

Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Lisa Cummins, Assistant Head Start Director, our July Employee of the Month! Her peer nomination reads:

"Lisa has demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication during an especially challenging period. With a key staff member on extended leave and a vacant site leadership position under that individual, the nominee has stepped up in remarkable ways.

She has taken on direct oversight of one of the program's facilities, maintained supervisory support for the team impacted by the staff absence, and continued to fulfill all of her regular responsibilities without hesitation. In addition to managing day-to-day operations, she has proactively

researched and evaluated a new software system that will eventually be used across all sites in the program, ensuring future improvements to efficiency and coordination. Despite the significant added workload and stress, this individual has remained focused, organized, and supportive of her team. Her commitment, flexibility, and tireless work ethic make her a standout candidate for Employee of the Month."

Congratulations, Lisa! Your forward-thinking approach and ability to balance immediate needs with long-term improvements is incredibly impactful. Thank you for being a steady and positive presence for your team and the agency.

Check out our
newly redesigned
website!

cmca.us

Thank You to Our Generous Donors!



A huge thank you to Flat Branch Home Loans for their donation of \$4,850! In the month of June, they celebrated Homeownership Month by allowing clients closing a loan to select a nonprofit category to support. We were delighted to be chosen as one of these nonprofits!

We are so grateful to United Way of Central Missouri for selecting us as a recipient of a Community Support Grant! Their donation of \$6,468 will benefit our Head Start program.



Economic Stability

Agency Employment & Financial Coaching Outcomes October 2024-Present



40

Unemployed People
Placed in Jobs



11

People with an
**Increased Level
of Education**



54

People with
**Increased
Net Income**



34

People with
Increased Savings



23

People with
**IDA Matched
Savings**



29

People with
Reduced Debt



32

People with
**Improved Credit
Scores***



185

Non-energy related
**Crisis Requests
Fulfilled**

* Credit scores can be retrieved every 6 months.



Economic Stability

Agency Employment & Financial Coaching Outcomes October 2024-Present



9

New Businesses
Started



39

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



\$326K

Small business
Capital Infusions



1

Small business
Microloans



\$22K

Gross Sales
The Shops at Sharp End



1,508

Items Sold
The Shops at Sharp End



501

Total Customers
The Shops at Sharp End

Women's Business Center

The Summer 2025 FastTrac Cohort has officially launched and will run through early August. This session includes five participants who are diligently working on growing their businesses.

As part of the Como Cooks program, MOWBC staff worked closely with client Toby Keener of TNTDevine, LLC on her scholarship presentation. Toby's hard work paid off—she was selected as one of only two scholarship recipients this year. MoWBC provides coaching to all Como Cooks Scholarship winners, and we especially look forward to supporting Toby as she grows her small business.

Right: Entrepreneur Toby Keener of TNTDevine LLC



The MOWBC held the final informational meeting for the Rural LISC/Verizon Digital Readiness Grant. We have already reached our goal of 100 registrants! This milestone reflects the strong interest in and value of the free educational platform, which continues to support our clients in furthering their business knowledge.

The Women Who Own It Awards Committee members are actively securing sponsorships and creating county-themed baskets for a silent auction, which is a new addition to our event this year. Nominations for the 2025 Women Who Own It Awards open on August 15th. Be sure to nominate your favorite women-owned small business!!

Financial Education

Financial Opportunity Center® Coaches partnered with First State Community Bank to hold a financial literacy class in Cooper County. The session focused on banking basics, covering types of accounts, common financial terms, security and fraud prevention, identity protection, and an introduction to basic lending concepts.

In Tipton, staff shared re-entry resources at Tipton Prison and talked with employees at the Tipton Correctional Center Health and Resource Fair. FOC staff also toured the Hitachi facility in Boonville to explore new workforce opportunities.

