

FY2024 Buncombe County Early Childhood Grant Report

Organization Name:	Community Action Opportunities		
Project Name:	Full-Year PreK 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 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>CAO Head Start (CAOHS) is pleased to report on the continuation of the two Lonnie D. Burton Center Full-Year classrooms for the 2023-2024 school year. As part of full-year services, the summer program ran from June 20th to August 4th and had 30 enrolled children.</p> <p>The Program performed outreach and recruitment activities throughout the Southside community and Asheville Housing Authority residences. There are 16 children enrolled in each classroom for a total of 32 children enrolled during the first quarter. Two children unenrolled during the quarter and were replaced. The average annual family income is \$11,054.</p> <p>CAOHS has continued to face significant staffing challenges. We began the year with strong teaching teams in both classrooms. A new site supervisor is continuing to build strong teaching teams. 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>
Quarter 2	<p>Family Services completed a parent meeting that covered multiple topics including social/emotional skill building, resiliency, child abuse & neglect prevention, fatherhood engagement, financial literacy, and the importance of attendance. Family Services also facilitated food, new shoes, clothing and other resources for families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family Services 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> <p>The Burton Center is partnering with Read to Succeed to support literacy activities for children. They have provided learning kits and books for each child.</p>

Quarter 3	<p>The classrooms are fully staffed and attendance is increasing.</p> <p>The FSA Team facilitated the Transition to Kindergarten Virtual Parent Meeting. The topics covered included: Registration/Orientation Dates for BCS and MCS, Tips for Families, Health Requirements, Pisgah Legal Services, OnTrack, and Charter School Information. There were several guest speakers who shared information to assist families with the transition to kindergarten. Meeting information was shared with families who were unable to attend. Read to Succeed provided literacy learning kits and books for each child.</p>
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Progress toward annual goals

Measure	Annual Goal	Actual Results (Enter Data)				Progress toward Annual Goal
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
Number of children served by this grant	32	32	-2	1		31
Child attendance rate	85%	75%	-15%	9%		69%
Percent of students meeting or exceeding expectations on average of Teaching Strategies Gold domains in Spring	90%		44%			44%

Comments:
 Third Quarter: Two children left the program and were replaced. One child enrolled.

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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	\$ 240,452	\$ 103,470	\$ 90,017	\$ 94,597		\$ (47,632)
Travel/Training						\$ -
Technology	\$ 5,668	\$ 2,380	\$ 2,610	\$ 3,273		\$ (2,595)
Curriculum/Assessments						\$ -
Licensing/Dues						\$ -
Nutrition	\$ 28,900	\$ -				\$ 28,900
Transportation						\$ -
Supplies/Materials	\$ 5,000	\$ 30	\$ 354	\$ 33		\$ 4,583
Building Maintenance/Repair						\$ -
Rent/Occupancy/Utilities						\$ -
Furniture						\$ -
Playground/Outdoor space						\$ -
Printing/Marketing/Website/Postage						\$ -
Admin Expenses (Legal, Accounting, Insurance)	\$ 44,610	\$ 23,093	\$ 19,617			\$ 1,900
Other -Parent Activities, Field trips, Shared Costs	\$ 34,202	\$ 8,269	\$ 3,495	\$ 7,594		\$ 14,844
Total	\$ 358,832	\$ 137,242	\$ 116,093	\$ 105,497	\$ -	\$ 0

Comments:

We recognize that this quarter completes the BC ECE funding for this project. The remainder of the expenses will be picked up by NC Pre-K and Head Start funds.