

July Employee of the Month



Head Start – putting children and families first, no matter the challenge. Johnna's flexibility, teamwork and tireless dedication are impressive. We are so fortunate to have someone so dependable, caring, and hardworking as part of our Head Start family."

Congrats, Johnna! Thank you for your flexibility, positive attitude, and commitment to helping your team succeed. We appreciate all you do and are proud to recognize your outstanding contributions.

Congratulations to Johnna Dopplick, Worley Head Start Site Director, our July Employee of the Month! Here's what an administrator had to say about Johnna:

"Johnna not only leads Worley Head Start with dedication and heart, she also consistently steps in wherever help is needed. Worley does not have a cook at the moment, and Johnna has been cooking and delivering meals. Johnna has also been in the classroom when they are short on teachers. Her willingness to serve in multiple capacities reflects the spirit of



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

This month's code is: *fairgrounds*

June Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Brooklyn Strickland, SkillUP Family Success Coach, our June Employee of the Month! Here's why Brooklyn was nominated:

"Brooklyn is the **ONLY** SkillUP Coach for the counties we serve. She not only covers the SkillUP program, but also Columbia

Employment & Training (CETI), and she aids in training new employees for SkillUP and Financial Opportunity Center® (FOC). She juggles a lot on her schedule, is a team player, and a hard worker. She is always helpful, friendly, and genuinely cares about people. I don't believe that she ever gets the credit that she fully deserves. She should be celebrated.

Congrats, Brooklyn! Thank you for bringing such great energy and dedication to your role. We appreciate all you do to support CMCA's mission.



Agency Operations

CMCA Member Survey: Selected Results

Spring 2026

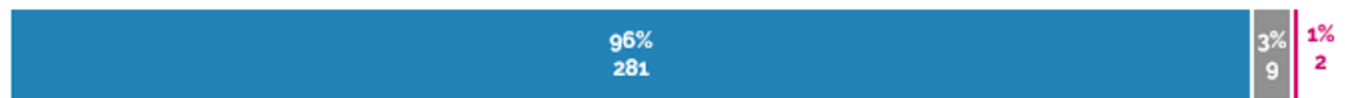
292 responses

Strongly Agree/Agree Neutral or Not Sure Disagree / Strongly disagree

CMCA staff are welcoming
& respectful of families.



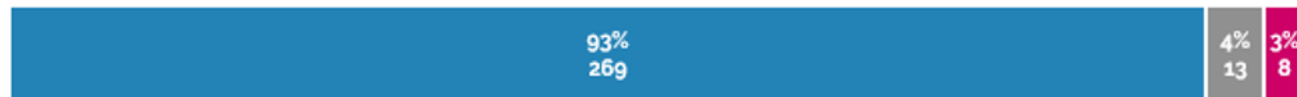
Staff help me find ways to
meet my family's needs.



Staff talk with me about
my family's strengths.



Staff tell me about
other programs &
services from CMCA.



Staff communicate well.



Economic Stability

Agency Employment & Financial Coaching Outcomes July 2026



28

Unemployed People
Placed in Jobs



13

People with an
**Increased Level
of Education**



39

People with
**Increased
Net Income**



41

People with
Increased Savings



11

People with
**IDA Matched
Savings**



11

People with
Reduced Debt



18

People with
**Improved Credit
Scores***



212

Non-energy related
**Crisis Requests
Fulfilled**



15

**New Businesses
Started**



17

**New Full-Time &
14 Part-Time
Jobs Created
through small business**

* Credit scores can be retrieved every 6 months.

Employment & Training Programs



We had an excellent turnout at the Car Care Clinic at Rusty Drawing in Cole County. All participants received a free oil change and learned valuable vehicle maintenance skills. Rusty Drawing is willing to work with our members by providing vehicle maintenance and repairs at a discounted, tax-exempt rate when applicable.

The Callaway Car Care Clinic also had a great turnout. Cars 4 Missouri presented information about their program, and a mechanic demonstrated basic vehicle maintenance skills, including how to check engine oil and



perform routine maintenance checks. Each participant received a gift card for attending and had the opportunity to connect with FOC staff and United Credit Union.

Another car care clinic is scheduled in August for Cooper County.

Women Doing Good Awards



Congratulations to our very own Nadia Ryakhmyatullova, Business Education Instructor, a 2026 Women Doing Good Awardee! Nadia joined an incredible group of leaders from across Columbia. This recognition is especially fitting because not only does Nadia serve entrepreneurs through her work with the Missouri Women's Business Center, but she also dedicates her time and talents to serving others through Love Columbia and through her own business, Nadia R. Coaching, where she empowers individuals to reach their full potential. We are so proud to see her recognized for the impact she makes.

Entrepreneurship

We were honored to welcome representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration District Offices in Kansas City and St. Louis to the Missouri Women's Business Center. The visit provided an opportunity to highlight the impact of our work across Central Missouri and share how we support entrepreneurs through one-on-one coaching, training, access to capital, and specialized programming.

One program that generated significant interest was our Childcare Business Cohort and Certification Program, led by Business Coach Nicci Rexroat. This program equips childcare providers and aspiring entrepreneurs with the business knowledge needed to build sustainable operations while helping address childcare shortages throughout Missouri.





Capital Access Program

The Capital Access Program Loan Review Committee approved a \$25,000 microloan to support the final purchase of The Connection Exchange, helping ensure the successful transition of ownership and positioning the business for continued growth and long-term sustainability.

In addition, two more entrepreneurs are nearing readiness to present to the Loan Review Committee. These opportunities include a restaurant in Cooper County and a catering business in Boone County, reflecting continued demand for affordable capital from businesses in both rural and urban communities.



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Small business
Microloans



\$1M

Small business
Capital Infusions
October 2025-July 2025

The Shops at Sharp End

June marked a significant transition for The Shops at Sharp End as the ARPA grant reached its planned conclusion. CMCA will continue providing staffing coverage through the end of September. REDI assumed responsibility for participant communications, providing a seamless transition as partners continue working together to identify long-term sustainability strategies for The Shops at Sharp End.

Entrepreneurs participating in the Branding Matters Initiative received a comprehensive package of professional marketing materials. Each business received a booth kit, including a vendor tent and table for use at community markets and pop-up events, a professionally designed branded pull-up banner, custom business cards, professional photography, and branding guides to help establish consistent messaging and visual identity.

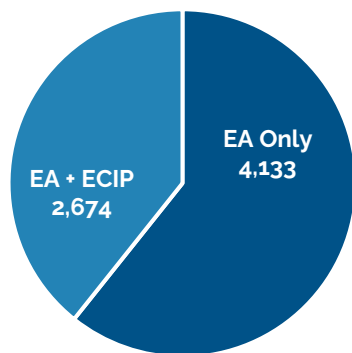
In addition to these tangible resources, participants participated in a transition planning training focused on identifying the next best step for their business. Through this training, each entrepreneur developed an individualized action plan to help navigate the transition following the end of grant-funded services and continue building sustainable businesses.

Economic Stability

Total Households Receiving Energy Assistance

October 2025-Present

Total: 6,807



Total Energy Assistance Applications Processed

Eligible	0
Ineligible	1,021
Direct Pay	80
Supplier Approved	4,053
Supplier Denials	37
Reapplications	465
ECIP Applications	12,674
Total Applications	8,330



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Emergency/Crisis Energy Assistance*

October 2025 – Present

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

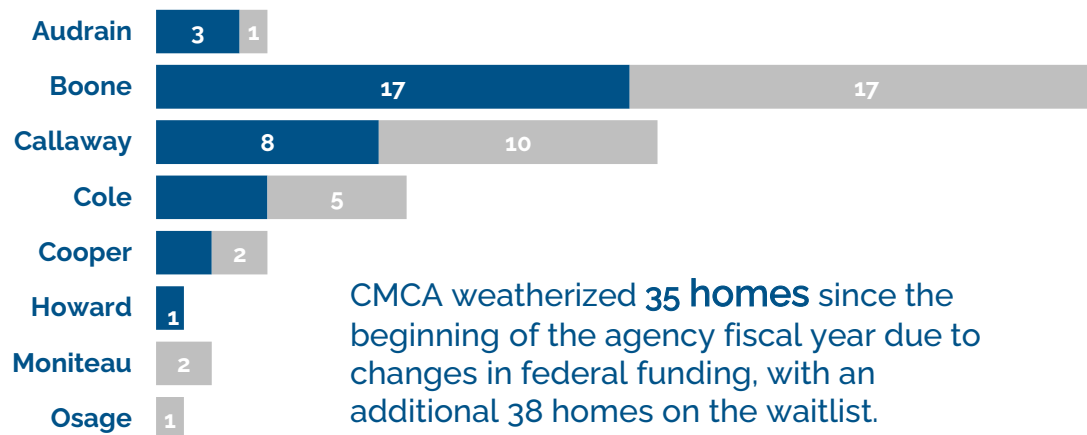


\$9,738

Average invested in each
Weatherized Home
October 2025 - Present

Weatherized Homes

■ Homes Completed ■ Waitlist



CMCA weatherized **35 homes** since the beginning of the agency fiscal year due to changes in federal funding, with an additional 38 homes on the waitlist.

Economic Stability



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Tenants Paying Full Rent

Will graduate HCV after six months of paying full rent



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Households on HCV Waitlist

Housing Choice Voucher



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Outstanding Housing Vouchers

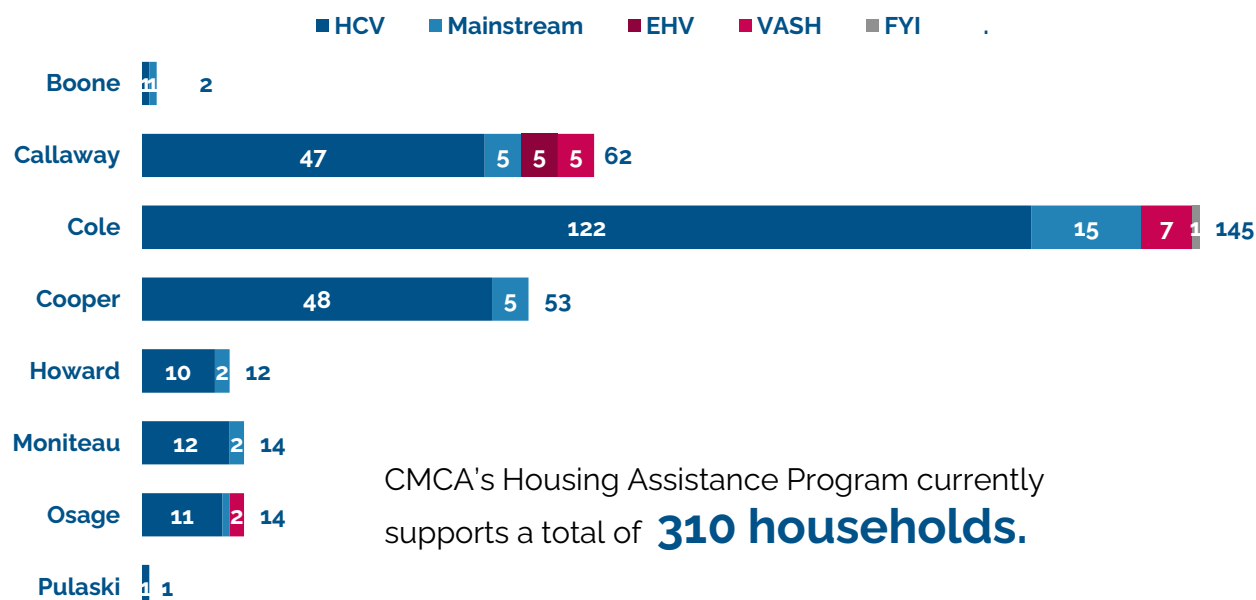
The Housing Choice Voucher waitlist has re-opened, and staff have already held the first briefing and provided vouchers.

With the help of extra Ameren funds, Weatherization was able to finalized several homes that we have been holding onto as we were waiting on new funding sources.

Housing Development Director Ben Burgett and Molly Carmichael did a podcast with Boone Electric in April, which is now available online!

<https://booneelectric.coop/podcast/episode-24-community-in-action/>

Households Receiving Housing Assistance Payments



CMCA's Housing Assistance Program currently supports a total of **310 households**.

Housing Development Updates

Our accessory dwelling unit on Fourth Avenue is close to being completed. We hope to have a Housing Choice Voucher participant renting in sometime in fall. We were able to showcase this ADU as well as Providence Landing during the Housing Hop, an event that highlighted different affordable housing solutions across Columbia.

We are gearing up to apply for LIHTC funds for our development in Fulton, North Brush Landing. This application is due in September, and funding will be announced in November.

Stronghold Landing in Jefferson City is coming along as scheduled. Construction should be completed late fall or early winter of this year.



ADU on 4th Avenue,
Columbia



Stronghold Landing,
Jefferson City

Strengthening Communities



Audrain County

The community identified health & food security as needs during CMCA's recent Community Conversations. As one of the action steps, Uplift Mid-Mo asked their partner churches to put up blessing boxes with non-perishable foods. In June, Mexico United Methodist Church held a ribbon cutting for the first blessing box. On the first day, the blessing box was restocked three times as community members used items to meet their needs.



Boone County

CMCA facilitated the final Community Conversation with our Boone County partners, and Transportation was identified as the community need the group will address. There was strong support for the idea of opening a community auto garage through partnerships between Job Point, the Columbia Career Center, and Cars 4 Missouri.



Callaway County

We hosted a car care clinic at Head Start that was very well attended. Partners included United Credit Union and Cars 4 Missouri.

Community Organizer Kellie Pontius has been very instrumental in garnering support for the North Brush Landing housing development. We received 21 letters of support, several financial commitments, and a revised letter of infrastructure costs from the City of Fulton due to Kellie's efforts.

Economic Stability

Strengthening Communities



Cole County

The Housing Strategy was finalized and presented to the Jefferson City Council. The Capital City Housing Task Force will now review the plan and begin developing action steps to implement its recommendations.

Community Organizer Stephani Thompson attended the annual Jefferson City Housing Conference, where she assisted with planning and event implementation. Housing Development Director Ben Burgett served as a panelist, providing updates on the progress of Stronghold Landing and answering questions from attendees about the project.



Cooper & Howard Counties

Ameren donated 25 energy-efficient window air conditioning units to be given to members. We also received 400 hygiene kits from the Isle of Capri for our members. The hygiene kits will also be distributed during the Basic Needs Community Action Team Back-to-School Clothing Drive.



Moniteau & Osage Counties

CMCA partnered with MU Extension and the WashU Public Health Task Force on Rural Health to hold a Rural Health Listening Session in Moniteau County. Multiple local health professionals attended to share perspectives, experiences and insights on rural health.

In Osage County, Shop with a Hero held a pork burger sale to raise money for the December event. We also participated in the annual Back to School Fair, giving away 320 bags of school supplies and food bundles.

Save the date! September 12th is the annual Taste of Osage event as well as the Moniteau County Healthy Lifestyles Glow Walk!

Early Childhood Updates

Summer is a busy time! The Admin Team completed our annual self-assessment process, reviewing our outcome data, revising processes, and developing staff trainings. Our new family assessment tool and change to more frequent family coaching showed very positive outcomes for families.

Worley Family Success Coach Eutanya Mauer attended the Conscious Discipline Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. This week-long professional development event focused on building social-emotional competence, enhancing relationships, and creating supportive environments.