Right: Presenters from First State Community Bank

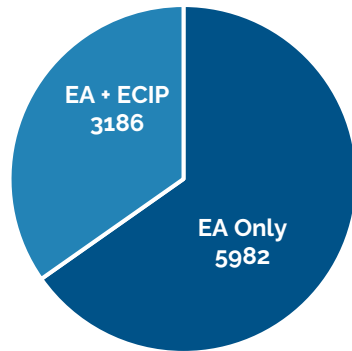


Economic Stability

Total Households Receiving Energy Assistance

October 2024-Present

Total: 9,168



Total Energy Assistance Applications Processed

Eligible	1
Ineligible	799
Direct Pay	87
Supplier Approved	4,490
Supplier Denials	32
Reapplications	573
ECIP Applications	3186
Total Applications	9,168



\$1,168,317

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.

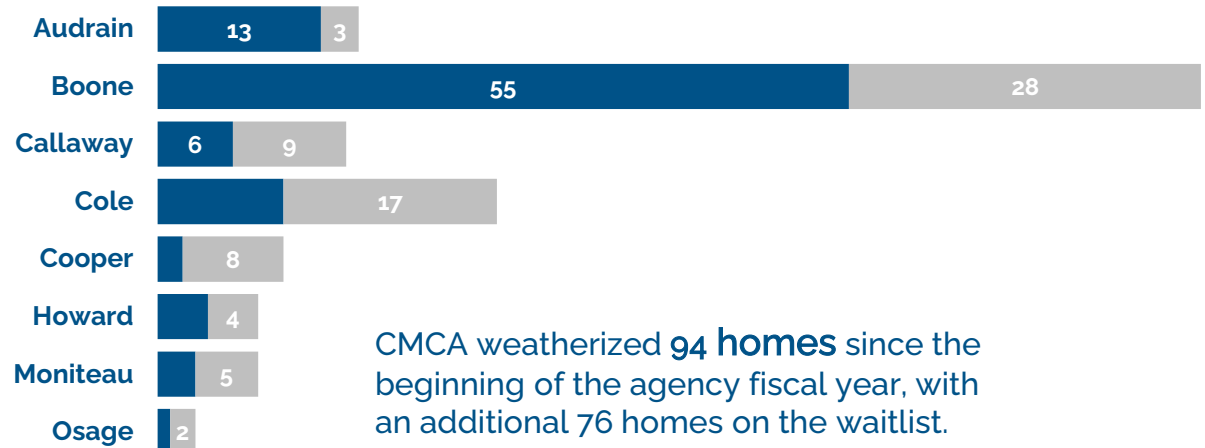


\$8,967

Average invested in each
Weatherized Home
October 2024 - Present

Weatherized Homes

■ Homes Completed ■ Waitlist



CMCA weatherized **94 homes** since the beginning of the agency fiscal year, with an additional 76 homes on the waitlist.

Stronghold Landing Groundbreaking



We have officially broken ground on the Stronghold Landing housing development in Jefferson City!

CMCA presented awards to the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce President/CEO for their support of this initiative.





