



Agency Operations

National Community Action Partnership Annual Convention



Congratulations to our newest Certified Community Action Professionals, Jenn Millard and Tawnya Pace! The CCAP certification process is quite extensive, involving an exam and development of a portfolio covering community action history, values, management, leadership, code of ethics, and theories of poverty. Congrats are also due to Beth Vossler and Brooke Eskridge on their CCAP renewals! All four staff received recognition at the NCAP Annual Convention.



CMCA was well represented at the 2026 National Community Action Annual Convention in St. Louis. Multiple staff assisted with a poverty simulation or presented sessions for their peers.

Over in the exhibit hall, CMCA launched the Community Data Explorer, a new data tool that provides agencies with comprehensive community assessment data customized to their service area. The tool significantly reduces staff burden associated with funding applications and with the triennial community assessment data. It also serves as fee-for-service opportunity for CMCA, with proceeds supporting the ongoing maintenance associated with the upcoming improvements to our data infrastructure.





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August Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Kristi Eaves, Callaway Family Success Coach, our August Employee of the Month! Here's why Kristi was nominated:

"I would like to nominate Kristi for Employee of the Month in recognition of the incredible impact she has on our team every single day. Simply put, she is my rock. Kristi consistently goes above and beyond, not just in her work, but in the way she supports everyone around her.

She is amazing at what she does and is always willing to step in and help, no

matter how busy she may be. Her positivity and reliability make a huge difference, and she is a constant source of encouragement and support and not just for me, but for every team member. You can always count on her to lend a hand, offer guidance, or just be there when someone needs it.

Kristi embodies what it means to be a true team player. She creates a welcoming, supportive environment and makes work better for everyone around her.

On another note, she also keeps energy high by generously sharing her daily stash of Diet Mt. Dew...proof that she fuels both the team's success and our caffeine needs!

Kristi is more than deserving of this recognition, and I'm grateful to work alongside her. She is truly a star!!"

Congrats, Kristi! Your dedication, positive attitude, and unwavering support for your coworkers make a lasting impact every day. Thank you for your hard work, dependability, and enthusiasm.

United Way of Central Missouri Donation



CMCA received a Community Support Grant of \$10,000 from United Way of Central Missouri to support our work. We are grateful for their continued support of CMCA and our members.



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

This month's code is: *data*

Economic Stability

Agency Employment & Financial Coaching Outcomes August 2026



29

Unemployed People
Placed in Jobs



14

People with an
**Increased Level
of Education**



41

People with
**Increased
Net Income**



49

People with
Increased Savings



13

People with
**IDA Matched
Savings**



17

People with
Reduced Debt



24

People with
**Improved Credit
Scores***



234

Non-energy related
**Crisis Requests
Fulfilled**



17

**New Businesses
Started**



18

**New Full-Time &
147Part-Time
Jobs Created
through small business**

* Credit scores can be retrieved every 6 months.



Economic Stability

Entrepreneurship

Congratulations to the graduates of our FastTrac cohort! Three entrepreneurs brought their families to graduation, presented their businesses, and answered questions about their ideas. For these entrepreneurs, it was their first time presenting their business concepts to an audience, providing a valuable opportunity to receive feedback in a supportive environment. Congratulations to Kate Corcoran (Little Stan Make Believe), China Hill-Lobue (Better Relationships, LLC), and Dusha Cecil (Cry of the Broken Counseling, LLC)!

Business Financial Coach Nicci Rexroat attended the MO-SECA Academy and participated in state-level lead stakeholder meetings. She also attended a ribbon cutting for a childcare client celebrating the opening of a new location, highlighting the growth and impact of our childcare business clients.

Community Development Director Jayme Prenger was invited to serve on the Jefferson City Chamber Childcare Works Advisory Board and attended her first meeting this month, strengthening our engagement with local and regional efforts to address childcare business and workforce needs.

The MOWBC team held a Business Blitz Day in Cooper County, visiting five small business. The team was joined by a representative from the St. Louis branch of the U.S. Small Business Administration District Office and members of the Boonville Area of Commerce.

Save the date for the 2026 Women Who Own It Awards! This event shines a spotlight on women-owned businesses for their innovation, leadership, perseverance, community impact, and contributions to our region's economy. Please plan to join us for an inspirational evening celebrating the women entrepreneurs who are helping our communities thrive.

