



Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center

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Heart of the Valley Head Start

Annual Report to the Public 2017-2018

Vision Statement: Heart of the Valley Head Start will promote positive outcomes in all areas of development to ensure children and families become life-long learners and achieve long term success.

Mission Statement: Heart of the Valley Head Start will support families and children by providing quality services that foster growth in school readiness, self-sufficiency, collaboration with other educational leaders, and awareness of community services.

The Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center is the grantee for the Heart of the Valley Head Start Program which provides a variety of comprehensive early childhood services to eligible infants, toddlers and preschoolers in Gallia and Meigs Counties in Ohio. The program provides center-based and child care options in eleven locations throughout the two counties. One location in Gallia County offers full day, full year child care classrooms serving infants thru preschool. 4 locations in Gallia County offer full day, 4 days per week classrooms and 3 locations in Gallia County offer full day, 5 days per week classrooms. All 3 locations in Meigs county offer full day, 5 days per week classroom.

Heart of the Valley Head Start works in collaborative partnerships with Gallia County Local Schools and Gallipolis City Schools in Gallia County, Ohio. This partnership allows head start children to attend center at the district elementary buildings along with ECE state funded and tuition preschoolers. These partnerships have ensured smooth transitions into the public school system for head start children and their families. The school districts provide transportation for these students.

Heart of the Valley also works in a collaborative partnership with Southern Local School District in Meigs County, Ohio. Head Start provides a 3 year old head start classroom in the elementary building. Children transition into the district preschool classroom the following year. The district provides transportation in the head start classroom.



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The Little Storm Early Learning Academy is located in Gallia County and is our only center serving infants thru preschoolers in a full working day/ full calendar year schedule. Parents whose children are served at this location are primarily students or working parents.

2017-2018 ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Funds provided to Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center for head start and early head start children is through a federal grant.

	<u>Head Start</u>	<u>Early Head Start</u>
Funded Enrollment:	256	18
Total # Children Served	302	26
Total # Families Served	283	23
% of Eligible Children Served_	100%	100%

2017-2018 FUNDING/EXPENDITURES

Funding: \$2,459,270 Federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

\$ 140,464 CACFP reimbursement for nutrition services

Expenditures:

- Wages: \$1,030,949
- Benefits: \$576, 061



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- Supplies: \$195,368
- Training: \$45,181
- Contractual: \$415,208
- Property/Vehicle Insurance: \$23,029
- Indirect Costs: \$60,851
- Other: \$112, 621

Please note that total administrative expenditures for the period is \$234, 352. Said costs include wages, benefits, supplies, property/vehicle insurance, and indirect costs listed above.

In addition to the above funding amounts, Heart of the Valley Head Start received \$614,817 Non-Federal Share in donated goods and services in FY 17.

Financial Audit

The most recent financial audit for AMESC for fiscal year 2017 is available at the Treasurer's Office located at 39105 Bradbury Road, Middleport, Ohio. Findings and corrective action plan, should there be any, can be found in each audit.

Staffing

Heart of the Valley Head Start employs 80 staff to provide high quality early childhood experiences to children in Gallia and Meigs counties.

- 100% of teachers have an Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree or Master Degree in Early Childhood Education.
- 100% of teacher assistants have a CDA Credential or are currently enrolled in a CDA program.



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Health and Disability Services

- 92% of enrolled children received well-child examinations.
- 99.7% of enrolled children had medical insurance.
- 92% of enrolled children had a medical home.
- 92% of enrolled children received all required immunizations for age.
- 61% of enrolled children received a dental screening.
- 10% of enrolled children received disabilities services.

Federal Reviews and Inspection Reports

- Heart of the Valley Head Start was found to be in compliance for child care licensing through the Ohio Department of Education.
- The most recent federal on-site monitoring review was found to be in full compliance.

Step Up to Quality Rating System

Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is a five-star quality rating and improvement system administered by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. SUTQ recognizes and promotes learning and development programs that meet quality program standards that exceed licensing health and safety regulations. The program standards are based on national research identifying standards which lead to improved outcomes for children. Heart of the Valley Head Start's ratings are listed below. Any center that has not received a rating yet will be rated by 2020.