Economic Stability

Stronghold Landing Groundbreaking



Economic Stability



9 Tenants Paying Full Rent

Will graduate HCV after six months of paying full rent



433

Households on HCV Waitlist

Housing Choice Voucher



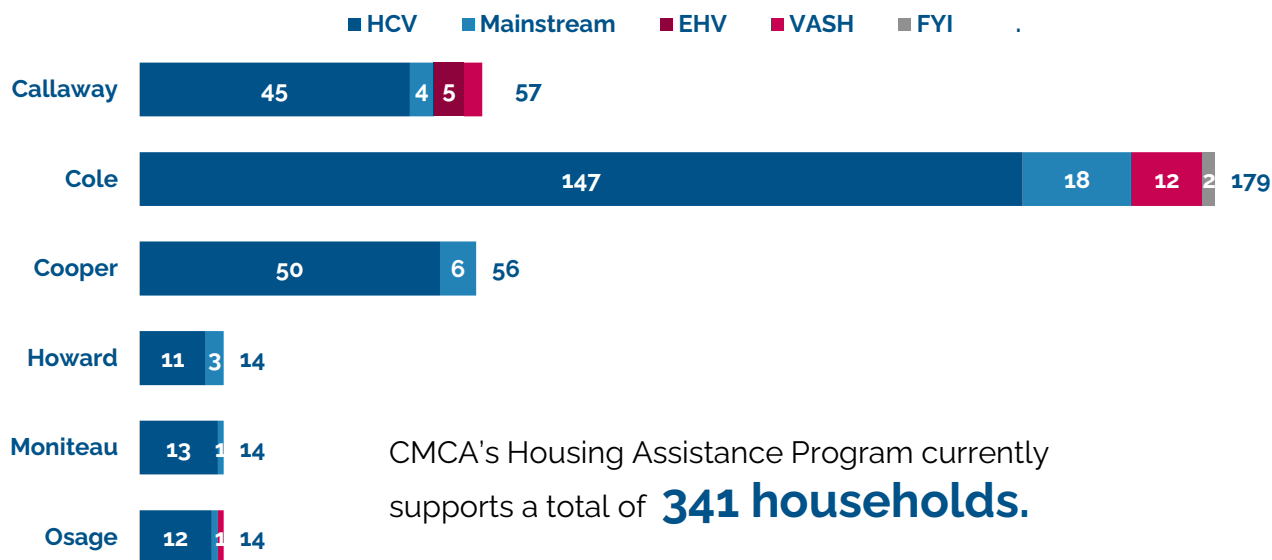
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Outstanding Housing Vouchers

Includes 6 households who are unhoused and 19 who are presently housed

The Housing team held our first ever NSPIRE regulation seminars for our landlords in June and July. The landlords that attended provided great feedback and got a lot of wonderful information from the afternoon to make sure their units are HCV ready and compliant. We encourage any and all landlords (not just those who accept HCV vouchers), maintenance staff, and rental property owners to attend to attend upcoming NSPIRE seminars.

Households Receiving Housing Assistance Payments



CMCA's Housing Assistance Program currently supports a total of **341 households**.

Strengthening Communities



Audrain County

CMCA partnered with the Audrain County Shelter Resource Coalition to offer coaching services to transitional housing residents. The Family Success Coach will support residents in budgeting, finding a job, and housing through weekly coaching. FOC staff will provide additional financial planning education on a monthly basis.



Boone County

Multiple CMCA programs were represented at Boone County's Project Homeless Connect event, which had a huge turnout. We also hosted tables at various community events, including Family Fun Fest, the Daniel Boone Regional Library, and the Welcome Home Application Blitz,



Callaway County

The Early Education Coalition has placed six high school students into early education worksites under the apprenticeship program, and two additional students will begin in August. Five of the eight students receive WIOA services.

The Short-term Health Occupation Team is offering Certified Nursing Assistant training this fall. SHOT is led by CMCA in partnership with Job Point, COPIC, Kingdom Care, and the health department.

CMCA facilitated poverty simulations for the Missouri Behavioral Health Council's Missouri Connection Conference for various social service agencies across Missouri. St. Louis Probation and Blue Springs Police Department requested simulations for their area after participating and have been referred to community action agencies in their counties.

Here is this month's hidden code!
[Click the link](#) to submit the code.

This month's code is: *Vacation*



The Harlem Wizards are returning October 15th to raise money to support housing efforts in Callaway County. We are actively recruiting for sponsorships and engagement for another successful event!

Strengthening Communities



Cole County

The City of Jefferson City Council voted to waive the existing \$14,000 liens on a lot at 410 E. Hess Way. CMCA is pursuing purchasing this lot to build an affordable home.

JCRATI (Housing the Community – Jefferson City) hosted a well-attended press conference to advocate for a permanent location for our cold weather shelter. The event received strong media coverage, including a feature in the News Tribune. We're hopeful that this visibility will generate promising leads.

Representatives from City Council, local organizations, Empower Missouri, and other stakeholders engaged in productive discussions regarding community land banks. It was ultimately determined that the current number of properties is insufficient to support the establishment of a formalized land bank through the city at this time.



Cooper & Howard Counties

Ameren Missouri donated 28 Energy-Star certified window AC units to Ameren residential customers in Cooper and Howard Counties.