SAVE THE *date*

WOMEN WHO OWN IT 2026
AWARDS

presented by THE Callaway Bank

05 NOVEMBER 2026

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM | DINNER 6PM
KIMBALL BALLROOM, STEPHENS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA, MO

Dress Code: Business or Formal Attire

POWERED BY SBA

MISSOURI WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER
a program of Central Missouri Community Action



Capital Access Program

The Capital Access Program approved a client for a microloan to purchase the Columbia City Lifestyle Magazine, providing the financing needed to support the acquisition and continued growth of the local publication.



5

Small business
Microloans

We also celebrated a milestone with Jade Yoga Studio, one of our Microloan Program participants, as they held their grand opening. Our team attended to celebrate this achievement and highlight the process made through access to capital and business support.



\$1.1M

Small business
Capital Infusions
Oct. 2025-Aug. 2026

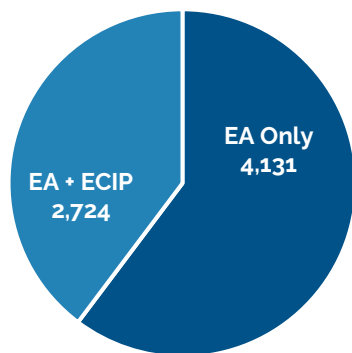


Economic Stability

Total Households Receiving Energy Assistance

October 2025-Present

Total: 6,855



Total Energy Assistance Applications Processed

Eligible	0
Ineligible	1,021
Direct Pay	80
Supplier Approved	4,051
Supplier Denials	37
Reapplications	465
ECIP Applications	2,941
Total Applications	8,595



\$1.1M

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.

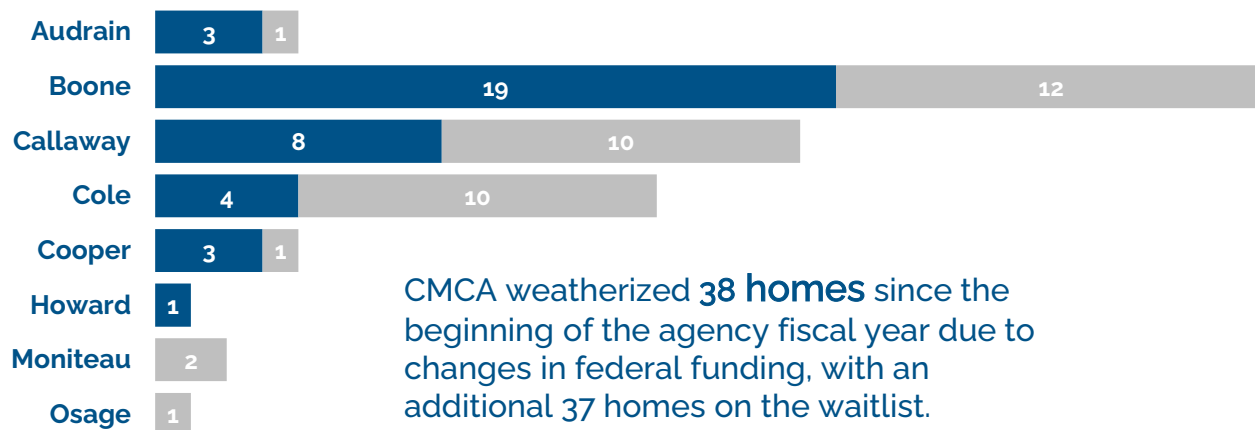


\$9,407

Average invested in each
Weatherized Home
October 2025 - Present

Weatherized Homes

■ Homes Completed ■ Waitlist



CMCA weatherized **38 homes** since the beginning of the agency fiscal year due to changes in federal funding, with an additional 37 homes on the waitlist.