5 Star Centers: 5

4 Star Centers: 1

Centers Not Rated: 5



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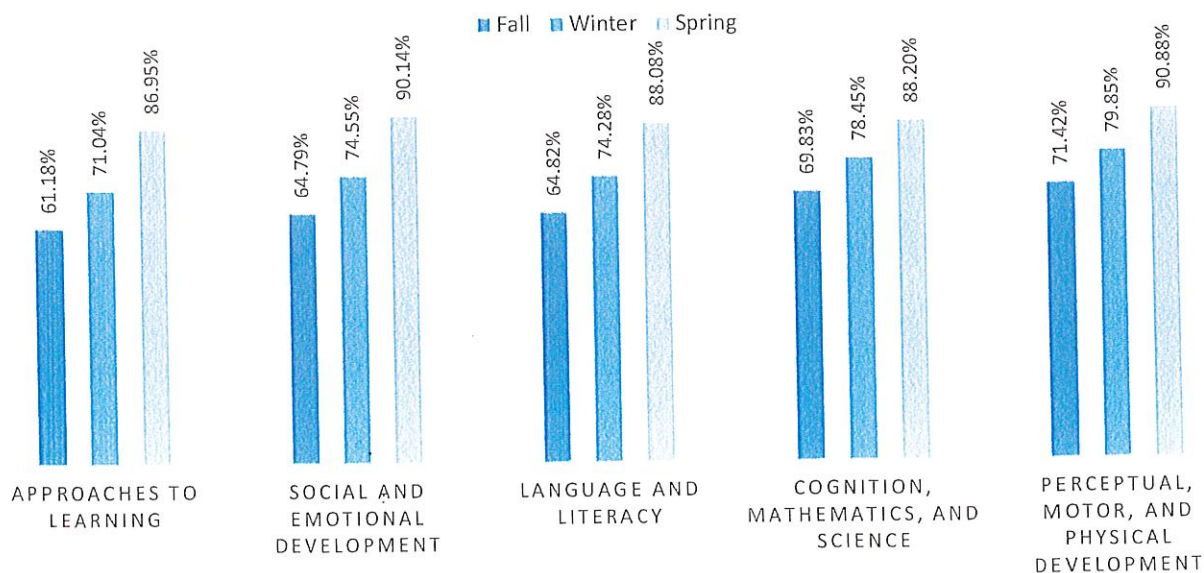
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In a committed effort to make transitions from Head Start to Kindergarten as successful as possible for our students, Heart of the Valley Head Start implements Creative Curriculum into all classrooms. The Creative Curriculum aligns with the Head Start Early Learning Framework as well as the Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards. School Readiness goals were created with the curriculum, Head Start Framework, and Ohio Early Learning Standards considered.

Heart of the Valley Head Start utilizes the assessment tool, Teaching Strategies GOLD, which corresponds with the Creative Curriculum implementation. Students are assessed three times a year, it was determined that progress toward the School Readiness Goals was made in each domain in 2017-2018 school year. Data is used to determine future plans as it pertains to instruction, student individualization, progress toward readiness goals, professional development trainings, and program goals.

Open communication of School Readiness goals and analyzed data is maintained between parents, local school districts, community agencies, and governing board members. Heart of the Valley Head Start intends to continue its pursuit of quality ongoing assessments and implementation of curriculum in order to ensure optimal learning environments and school readiness for all students.

2017-2018 OUTCOMES DATA





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Parent, Family and Community Engagement Activities

Heart of the Valley Head Start offers a variety of activities and trainings to support family and community engagement. All families have monthly opportunity to be a part of their centers parent meetings and to serve on Policy Council. Surveys are completed by families at the beginning of the school year to gauge parent interest. Listed below are activities that were conducted during the 2017-2018 school year for families, children and community members.

- CPR/First Aid Training
- Budgeting Your Dollars Training
- Dealing with Behaviors Training
- Literacy Night
- Math Night
- Science Night
- Week of the Young Child Activities
- Kindergarten Transition Celebration
- Local Field Trips (post office, bakery, nursing homes)
- Kindergarten Classroom Visit
- Fall Celebration
- Winter Celebration
- Spring Celebration
- Mother's Day Tea
- Someone Special Day
- Donuts with Dad
- Grandparent Day
- Center Christmas Dinner
- Center Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Caroling
- End of the Year Family Picnic
- Parent Meetings
- Policy Council Meetings