

## Financial Information

**GOCAA Head Start is an equal opportunity provider**

| Budget<br>Department of Health and<br>Human Services                            | FY 2023<br>Notice of Award | FY 2024<br>Proposed |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel   | \$824,745                  | \$925,019           |
| Fringe Benefits   | \$267,057                  | \$263,937           |
| Travel: Out of Town   | \$0                        | \$0                 |
| Supplies  | \$42,592                   | \$42,592            |
| Contractual   | \$30,100                   | \$31,254            |
| Other   | \$211,404                  | \$253,445           |
| <b>Total Direct Costs</b>   | <b>\$1,375,898</b>         | <b>\$1,489,655</b>  |
| Non-Federal Share   | \$349,253                  | \$377,693           |
| Reimbursement USDA<br>Child & Adult Care Food<br>October-September<br>2022-2023 | Actual<br>\$76,174         | \$79,000            |

Years Ended September 30, 2022 and 2021  
Summary of Auditor's Results

### Financial Statements

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified = No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified = None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted = No

### Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness(es) identified? = No

Significant deficiency(ies) identified = None reported

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance (2CFR 200.516(a)) = No

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee = Yes

Section II – Financial Statement Findings = None

Section III – Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs = None

Section IV-Status of Prior-Year Findings = None

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## HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

### *Annual Report to the Public*

**Reporting Period 11/1/2022 – 10/31/2023**

#### **Mission Statement:**

*Enhance lives through Education and Community Partnerships*

#### **Program Philosophy:**

*Nurture the child within the family and the family within the community*

#### **Value Statement:**

*Growing with Helping Hands*



*Serving Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties*



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# Program Services

## GOCAA PIR (Program Information Report) Data 2022-2023

Full-day, center-based **Head Start** classes were offered to children who were at least three years of age by December 1.

**Early Head Start** staff provided weekly home visits and bi-monthly socializations to support pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers to age three.

| Program Information        | HS  | EHS |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|
| Funded Enrollment          | 85  | 30  |
| Children Served            | 97  | 36  |
| Enrolled 2 years           | 36  | 12  |
| Enrolled 3 or more years   | 4   | 6   |
| Average Monthly Enrollment | 86% | -   |
| Foster Children            | 2   | 1   |
| Homelessness Services      | 7   | 7   |
| Pregnant Women Served      | -   | 4   |
| Families Served            | 91  | 28  |



| Children with                          | Head Start   | Early Head Start  |
|--|--|---|
| Health Insurance                       | 100%   | 100%  |
| Accessible Health Care                 | 100%   | 100%  |
| Accessible Dental Care                 | 100%   | 81%   |
| Up-to-date immunizations, or exemption | 81%  | 22%   |
| Special Education or related services  | IEP (Individualized Education Plan)<br>16.8% (18 children) | IFSP- (Individualized Family Service Plan)<br>33.3% (12 children) |

## Family Engagement

Parents became involved in our program through participation in home visits, parent-teacher conferences, Policy Council and/or Health Advisory Committee, and Family Community event such as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Kids Parade, MSUE Family Fun Night, SISU and an art show.

Of the 122 program families that were served, the following number received services to support positive family outcomes.

| Area of Service:                                    | HS | EHS |
|---|----|-----|
| Emergency/crisis intervention                       | 26 | 27  |
| Housing Assistance                                  | 3  | 3   |
| Mental Health Assistance                            | 4  | 4   |
| Education on Nutrition                              | 2  | 27  |
| Participation in Parenting Curriculum (Ready Rosie) | 62 | 24  |

## Transitions

Parents/guardians, staff and children participated in meetings and events, with a return to classroom visits and in-person orientations.

Early Head Start had 10 children transition into the classroom setting, Head Start had 39 children transition into kindergarten.

Staff transition meetings were held with all school districts to review the children that transitioned to kindergarten to best support the needs of these children and families. Early Head Start also reinstated classroom visits for those children transitioning to Head Start. Children who transitioned outside of our service area were supported by connecting parents with programming options and the utilization of Authorization forms regarding their consent to share information.



# School Readiness

## Program School Readiness Goals Outcomes

| Area of Development            | % of Children Meeting/Exceeding Age Appropriate Expectations |             |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------|
|                                | Fall 2022  | Spring 2023 |
| Social-Emotional               | 67%  | 93%         |
| Language and Literacy          | 63%  | 89%         |
| Cognition                      | 72%  | 92%         |
| Perceptual, Motor and Physical | 79%  | 95%         |
| Approaches To Learning         | 65%  | 96%         |

Progress was achieved in all areas of development, with Approaches to Learning exhibiting the most growth.

CLASS assesses interactions between children and classroom staff in three broad domains of classroom quality; Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support. For each Head Start classroom, a certified CLASS observer conducts observations focusing on the 10 dimensions listed below. Scoring, using a 7-point scale, is completed at the end of each observational cycle. The scale depicts 1 as low quality, with 7 being high quality, except for the Dimension of Negative climate, which reverses the number rating (1 is high quality).

| Dimensions                      |     | Domains                                  |
|---------------------------------|-----|--|
| Positive Climate                | 6.6 | <b>Emotional Support</b><br><br>6.55     |
| Negative Climate                | 1   |  |
| Teacher Sensitivity             | 6.1 |  |
| Regard for Student Perspectives | 5.8 |  |
| Behavior Management             | 6.1 | <b>Classroom Organization</b><br><br>5.9 |
| Productivity                    | 6.1 |  |
| Instructional Learning Formats  | 5.5 |  |
| Concept Development             | 3.1 | <b>Instructional Support</b><br><br>3.07 |
| Quality of Feedback             | 4.1 |  |
| Language Modeling               | 4.1 |  |

Effective November 2020, the CLASS quality thresholds require a minimum score of 5 in Emotional Support, 5 in Classroom Organization and 2.3 in Instructional support. As depicted, our program is meeting or exceeding designated thresholds.

## Community Assessment

The most recent data regarding Gogebic and Ontonagon counties portrays a total population of 20,229 residents. For children (ages 0-17) living in poverty, the average rate is 23%, which is a decrease of 5% over the last 5 years. However, households in poverty are at 51%. Children participating in the WIC program is averaging at 53%, and those receiving food assistance is approximately 25%. Three and Four year old children that are attending preschool has decreased by an average of 35%, with approximately 31% of this age group participating in preschool early childhood education services.

Children with health insurance is at 96%, which is only 1% below the state average. Fully immunized toddlers, ages 19-35 months, average at 69%, which is higher than the State of Michigan's rate of 66%. Low-birthweight babies average about 11%, which is higher than the State of Michigan's rate of 9%.

## Collaborative Partners

- Bessemer, Ironwood, Ontonagon, Wakefield and Watersmeet Area School Districts
- Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School District
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Aspirus Grand View
- Early On
- Michigan State University Extension
- Great Start Collaborative
- Toys For Tots
- Western Upper Peninsula District Health Department
- Gogebic Community Mental Health
- Michigan Dental Outreach
- St. Vincent De Paul of Ironwood and Bessemer
- Gogebic County Sheriff's Department
- Michigan State Police
- Dove
- MI Works
- New Beginnings
- Trinity Lutheran Parish
- Gogebic County Emergency Management 911
- Knights of Columbus
- Ironwood Public Safety
- Gogebic-Ontonagon Community Action Agency
- Union Station (Food Distribution)
- Wal-mart