We received a large donation of adult socks and 875 personal hygiene kits from the Isle of Capri which have been popular with our members. The Boonslick Basic Needs Community Action Team received an additional 100 pairs child-sized socks from Milestones Day Care for the Back-to-School Clothing Drive.



Strengthening Communities



Moniteau & Osage Counties

Moniteau County held a Back to School Fair. CMCA helped distribute 450 bags of school supplies and 120 body care bags.

We partnered with United Way and the Moniteau County Health Center to provide a Safe Sitter Course for eight teenagers to learn essential skills for staying home alone and caring for young children.

In Osage County, Shop with a Hero held a pork burger sale to raise funds that will allow 40 children to shop with local law enforcement in December.

CMCA helped launch a survey to measure interest in a senior center that would provide a place for seniors to socialize, gain resources, and a meal. The survey will help determine if there is enough interest to sustain the program.

The 5th Annual Taste of Osage will be held September 13th, featuring nearly fifty local vendors. Please join us and support Osage small businesses!





Family Well-Being

Early Childhood Updates

The Benton County Early Learning Center is finally ready to open! All of the red tape has been managed, and we're finally open to Head Start children and families! The center just received new playground equipment, and the kids are eager to try it out. We invite you to join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 25th at noon in Warsaw.

The FY26 Senate Appropriations Committee adopted and sent to the Senate floor a bill that increases Head Start funding for Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) by \$85 million! That is good news for Head Start, and we will keep you updated as more information comes out. We are still waiting for guidance from the Office of Head Start on how to proceed with eligibility requirements.



Monday, August 25



12:00 p.m.



31667 Hwy 83
Warsaw, MO 65355



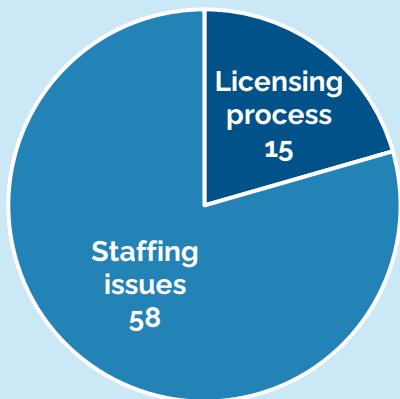
Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance June 2025



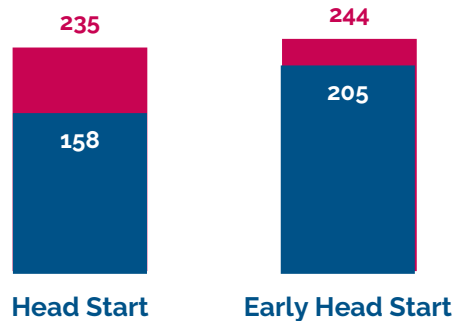
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Children Affected by Site Closures