Meanwhile, Jessica Keuster and Kristi Eaves, Family Success Coaches for Cooper and Callaway Counties, earned their Mental Health First Aid certification. This training helps prepare them to provide support to families in times of mental health crisis.

At Moniteau Head Start, children welcomed the Missouri Department of Conservation. They explored sensory play with slime and got creative drawing *under* the tables. At Williams Family Support Center, David Reetz from Mexico Music came and shared his talent with our Head Start kiddos. They loved being able to practice on the ukuleles! So much fun!





Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance June 2026



9

classroom
closures*

4 full closures
2 at reduced
capacity

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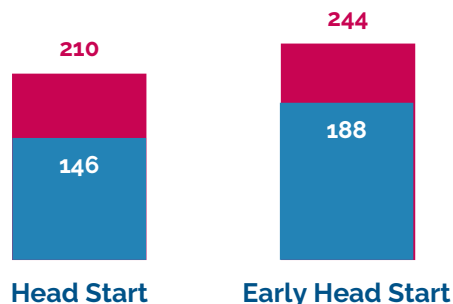
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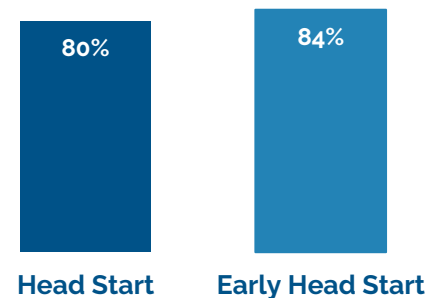
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Actual Enrollment

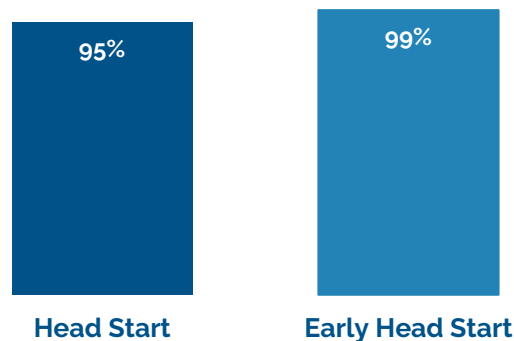
■ June ■ Target



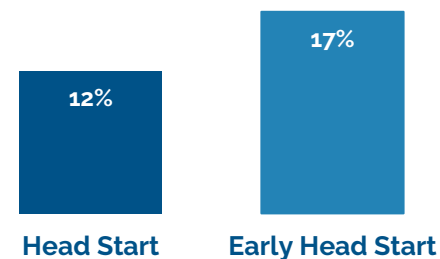
Average Daily Attendance



Income Eligible Enrollment



Disabilities Enrollment





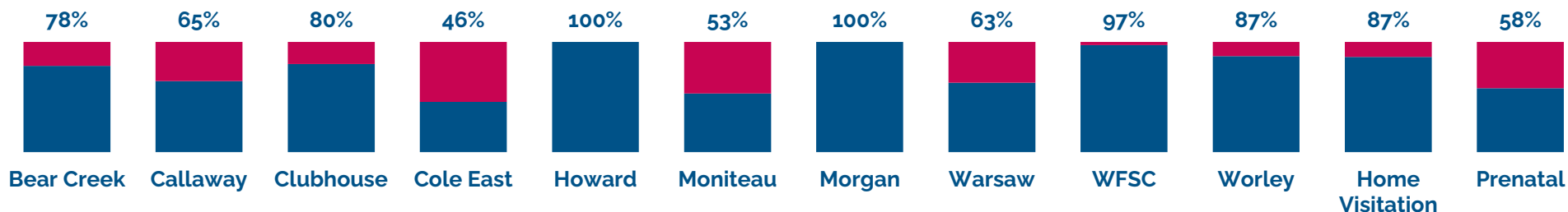
Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site May 2026

