



BROC Head Start

Report to the Community 2008 - 2009

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Age-Actual Enrollment

3 year olds----- 110
4 year olds----- 100
5 year olds----- 4
Total - 214

Funded Enrollment---183

Average Daily Attendance - 83%
Average Monthly Enrollment - 190

Number of More at Four Slots

Ashe-----16
Wilkes-----33

Number of children who received full-time care (Extended Day) at the Head Start site----- 16

Primary Language

English----- 69%
Spanish----- 31%
Asian----- 0%
Other----- 0%

Racial/Ethnic Composition

White..... 55%
Black..... 8%
Hispanic..... 32%
Asian..... 0%
Multi-Racial..... 5%
Native American..... 0%

Center Information

6 Centers (13 Classrooms)
5 Star Licenses -6

Facility Types

School Systems..... 1
Community Buildings 1
Agency Owned Centers ...4 (3 of which are modular units)

Child Screenings

Developmental - 203 screened and 9 needed and received intervention services

Hearing - 198 screened and 9 failed the screening

Speech - 194 screened and 14 needed and received services

Vision - 203 screened with 25% needing follow-up; 35% of that number received corrective lenses

BROC Head Start is a federally funded child development program designed to prepare disadvantaged children for kindergarten and link families to services and education that will promote child and family success. Counties served are Alleghany, Ashe, and Wilkes for families who meet income guidelines. No fees are charged.

BROC Head Start was awarded a *Certificate of Excellence* from the Department of Health and Human Services in December 2007.....



.....and there were no findings in the Head Start portion of the organization-wide audit, covering expenditures for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 of Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission, Inc, as determined by Gatewood, Hughey and Company, C.P.A. and the Department of Health and Human Services - Administration for Children and Families.



Health & Nutrition Services

51,000 nutritious meals were served to children

197 children had up to date physicals; 206 children have an ongoing source of continuous and accessible routine, preventive and acute medical care
57 children have been diagnosed with a chronic condition as needing medical treatment; 46 children have received or are receiving medical treatment

199 children have an ongoing source of continuous and accessible routine, preventive and acute dental care; 209 children have completed a professional dental examination; 189 children have received preventive care; 50 children was diagnosed as needing treatment; 49 children have received or are receiving treatment

205 children are up to date on all immunizations appropriate for their age at end of enrollment year

206 children screened for behavioral health; 8 children for whom the MH professional consulted with program staff about the child's behavior/mental health; 8 children for whom the MH professional consulted with the parent(s) about the child's behavior/mental health; 6 children for whom the MH professional consultant provided an individual mental health assessment
5 children for whom the MH professional facilitated a referral for mental health services; 1 child was referred for mental health services outside the Head Start program.

Family Information

Number of families served----- 206
Number on TANF----- 9%
WIC----- 62%
Number below Poverty Level----- 92%
Number above Poverty Level---- 8%
Single Parent Families----- 45%
Employed----- 60%
Unemployed----- 37%
In School or Training----- 3%
Less than High School----- 56%
High School or GED----- 29%
Some college----- 10%
Bachelors Degree----- 5%

Family Services

- ❖ 82% of families needed and received intervention services
- ❖ Parent Education Newsletters were distributed on a quarterly basis
- ❖ 14 Parent Education Workshops were provided in the tri-county area
- ❖ 56% of children were transported by Head Start

Partners in Service

Wilkes Public Health Dental Clinic
Smart Start
Wilkes Community College
AmeriCorps
NC Cooperative Extension
More at Four
NC Collaboration Office
Wilkes County Health Department
Ashe County Health Department
Alleghany County Health Department
Laurie Cimino, MS, RD, L.D.N.
Arlena Creasman, MH Professional
Wilkes Co. Public School System
Ashe Co. Public School System
Alleghany Public School System
LabCorp
Nationwide Testing Association
NC Division of Motor Vehicles-Driver Education Specialist

Special Needs Children

23 children (12%) had disabilities

Top issues identified were:

- Speech/Language
- Developmental Delay



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Teacher Information

- **92%** of classrooms have Teachers with an Associates or Bachelors degree
- **69%** of classrooms have Assistants with an Associate's degree
- **69%** of Teachers have a Bachelors Degree or Higher
- **34%** of teachers are enrolled in higher degree programs

The program has 49 employees and 37% are current or former Head Start Parents

Volunteer Information

- Total volunteer in-kind - \$169,382.32
- Total volunteer hours - 8,630
- 86 Parents volunteered to transport their children to and from the Head Start Center and the CTE Partnership site.