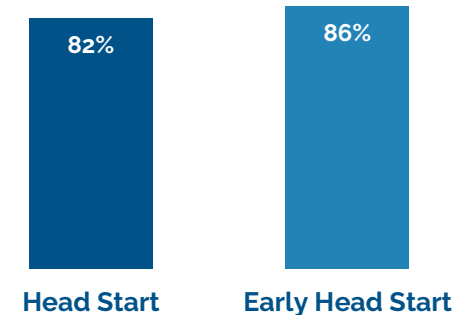


Actual Enrollment

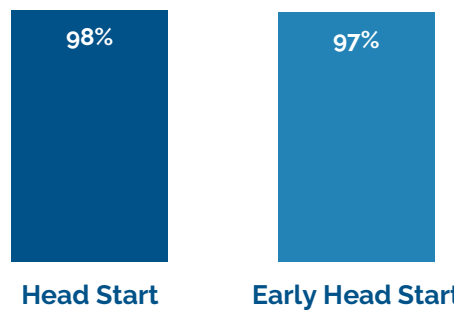
■ June ■ Target



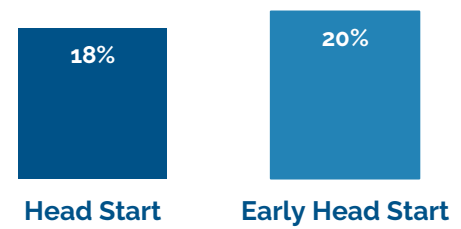
Average Daily Attendance



Income Eligible Enrollment



Disabilities Enrollment



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Family Well-Being

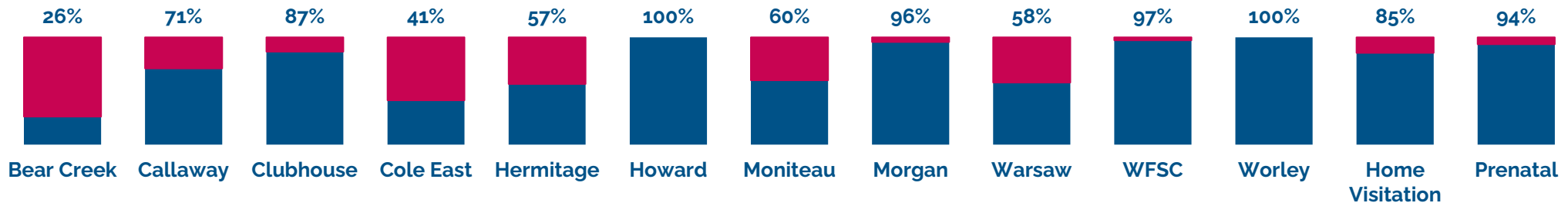
Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site

June 2025

End of Month Enrollment by Site

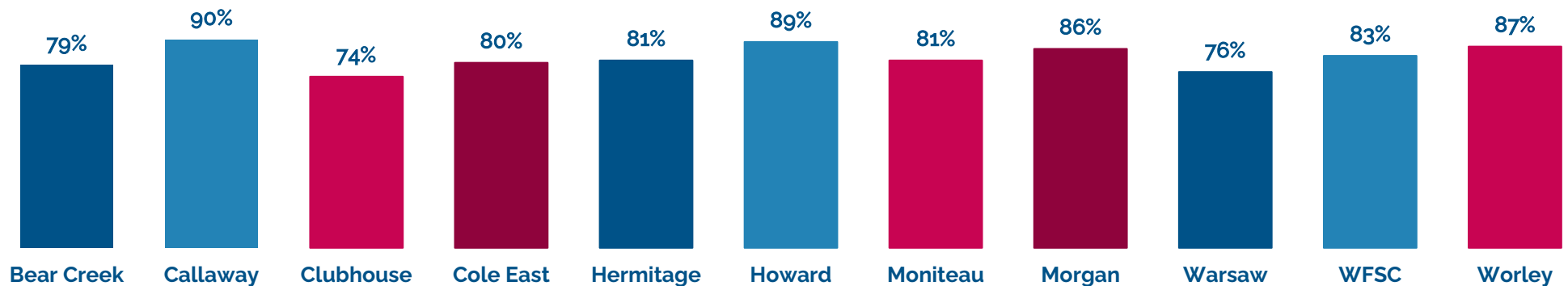
as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment

■ % of Funded enrollment ■ % Vacant



Average Daily Attendance by Site

as a Percentage of Actual Enrollment



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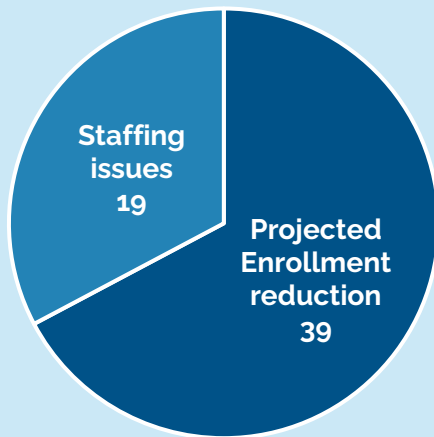
Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance July 2025



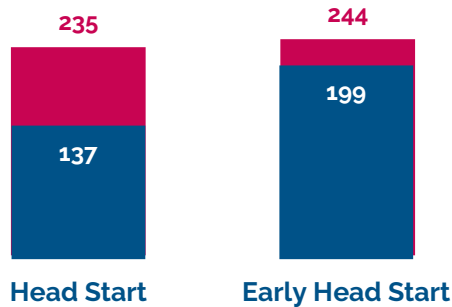
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Children Affected by Site Closures