End of Month Enrollment by Site

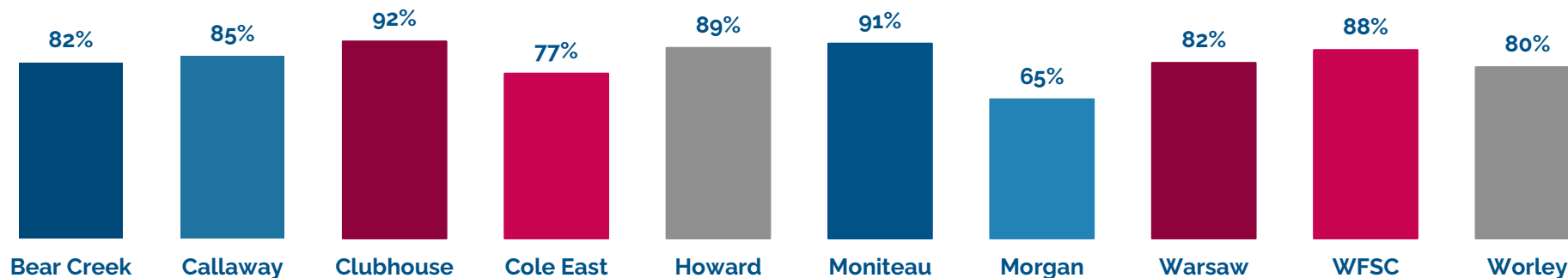
as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment

■ % of Funded enrollment



Average Daily Attendance by Site

as a Percentage of Actual Enrollment



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Family Well-Being

Head Start Classroom Snapshot

June 2026



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Behavior Reports
for Classroom Behaviors



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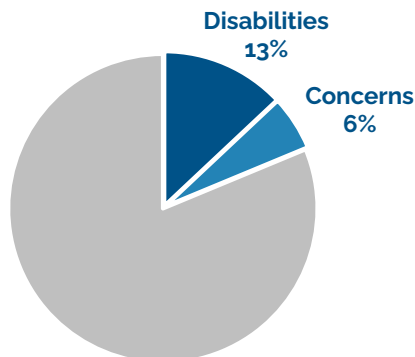
**Active Head Start
Staff Vacancies**
All HS Positions



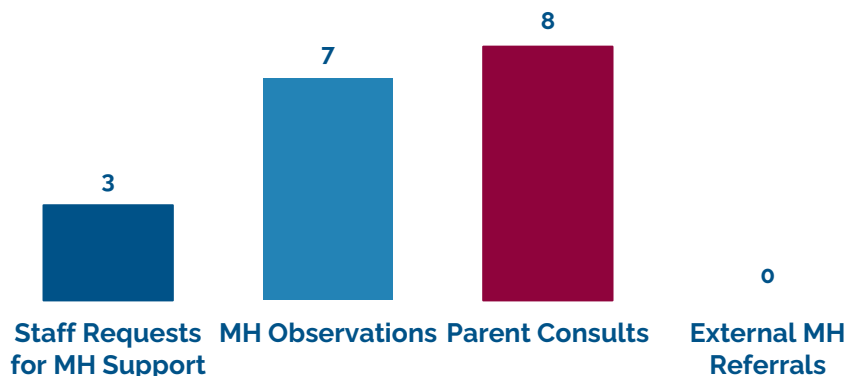
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Classroom Children with Disabilities & Disabilities Concerns



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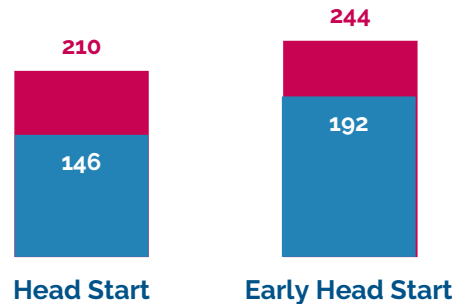
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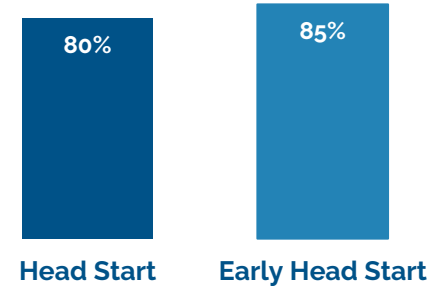
Actual Enrollment

■ July

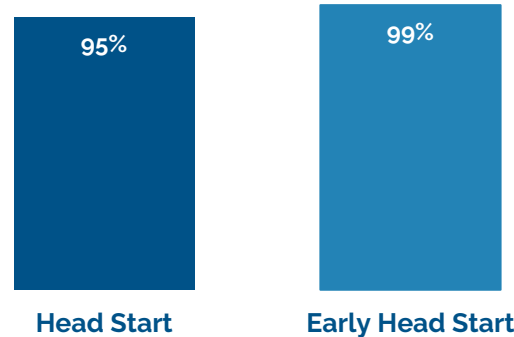
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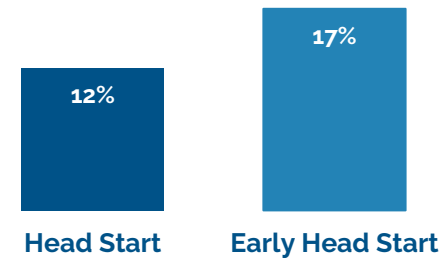
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Disabilities Enrollment



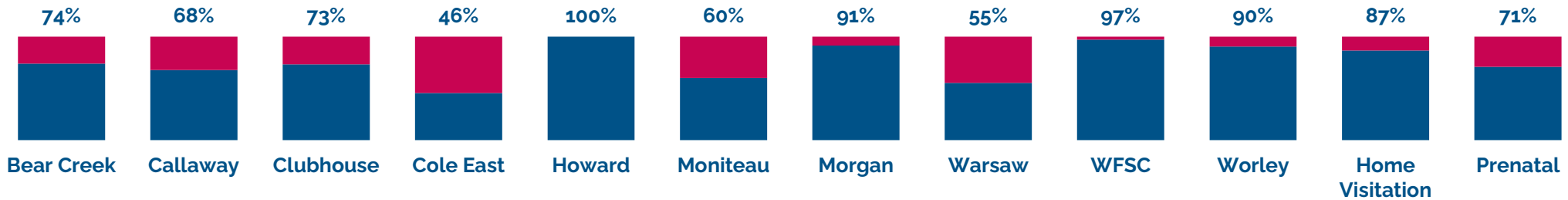


Family Well-Being

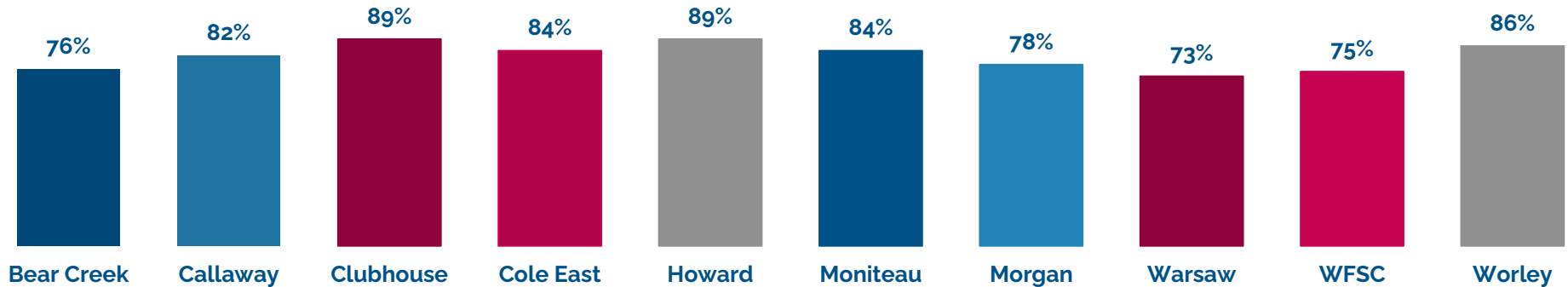
Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site July 2026

