program Enrichment		
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quarter 3 (January 1, 2024 - March 31, 2024)	
	<input 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>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	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.
Quarter 3	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.

Quarter 4	
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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 total student enrollment	95	70	2	2		74
Number of parent function provided	2	0	1	7		7
Percent reduction in challenging behaviors overall	80%	70%	2%	6%		78%

Comments:

We are down 5 teaching staff and have one classroom currently closed. This has impacted us being able to enroll more children. We are actively recruiting for teaching staff with very little response of qualified staff to offer employment to. Challenging behaviors are being seen very seldom, with teachers implementing strategies with children. We have utilized community resources to offer continuation of care to all families who would not have a funding source to stay during the summer, along with the emergency funding offered with the Early Childhood Grant.

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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		\$ 60,786
Travel/Training	\$ 1,500	\$ 811	\$ 231	\$ 458		\$ (0)
Technology	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,526	\$ 5,100	\$ 3,860		\$ 2,514
Curriculum/Assessments	\$ 1,800	\$ -		\$ 1,800		\$ (0)
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition						\$ -
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 64,000	\$ 15,675	\$ 14,387	\$ 12,537		\$ 21,401
Building Maintenance/Repair	\$ 86,952	\$ 48,133	\$ 28,653	\$ 10,166		\$ (0)
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities	\$ 36,000	\$ 9,780	\$ 9,221	\$ 13,250		\$ 3,750
Furniture	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,124	\$ 7,812	\$ 7,533		\$ 9,531
Playground/Outdoor space	\$ 5,000	\$ -				\$ 5,000
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance,						\$ -
Other (Hardships & Continuation of Care)	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,721	\$ 1,326	\$ -		\$ 6,953
Total	\$ 489,972	\$ 144,844	\$ 125,410	\$ 109,784	\$ -	\$ 109,934

Comments: