

March Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Angelica Whaley, Classroom Aide, our February Employee of the Month! Here is her nomination:

"I have only been working for CMCA as the new Callaway preschool teacher for about a month and I can say that Angelica (Jelly) has been one of my biggest helps! She truly is the best. She answers any questions I may have and seems to know literally everything. She has been my go to while in the classroom here. She is so kind and explains everything perfectly! If I'm unsure what to do in the classroom or something comes up, she is right there to jump in and help.

Right now our cook is out for 2 weeks and not only is she helping out in the classroom and breaking people when she needs to, but she is also cooking and planning all of breakfast, lunch, and snack! She is awesome!"

Congratulations to Angelica! Angelica has truly gone above and beyond, making a significant impact at Callaway Head Start. Angelica's commitment to the success of her coworkers and the children we serve is truly inspiring. Angelica, thank you for all you do! Your hard work, positivity, and caring nature are truly appreciated!

Bingo for Babies!

Join us for Bingo for Babies and support healthy beginnings for babies and moms living with low incomes. You'll enjoy good food and drink, fun Bingo games with opportunities to win great prizes, and learn how the Women and Infant Relief Fund helps new babies and moms have healthy starts through education, baby showers, and crisis support. We'll also host a silent auction at the event - to give you ample opportunities to support this wonderful cause and take home something just for you!

The Women and Infant Relief Fund (WIRF) provides support for expecting and newly delivered moms and their babies. The WIRF program hosts educational baby showers for moms from low-income households. Moms receive items they need to provide a safe and welcoming environment for their babies and get education focused on the health, safety, and well-being of their babies and themselves. Crisis intervention is also provided to families through WIRF.





BINGO FOR BABIES

BENEFITING THE **WOMEN AND INFANT RELIEF FUND**
OF CENTRAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY ACTION

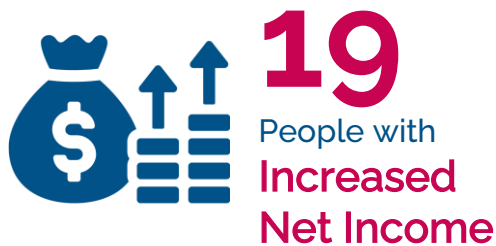
MAY 7, 5:30 P.M.
SENTINEL PARK | ARCADE DISTRICT

GET YOUR TICKETS HERE!



Economic Stability

Agency Employment & Financial Coaching Outcomes October 2024-Present



Economic Stability

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3

New Businesses
Started



15

New Full-Time &
3 Part-Time
Jobs Created
through small business



\$84K

Small business
Capital Infusions



1

Small business
Microloans



\$12.9K

Gross Sales
The Shops at Sharp End



885

Items Sold
The Shops at Sharp End



276

Total Customers
The Shops at Sharp End

Missouri Women in Business Advocacy Day

Members and staff of the Missouri Women's Business Center attended the Missouri Women in Business Advocacy Day at the Capitol Building. The event was a great success and was supported by Governor Mike Kehoe, representatives from Lt. Governor David Wasinger's Office, Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins, and Kara Corches from the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. We are also thankful to Representative Kathy Steinhoff for the introduction to the House Floor, Lily White-Boyd with the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for reviewing two important bills that impact small businesses, and the legislators who took time to meet with us. We were able to advocate and make several connections!





Economic Stability

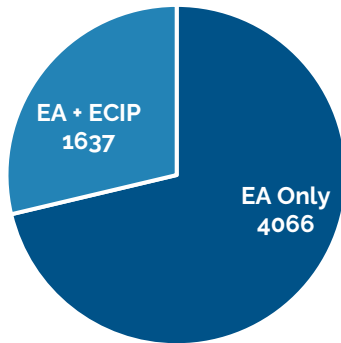


Economic Stability

Total Households Receiving Energy Assistance

October 2024-Present

Total: 5,703



Total Energy Assistance Applications Processed

Eligible	94
Ineligible	669
Direct Pay	80
Supplier Approved	3,986
Supplier Denials	33
Reapplications	419
ECIP Applications	1,637
Total Applications	6,918



\$590K
Emergency/Crisis Energy Assistance*
 October 2024 – Present

*This amount reflects ECIP payments & pledges only. Households must first receive EA to be eligible to receive ECIP.

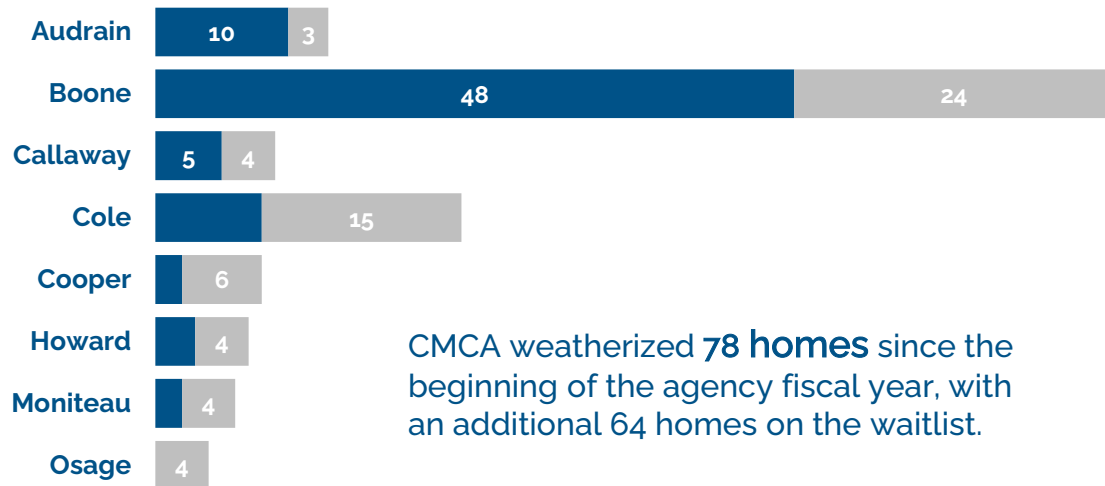


\$10,193

Average invested in each **Weatherized Home**
 October 2024 - Present

Weatherized Homes

■ Homes Completed ■ Waitlist



CMCA weatherized **78 homes** since the beginning of the agency fiscal year, with an additional 64 homes on the waitlist.

Economic Stability



14 Tenants Paying Full Rent

Will graduate HCV after six months of paying full rent



434

Households on HCV Waitlist
Housing Choice Voucher



25

Outstanding Housing Vouchers

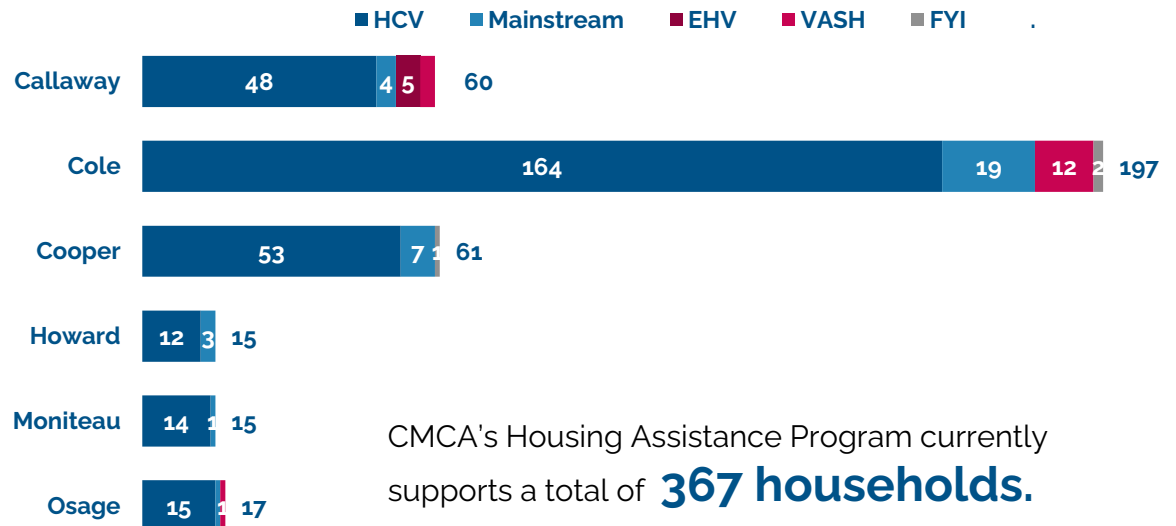
Includes 4 households who are unhoused and 21 who are presently housed

We're trying something new! To help us gauge how effectively we are engaging Board Members through the Director's Report, we will include a hidden code somewhere in each Director's Report. [Click the link](#) to submit the code.

This month's code is: *Bloom*



Households Receiving Housing Assistance Payments



CMCA's Housing Assistance Program currently supports a total of **367 households**.

Strengthening Communities



Audrain County

CMCA is part of the new housing taskforce in Audrain and is working on offering a Landlord Forum to discuss Weatherization, Housing Choice Voucher, Ready to Rent and other programs that might help if tenants fall behind on rent.

The Mexico Senior Expo was held in early April and featured 57 vendors. This was the largest Senior Expo to date.



Cole County

Transitional Housing and Open Doors are currently exploring options for potential partnerships and/or buildings for our services. The Capital City Housing Annual Conference will be held April 28th. Tickets are available for the conference through [this link](#).



Boone County

New Community Organizer Onni Flint completed her Community Action Poverty Simulation Facilitator Training. We have two Poverty Simulations planned for MU School of Nursing students.



Callaway County

In partnership with CMCA, the Minnesota Housing Partnership shared a presentation on creating a housing trust fund with members of the Show Me Strong Communities Housing Taskforce. The Housing Taskforce also hosted a Tenant Credit Reporting, Rights & Responsibilities session in partnership with Mid-Missouri Legal Services.

The Capital City Housing Task Force
presents

CAPITAL CITY HOUSING CONFERENCE

**MONDAY,
APRIL 28, 2025**

9 AM - 3 PM



Honoring our Roots;
Building our Future

WWW.CAPITALCITYHOUSINGTASKFORCE.ORG

Strengthening Communities



Cooper & Howard Counties

Despite some pretty intense weather, fifty-five people attended the Boonslick Education & Employment Expo to learn about career and education options.

We are celebrating the opening of our new CMCA office in the Keller Building in Fayette with family fun, food, and games on April 26th.



Moniteau & Osage Counties

CMCA and other partners in the Osage County Community Helpers group put together fifty resource boxes that were taken to local businesses and churches for those in need.

A new, non-profit childcare program has opened in Moniteau County! The program will serve 35 children, with the intent to expand to serve additional school-aged children over the summer. The center was the direct result of community conversations around childcare led by MRED and Show Me Strong Communities partners.



Childcare Village Inc NOW ENROLLING

for Childcare

707 E Smith St

California Mo

Monday-Friday

Hours: 6:45 am - 5:45 pm

Full Day &
Part time
child care

Ages 6 weeks
to 5 years

Summer
Program
offered to
K-3rd grade

 Find us on
Facebook
Childcare Village Inc

 Contact us for
more information
childcarevillageinc@gmail.com

Childcare Village Inc is a nonprofit entity formed in 2024 with the mission to provide quality and reliable childcare. Focused on three pillars: Staff Support, Parent's Peace of Mind, and Community Involvement.



Family Well-Being

Early Childhood Program Updates

We have submitted our grant application that consolidates our two Head Start grants into one. If that is approved, beginning May 1st, we will only have one grant, which will streamline several administrative tasks. We are still waiting on approval for our enrollment reduction, but in the meantime, we have also received another Under Enrollment Letter from the Office of Head Start. Hopefully the enrollment adjustment gets approved so that we don't have to jump through hoops.

We are very short with our in-kind for the 8-county area and out of precaution, a request to wave a portion of the Non-Federal Share has been submitted.

CMCA was recognized by the Missouri Head Start Association for having so many awesome staff! We won 4 of the 7 possible categories. Congrats again to our very deserving winners!

Family Advocate of the Year
Celine Flores

Family Leader of the Year
Kayce Wiecken
(parent at Centralia)

Teacher of the Year
Kelly Schrier

Staff Higher Education
Scholarship
Maddie Raynor

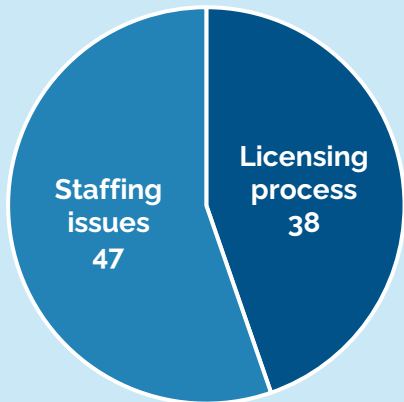


Head Start Enrollment & Attendance March 2025

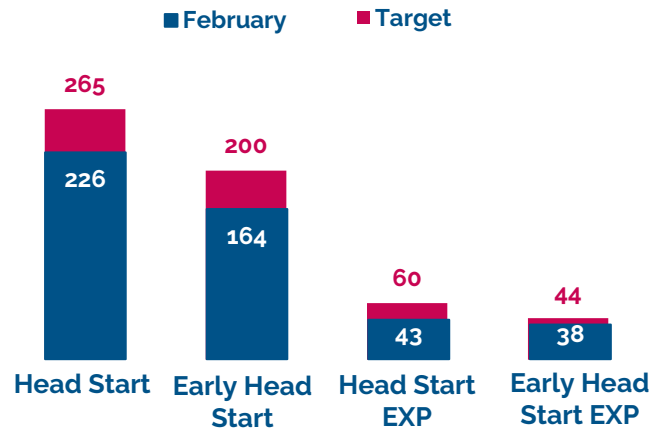


7 classroom closures

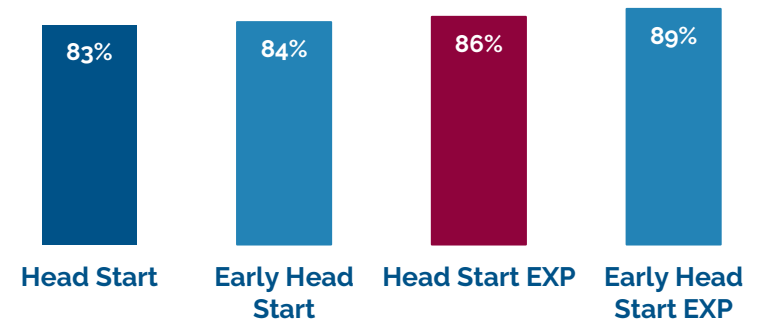
Children Affected by Site Closures



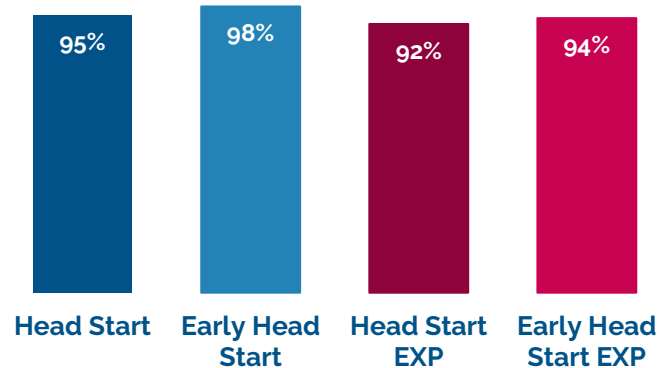
Actual Enrollment



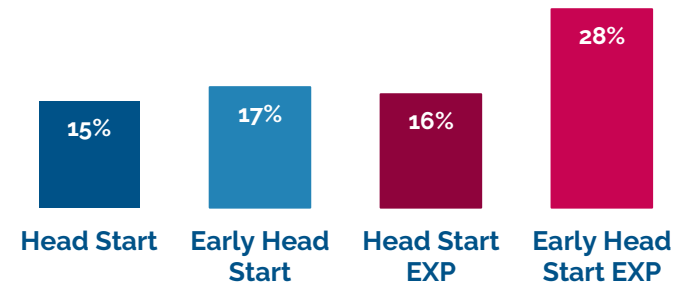
Average Daily Attendance



Income Eligible Enrollment



Disabilities Enrollment





Family Well-Being

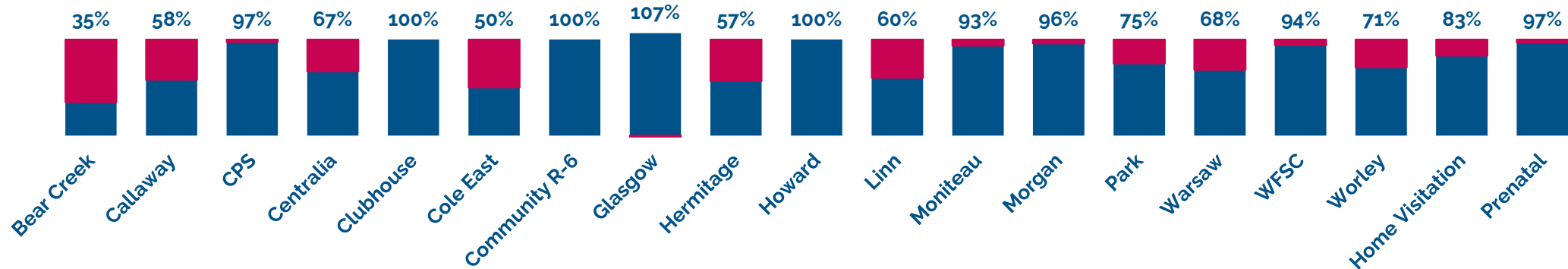
Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site

March 2025

End of Month Enrollment by Site

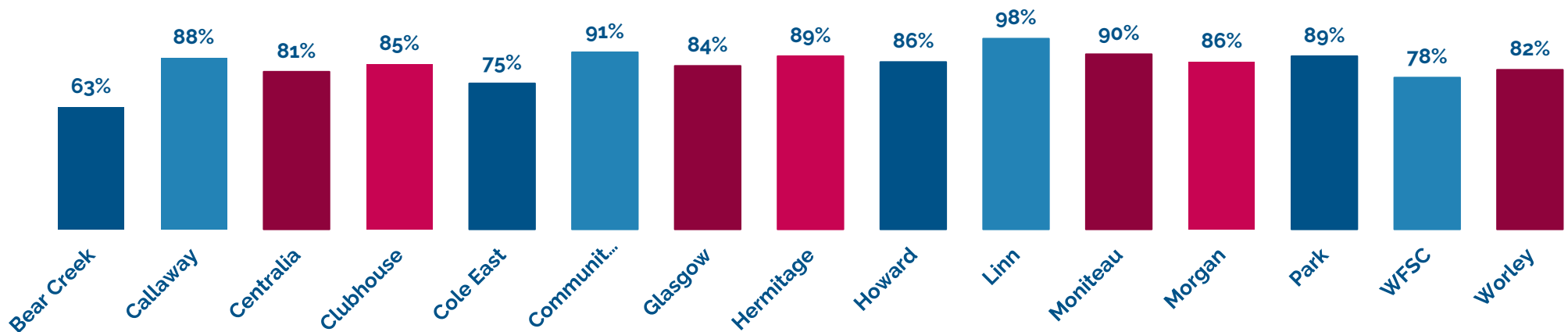
as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment

■ % of Funded enrollment ■ % Vacant



Average Daily Attendance by Site

as a Percentage of Actual Enrollment



Family Well-Being

Head Start Classroom Snapshot

March 2025



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Behavior Reports
for Classroom Behaviors



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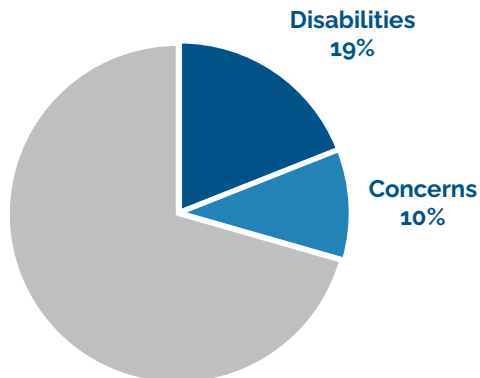
**Active Head Start
Staff Vacancies**
All HS Positions



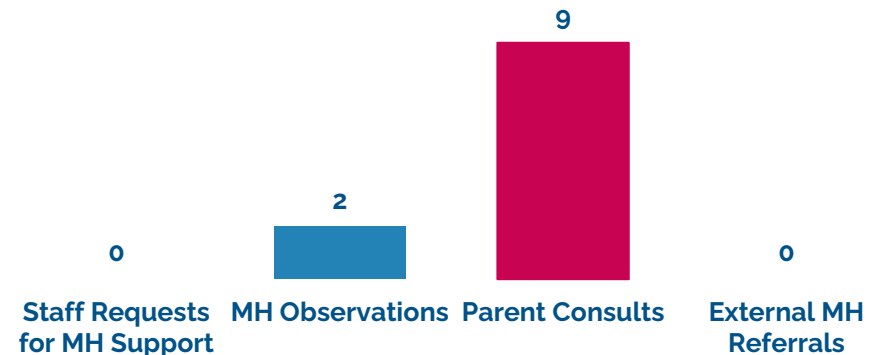
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**Staff Receiving
Intensive Coaching**
on Education &
Mental Health Topics

Classroom Children with Disabilities & Disabilities Concerns

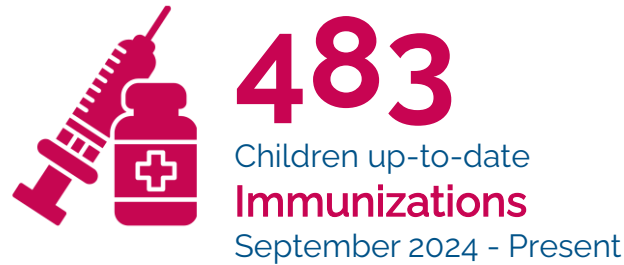


Classroom Mental Health Supports

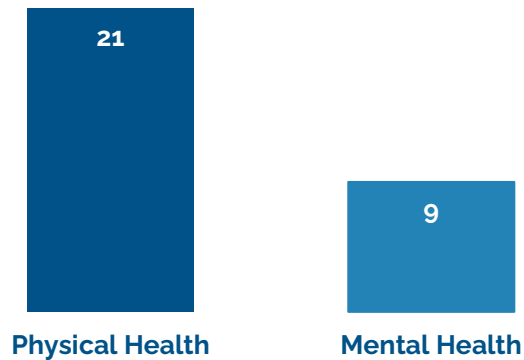


Family Well-Being

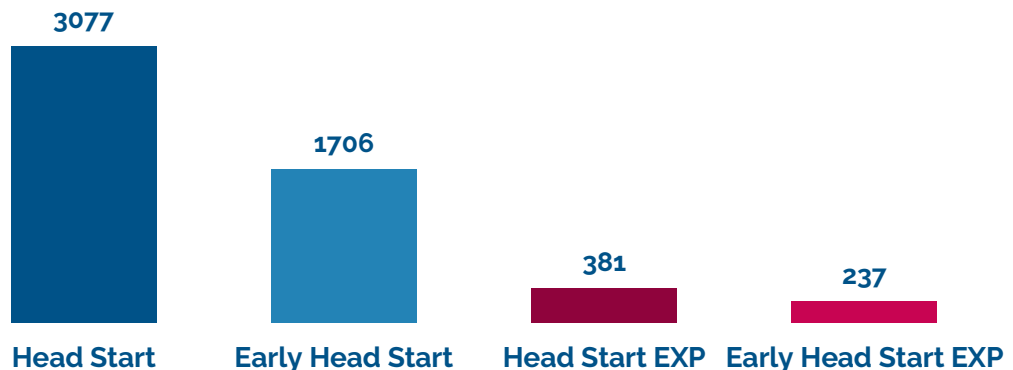
Health & Wellness



People with Improved Health



Head Start Meals Served (Determines CACFP Reimbursement)





Top Left: Celebrating Read Across America Week and the 100th Day of School at Centralia Head Start!

Bottom Left: Dancing the day away at Williams Family Support Center.

Bottom Right: Mexico Military Academy cadets hanging out with the kids at Williams Family Support Center.



ShowMe Healthy Relationships

SMHR's grant will end on September 30th, and we are applying for a new grant to continue services. We will continue to enroll participants through the end of June for our last series of relationships classes. Three additional classes will start in April and May. We will also continue to attend statewide events through the middle of June.



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**Single Adults
Completed
Relationships Classes**

October 1, 2024 - Present

"I just finished with a class from the ShowMe Healthy Program and can't tell you how much my life has changed because of it. I have been in a lot of horrible relationships and thought that was all I deserved, but now I know that isn't true. The staff worked with me even through my anxiety and helped me be able to attend the classes and for the first time in my life I am proud of who I am... And it helped me figure out what I want to do to move toward my vision instead of always sabotaging myself and not completing anything. Nolanda and her team are the best. They didn't give up on me and Nolanda even met me on her own time to give me a pair of shoes that she had so I could use them for my job or I was going to be written up. She really made me see what kindness is without expecting something in return."

~ CMCA Member