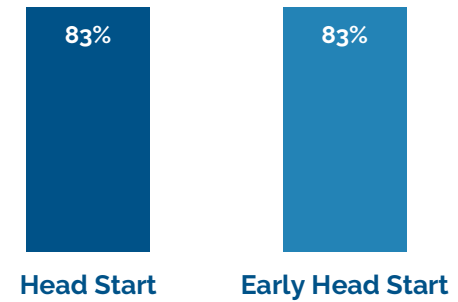


Actual Enrollment

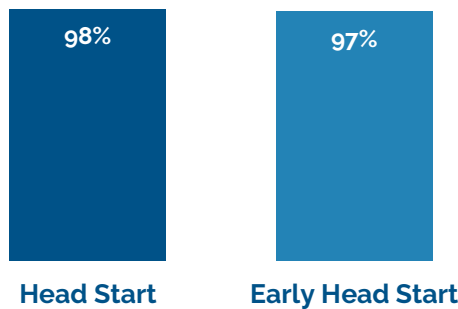
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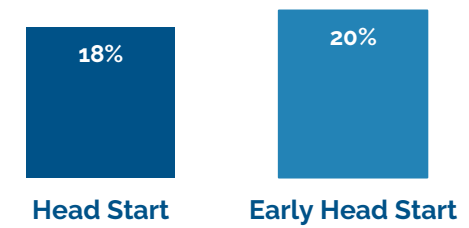
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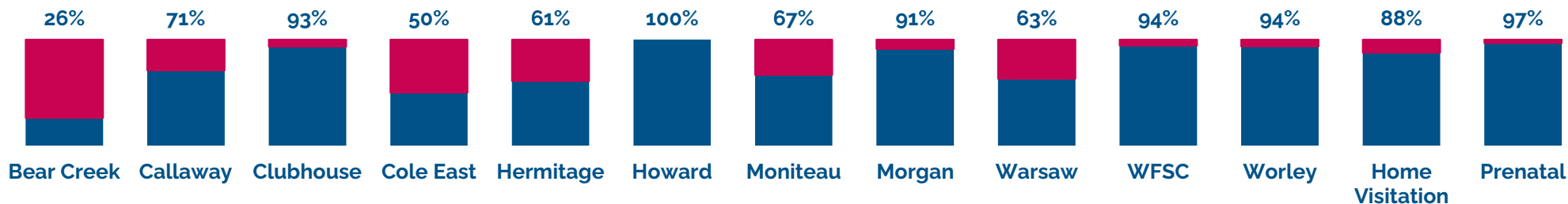
Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site July 2025

End of Month Enrollment by Site

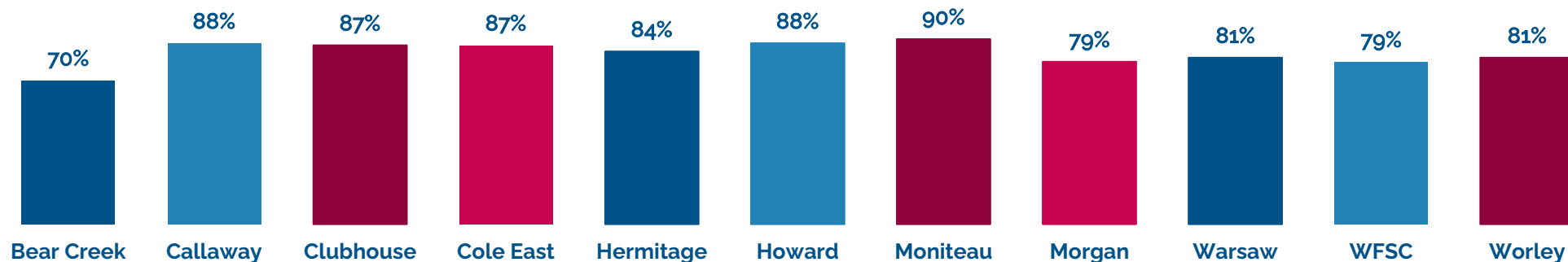
as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment

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Average Daily Attendance by Site

as a Percentage of Actual Enrollment



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Family Well-Being

Head Start Classroom Snapshot

July 2025



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Behavior Reports
for Classroom Behaviors



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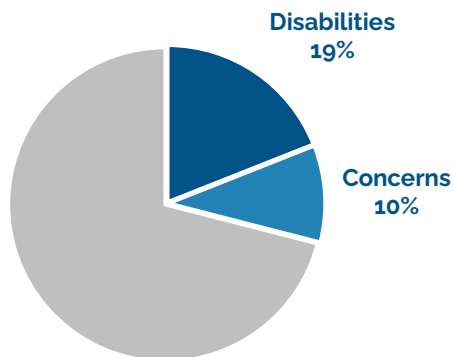
**Active Head Start
Staff Vacancies**
All HS Positions



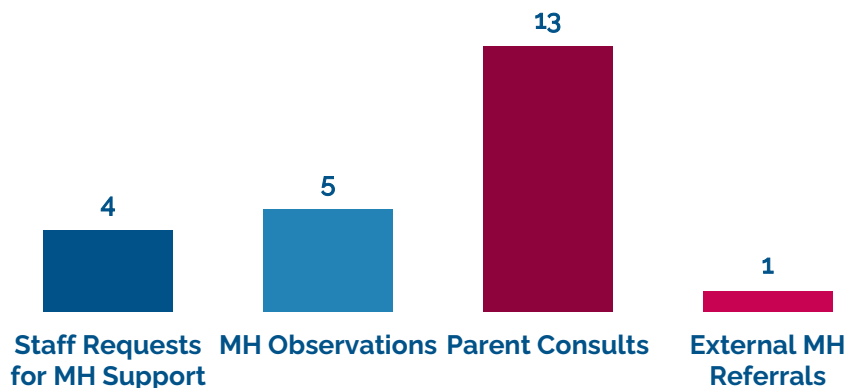
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**Staff Receiving
Intensive Coaching**
on Education &
Mental Health Topics

Classroom Children with Disabilities & Disabilities Concerns



Classroom Mental Health Supports



Health & Wellness



702

Children received
Health Screenings
October 2024 - Present



81

Children received
**Follow-Up Medical
or Dental Care**
September 2024 - Present



529

Children up-to-date
Immunizations
September 2024 - Present



662

Children up-to-date on
Physical Exams
September 2024 - Present

Head Start Meals Served (Determines CACFP Reimbursement)

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4124



Head Start

3244



Early Head Start



Health & Wellness



93

People obtained
Health Insurance
October 2024 - Present

77

People with
**Improved
Physical Health**
October 2024 - Present



26

People with
**Improved
Mental Health**
October 2024 - Present

Keeping Informed

Multiple CMCA staff attended a recent statewide Missouri Rural Food Access Partnership meeting to learn about the potential impacts of new federal legislation on various sectors of the food system. Staff participated in discussions focusing on food access in communities and schools and how that ties into the social determinants of health.

Community Organizer Cheri Cherry serves on the Cooper County Health Improvement Planning Committee's Health Education, Nutrition and Obesity sub-committees. During the initial meeting, the group developed a result statement, or goal, for their work and began developing a survey to collect data from WIC recipients about their needs.

Healthcare Advocates attended the June Cover Missouri conference and gained updates on local, state, and federal levels on Medicaid and the Missouri Marketplace, including changes for children of immigrants and changes in tax credit eligibility.





Social Connections

ShowMe Healthy Relationships

ShowMe Healthy Relationships staff are busy wrapping up summer classes and connecting members to other agency programs. The program has completed its final grant year, and we are awaiting information from the University of Missouri's ability to renew the grant pending federal funding cuts. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.



Save the Date!



TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

GET YOURS STARTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

HARLEM WIZARDS LIVE!
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
7:00 P.M.
NEW BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

