

# Preparing for Kindergarten

The Work Sampling System is an assessment that supports LCCAP's chosen curriculum, The Creative Curriculum. *It utilizes methods that enable children to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and personality* by progressing through tasks that are part of their daily experience. It is *valid and reliable* and is used by LCCAP Early Learning Programs to measure growth in children 3-5 in 7 different areas of skill development. It includes Guidelines and Checklists, Portfolios and Summary Reports. These help teachers *document and assess* children's skills, knowledge, behaviors and academic achievements three times a year. Summary reports shared with families combine information from checklists and portfolios, rate student progress and highlights strengths, concerns and further educational plans for *optimum kindergarten readiness*. Progress is noted under the categories of "Proficient, In Process and Not Yet." Children should work through each section toward the "Proficient" stage.

	Three Year Olds (EK2s)	Proficient for age group at Years End	Four Year Olds (EK1s)	Proficient for age group at Years End
Personal Social Development	32.7%	73.3%	25.7%	88.7%
Language and Literacy	30.1%	63.3%	27.3%	81.6%
Mathematical Thinking	35.3%	51.7%	32.4%	81.3%
Scientific Thinking	42.0%	58.9%	37.2%	82.8%
Social Studies	38.8%	58.3%	33.9%	77.7%
The Arts	34.3%	79.4%	26.4%	89.5%
Physical Health and Development	27.8%	78.3%	24.0%	91.8%

# 2009-2010 LCCAP Head Start Annual Report



## Head Start Goals

- To provide a comprehensive child development program.
- To prepare children for **school success**.
- To provide a kind, caring learning atmosphere for all children.
- To collaborate with **parents as partners** in their child's education.
- To provide opportunity for parent involvement and support.
- To increase family access to materials, services and activities essential to family success.
- To provide screening for developmental, sensory and behavioral concerns.
- To help each family **establish** a medical and dental home with follow up service.
- To assist parents to know and **utilize community resources**.
- To recognize **inclusion** as a core value.
- To meet **each child's** unique characteristics, strengths based on screening and ongoing child assessment linked to curricular goals and parent input.
- To **address** child interests, learning and development, temperament, language, cultural background and learning style.
- To access each child as a **basis for instruction**.
- To provide instruction linked to the **Early Learning Standards**.
- To work with each family that might have childcare needs by **linking services**.
- To recognize **transition opportunities** for each child whether the activity is child to school, family to school, community to school or school to school

Preparation for kindergarten relies on LCCAP Early Learning Programs adherence to the following list of strong values and goals throughout the year.



# Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. Head Start Program

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

## Revenues:

Public Funds	
Head Start Operations	2,539,130
Head Start Training & Technical Assistance	34,620
Head Start One-Time Program Improvement	6,851
Head Start ARRA - Quality Improvement & COLA	125,037
Head Start Body Start	4,967
Head Start State Supplemental Assistance Program	667,062
Child and Adult Care Food Program	201,472

## Private Funds

Child Care Partnerships	53,506
Program Income	4,725
In-Kind Services	342,586
Other Revenues	3,538
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>3,983,494</b>

## Expenditures:

Personnel	1,721,173
Fringe Benefits	664,021
Travel	13,589
Equipment	60,698
Office Supplies	27,491
Child and Family Service Supplies	70,619
Other Supplies	113,810
Health/Disabilities Service Contracts	11,057
Food Service Contracts	25,466
Other Contracts	12,704
Rent	241,864
Mortgage	73,226
Utilities, Telephone	113,341
Building & Child Liability Insurance	31,701
Building Maintenance/Repair	73,597
Local Travel	108,207
Nutrition Services	163,890
Parent Services	6,899
Accounting & Legal Services	38,891
Publications/Advertising/Printing	16,414
Training or Staff Development	23,504
In-Kind Services	342,586
Other	28,746
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,983,494</b>

## Audit

Carbis Walker, LLP, an independent auditing firm, completed Lawrence County Social Services, Inc.'s most recent audit, dated March 11, 2010, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. There were no findings or areas of non-compliance reported during this audit.

## Review

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted a triennial on-site review of LCCAP Head Start in March 2010. This review found two areas of non-compliance. Both areas were corrected and a follow-up site visit was conducted in October 2010 showing the areas had been successfully corrected.



## Percentage of children that received medical & dental exams

LCCAP is proud to report that the number of children who received medical and dental exams has reached an all-time high!

**Medical Exams:**  
2009 77%  
2010 93%

**An increase of 16% in one year**

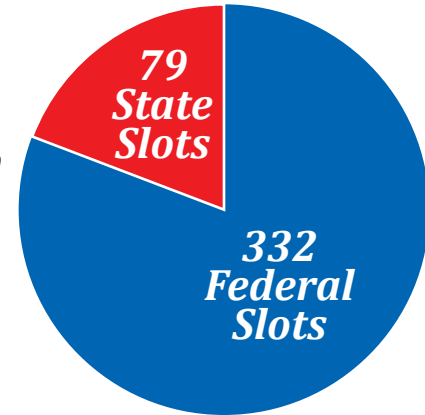
**Dental Exams:**  
2009 73%  
2010 86%

**An increase of 13% in one year**

## Total LCCAP Head Start children & families served:

# 411

- \*411 funded slots remained fully enrolled at all times during the 2009-10 program year.
- There was a wait list each month that varied from 22-68 children.
- The average monthly enrollment at LCCAP Head Start for 2009-10: 85%
- The number of Head Start eligible children residing in the Lawrence County community: \*2,404 - 3 and 4 year olds. (Estimated information in correlation with 2000 Census). \*2000 and 2009 population and age cohort estimated for Lawrence County. The data is from the U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/popest/estbygeo.html>
- LCCAP Head Start served 411 children of the 2,404 age eligible children in Lawrence County. Head Start served about 17% of age eligible children in Lawrence County.



## Parent Involvement Activities

**Parent Involvement** for the 2009-2010 school year consisted of parent meetings and **Family Fun Nights** for each family to attend. Parent meetings were held on a monthly basis at each of our sites where speakers from the community were present to discuss a "hot topic". Some of the topics were **fire safety, good nutrition, how to keep the family safe, dental hygiene and cold & flu.** Parents walked away from these meetings with not only **great information** from the speaker, but also brochures and pamphlets to take home and **further their knowledge.** Family Fun Nights were held at the Ben Franklin Early Learning Center two times during the school year. In December, a **Winter Wonderland Dance** was held and in April, a **Spring Carnival.** Both activities were well attended and gave families a chance to **spend quality time together dancing or playing carnival type games.**



- We will continue to work toward our goal of obtaining 100% of medical and dental exams through ongoing education and support to families and strengthening the partnership between Family Service Workers, Teachers, and the Health and Nutrition Coordinator.  
Increased efforts to achieve our 2010-2011 goals also include the use of a new, comprehensive software package called ChildPlus. ChildPlus has been providing service to HeadStart programs for over 25 years and will allow for complete, easy, and accurate tracking of all HeadStart component areas