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

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July 2026



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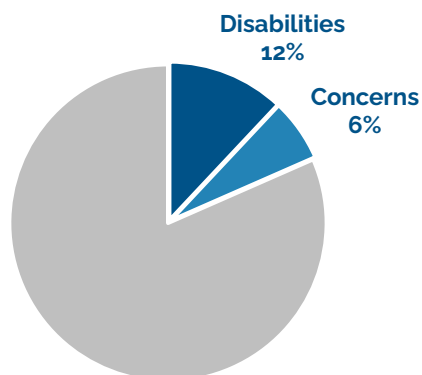
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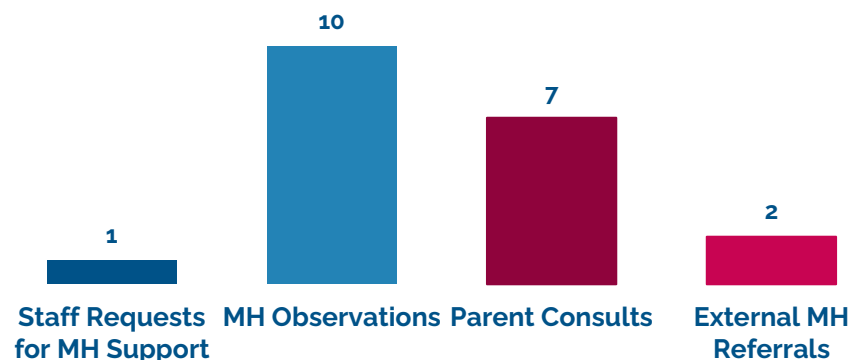
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Family Well-Being

Health & Wellness



598

Children received
Health Screenings



74

Children received
**Follow-Up
Medical or
Dental Care**



598

Children up-to-date
Immunizations



478

Children up-to-date on
Physical Exams



21

People obtained
Health Insurance
October 2025-Present

35

People with
**Improved
Physical Health**
October 2025-Present

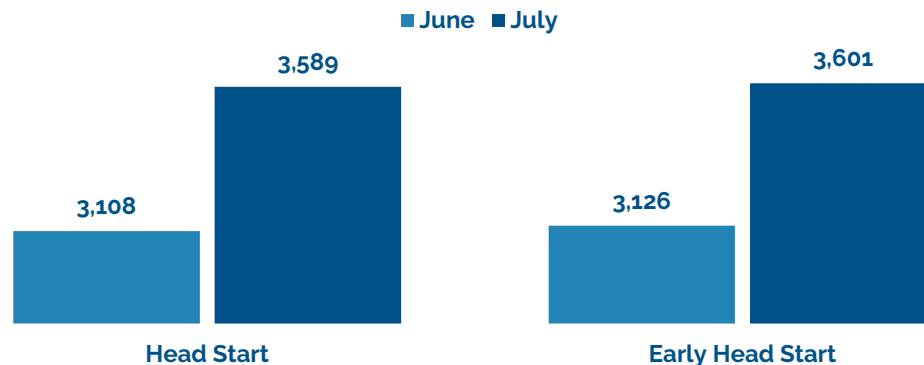


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People with
**Improved
Mental Health**
October 2025-Present



Head Start Meals Served (Determines CACFP Reimbursement)



BRIDGE End-of-Year Celebration

In June, we wrapped up the year with a carnival celebration for BRIDGE families. This year we were grateful for many volunteers from other departments to help make the event a huge success. BRIDGE staff hosted the annual teacher professional development training on a variety of topics from Personal Budgeting, Healthy Sleep habits, Empowered Classroom, Laugh Connect and Engage, and S.H.I.N.E, which focuses on matching up your passions and talents for greater success and fulfillment. Teachers are a big part of BRIDGE, and we look forward to this training every year.

