

Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc.

Head Start

2020-2021 Annual Report

Approved by Policy Council (8/10/21) and JVCAI Board (8/12/21)



Head Start is a free federally funded preschool program designed for 3 and 4-year-old children from low income families. The program provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services as well as services to children with disabilities.

Total number of children served: 122

Total number of families served: 113

Grant funded enrollment: 200

JVCAI Head Start served less children than funded this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Fiscal Report

Grant Year: April 1 2020- March 31, 2021

EXPENDITURE LINE ITEMS	2020-2021 APPROVED BUDGET	2020-2021 TOTAL EXPENSES
Personnel	\$1,092,831	\$1,087,780.78
Fringe	\$319,337	\$296,804.15
Travel	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$33,972	\$36,982.08
Equipment	\$117,912	\$117,912
Other	\$249,105	\$273,677.99
Total PA 20	\$23,874	\$23,874
Total Federal Operating Funds	\$1,837,031	\$1,837,031
Federal CARES Funds	\$175,762	\$175,762
Total Federal Funding		\$2,012,793
In-Kind/Match	\$218,445	\$218,445

A waiver of 50% of the Non Federal share was requested and approved. The number above reflects the approved amount with waiver.

Budget Item Descriptions	<p>Training and Technical Assistance PA 20 funds are provided to ensure continuous professional development for staff as well as training for parents, Policy Council and Board members.</p>
	<p>In-Kind/Match The in-kind/match reflects 20% of the total budget <i>without a waiver</i>. Items used for the in-kind/match include, but are not limited to; real property; materials or equipment and services (items and time donated); classroom functions or parent's time in the classroom; and home activities (parent/curriculum extensions).</p>

Results of Fiscal Audit

There were no findings or material weaknesses identified in the most recent agency audit.

Results of Federal Review

No federal review was held this program year.

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Children are introduced to literacy and math concepts such as letter and number recognition, counting, and rhyming. Parents received individualized kindergarten readiness checklists and information on kindergarten registration for their school district.

The program uses *The Creative Curriculum*. Using *Teaching Strategies Gold*, which is the assessment system of Creative Curriculum, children's progress is assessed throughout the school year in all developmental areas and is shared with parents so that they can take part in and be informed of their child's kindergarten preparation.

A school readiness report is attached as part of the Annual Report and is specific to outcomes information for this school year.

Parent Events

Parent education activities were held during the 2020-21 school year though not as many as past years due to the pandemic. Parent Committee meetings were held several times throughout the year to allow parent input on school readiness activities and family focused activities. Parents elected Policy Council members at the first meeting. Policy Council meetings were held monthly.

The program uses Ready Rosie Parenting Curriculum which is an online communication tool that provides meaningful activities that parents can do at home that can support their child's learning.

Disabilities Services

Active recruitment of pre-school age children with disabilities is a primary responsibility of the JVCAI Head Start program. At least 10% of enrolled children are children with diagnosed disabilities. JVCAI Head Start works with the local school districts, through collaborative agreements, to identify, refer, and serve children with disabilities. During the 2020-2021 school year, a total of 17 children with disabilities were served.

Health Services

Head Start Performance Standards require staff to assist each family in identifying an ongoing source of medical care and a source of medical insurance coverage. During the course of the year, information is obtained and assistance is provided to families in the identification of these resources. 98.4% of children left the program with medical insurance.

- 100% of children received a medical exam
- 70% of children served received a professional dental exam
- 100% of children were up to date on their immunizations