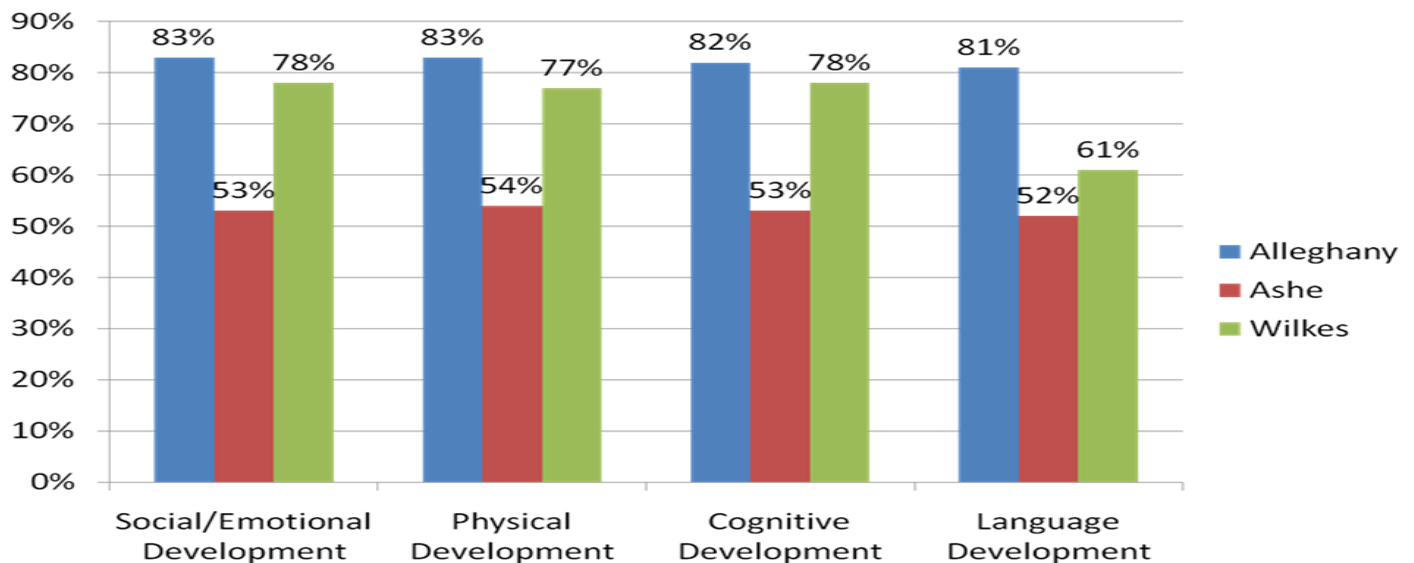
Special Initiatives

- *I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL)* - Five staff attended the IMIL training in Atlanta, Georgia January 25 - 28, 2009. *IMIL* is a special initiative embraced by the Office of Head Start to prevent and reverse childhood obesity and promote lifelong fitness through increased physical activity and healthy nutrition choices. The BROC Head Start program is implementing *IMIL* into the daily schedules and lesson plans.
- *Marriage Strengthening* - The BROC Head Start Program has a goal for families to receive information and available resources on marriage strengthening. Each center received two copies of the marriage strengthening video, *Fireproof*, for the parents to check out. More resources will be added to the resource area later.

Parent Involvement Activities

- Parent of the Year is Amanda Lewis from the Sizemore Head Start Center! She won this honor by volunteering many hours for the program. Ms. Lewis has made an enormous difference in the day-to-day operations by volunteering at the Sizemore Head Start center, and with the program, in general. Amanda attended the N.C. Head Start Conference in Winston-Salem and was recognized as the BROC Head Start Parent of the Year.
- Parent/Teacher conferences were held twice this program year (October 24, 2008 and March 27, 2009).
- Many parents assisted with field trips throughout the year.
- 63 father figures attended a "Breakfast with Dads" event held at each center.

BROC Head Start Outcomes Gains for all counties-2008-2009



Program Governance Training

- An overview of Program Governance was provided to parents at the each of the first Center Parent Meetings, with a more in-depth training being provided to the Center Parent Committee Officers after they were elected.
- Roles and responsibilities training was provided to Board Members and Policy Council.

School Readiness Efforts

- Children were taken on field trips to the local elementary schools to visit the kindergarten classes.
- A Kindergarten Readiness Checklist was completed on all children that will attend kindergarten in the fall.
- Kindergarten teachers presented at Center Parent Meetings to discuss transition into the school environment.
- Transition handouts were given to all parents at the end of the program year to help with the transition from Head Start to kindergarten.
- Teachers directed activities to encourage the use of print and letter recognition, and focus was made on social/emotional growth of the children and individualization.
- Head Start staff participated in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings for children throughout the year.



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Funding Sources

Department of Health & Human Services
N.C. More at Four Program
Child and Adult Care Food Program
Subsidy Funds (Extended Day)
Private Pay Fees (Extended Day)
Local Funds



2008-09 Budget Expenditures

DHHS – ACF Funds Program Account 22	2008-2009 Allocation	YTD Expenditures	Target % Expended
Personnel	650,892	617,892	95%
Fringe	356,219	345,885	97%
Travel	3,000	6,351	212%
Equipment	0	0	0
Supplies	40,000	37,924	95%
Contract Services	44,750	56,668	127%

Facilities/Construction	0	0	0
Other	222,478	256,304	115%
Indirect Costs	81,000	77,225	95%
TOTAL	1,398,249	1,398,249	100%
Non-Federal Match @ 20%	349,563	599,470	171%

DHHS-ACF Funds Program Account 20	2008-2009 Allocation	YTD Expenditures	Target % Expended
Staff Training & Technical Assistance	17,623	17,623	100%
Non-Federal Match @ 20%	4,406	4,406	100%

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)-USDA	Received 2008-2009	Expensed 2008-2009	Ending Balance
	67,742	67,742	-0-

Extended Day Care/More At Four	REVENUES	EXPENSES	
State Funds	40,000		
Fees & County Funds	340,930		
Local Supplement	20,554		
Personnel		264,723	
Fringe Benefits		19,997	
Travel & Training		4,418	
Equipment		35,944	
Supplies		6,571	
Other		49,270	
Indirect Costs		20,561	
TOTAL	401,484	401,484	