Economic Stability



7

Tenants Paying Full Rent

Will graduate HCV after six months of paying full rent



121

Households on HCV Waitlist

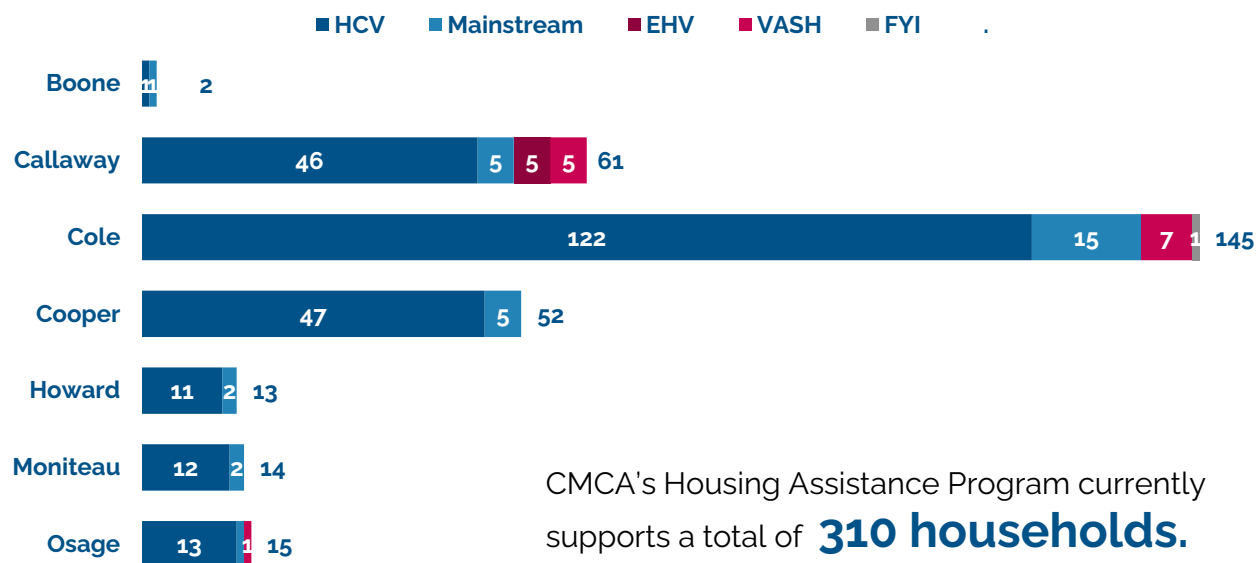
Housing Choice Voucher



30

Outstanding Housing Vouchers

Households Receiving Housing Assistance Payments



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

Strengthening Communities



Audrain County

The Audrain County Family Resource Center has relocated to 222 Jefferson St. in Mexico. Members have already been able to find us in our new location.

Community Organizer Mary Rhorbach was invited to serve on the steering committee for the Missouri Rural Health Transformation Hub 19. This hub covers Audrain, Callaway, and Montgomery Counties through funding awarded to the Arthur Center.



Callaway County

Community Organizer Kellie Pontius presented information about our new FutureBuilt program to about 20 members of the Callaway Resource Network Meeting. This led to an article in the Fulton Sun to assist with recruiting participants and worksites in Callaway County. In addition, Kellie presented FutureBuilt information to approximately 25 service providers in Boone County.

Quarterly meetings for the Employment Resource Network will begin in October. The network will provide resources for local employees and employers and was developed as a result of discussions held during CMCA's Community Assessment earlier this year.

Multiple CMCA staff attended the Missouri State Fair to provide information about community action along with our statewide association, Missouri Community Action Network. *Pictured: Kellie Pontius.*



Strengthening Communities



Cole County

Four participants successfully completed the Good Dads program. We enjoyed celebrating their graduation with these dads and their families.

Planning is underway for the upcoming Good Dads Strong Schools year, including plans to expand programming into a new school while continuing the existing partnership with Thorpe Gordon STEM Academy.

We are also busy preparing for the upcoming co-location of SkillUP and FutureBuilt within the Job Center in Jefferson City. This partnership will provide members with stronger access to wraparound employment, training and supportive services in one location.



Step Up to Leadership

Congratulations to our newest Step Up to Leadership graduates! We had a total of 18 graduates from two different classes. Each graduate was able to give a speech and share their proposed community project. One of our Mexico grads was awarded funds to make their Community Garden project a reality.

We also held a kick-off barbeque for our upcoming Staying Ahead class in Mexico. This class will enroll past Getting Ahead graduates. Participants will participate in classes designed to help them continue the successes they achieved during Getting Ahead.



Early Childhood Updates

In early August, we closed the classrooms for our annual staff pre-service training, where staff attended sessions on building family resiliency, working as a team, classroom visuals, learning through play, and other topics. Staff returned ready to kick off the new school year.

Several sites hosted Back-to-School Nights to give children a chance to meet their teachers and see the classroom while families completed paperwork and visited booths from community providers.

School-based partnership classrooms opened with the school districts, while our part-year sites re-opened September 1st. Welcome back, Head Start families! Let's make this another great year!



Family Well-Being

Head Start Enrollment & Attendance August 2026



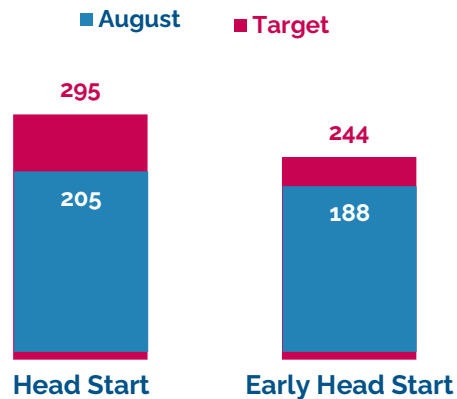
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classroom
closures*
5 full closures
2 at reduced
capacity

62

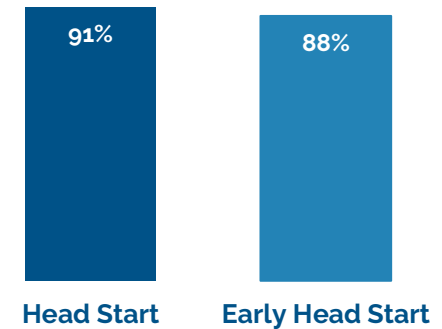


Children
affected by
classroom closures

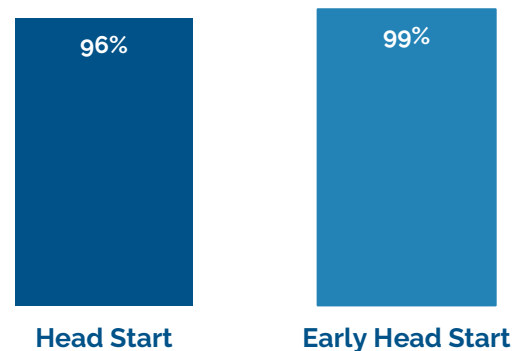
Actual Enrollment



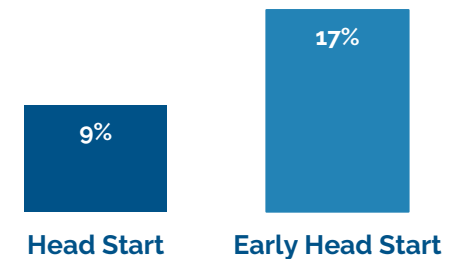
Average Daily Attendance



Income Eligible Enrollment



Disabilities Enrollment



Note: Part-year classrooms within school-based partnership sites re-opened in August. Centralia will re-open in September.



Family Well-Being

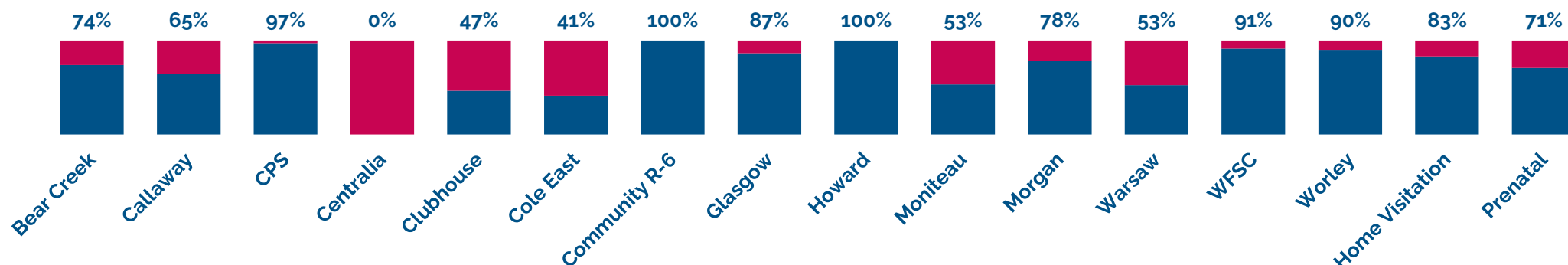
Head Start Enrollment & Attendance by Site

August 2026

End of Month Enrollment by Site

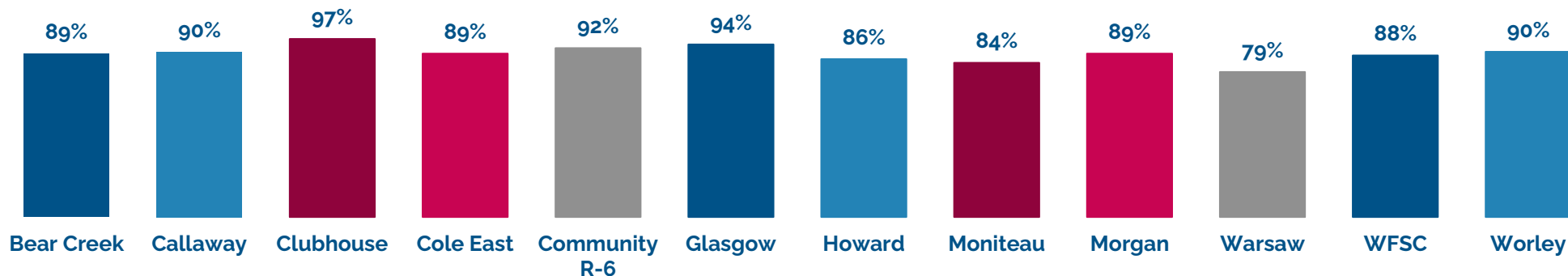
as a Percentage of Funded Enrollment

■ % of Funded enrollment ■ % Vacant



Average Daily Attendance by Site

as a Percentage of Actual Enrollment



Family Well-Being

Head Start Classroom Snapshot

August 2026



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Behavior Reports
for Classroom Behaviors



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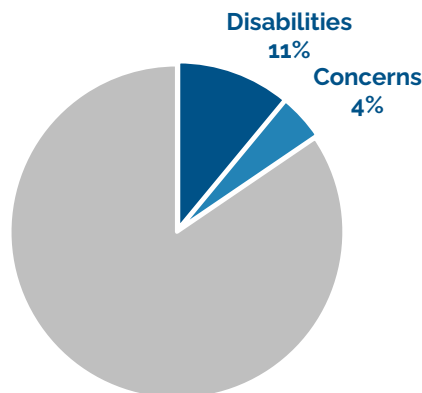
**Active Head Start
Staff Vacancies**
All Positions



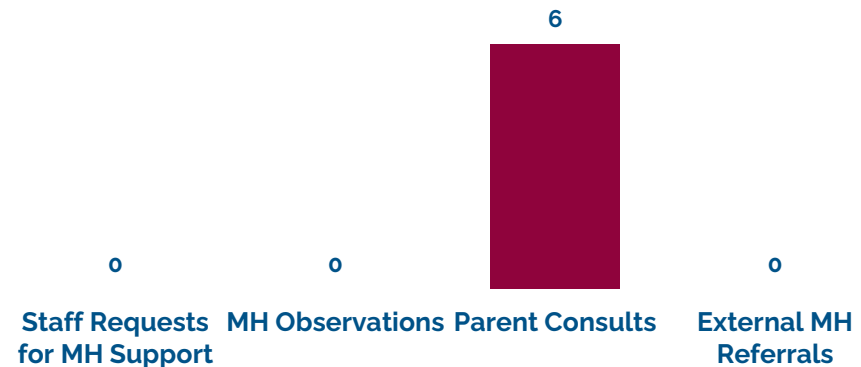
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**Staff Receiving
Intensive Coaching**
on Education &
Mental Health Topics

Classroom Children with Disabilities & Disabilities Concerns



Classroom Mental Health Supports



Family Well-Being

Health & Wellness



628

Children received
Health Screenings



74

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



589

Children up-to-date
Immunizations



528

Children up-to-date on
Physical Exams

Head Start Meals Served (Determines CACFP Reimbursement)

1379



Head Start

1419



Early Head Start



21

People obtained
Health Insurance
October 2025-Present

35

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



20

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

Social Connections



**Head Start
Pre-service
Training**



Social Connections

