

# HEAD START

Annual Report 2014-2015





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Head Start is a federally funded program that promotes the school readiness of young children from low-income families through local programs. Head Start programs support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from ages three to five. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services. The program works to maintain the highest standards of quality in the delivery of strength-based, comprehensive, early intervention, and education services to children and families of low-income.

In 2014 Head Start funded 15,250 children in the state of Wisconsin. 389 of those children were part of the Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD). The Kenosha Unified School District's Head Start Program has been a part of the Kenosha community since 1965 serving children and families within the boundaries of the Kenosha Unified School District. During the 2014-2015 school year 330 of KUSD Head Start enrollment was funded through the Federal Head Start grant and an additional fifty-nine children were funded through the State Supplemental Head Start grant.

KUSD Head Start utilizes evidence based approaches to serving children and families of low-income in a compassionate and partnering manner. Children receive services that promote child development across all domains. From concrete support to meet mental, dental, and physical health needs to developmentally appropriate school readiness promotion, children benefit from warm, nurturing and effective interactions which are based on the leading edge of research and science about brain development. Families participate in a wide variety of family support and strengthening activities. From parent education and leadership developmental activities to support around each family's specific goals for their child and their family Head Start services are responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.



# 2014-2015 Budget

## Funding Sources:

Department of Health & Human Services (DHH), Administration for Children & Families.....	<b>\$2,025,018</b>
Training/Technical Assistance Funds.....	<b>\$31,315</b>
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Wisconsin Head Start State Supplement.....	<b>\$335,954</b>

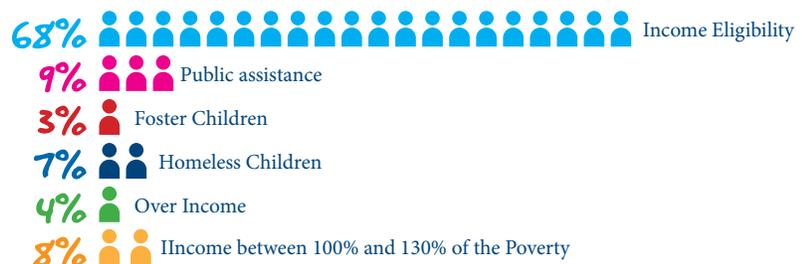
## Expenditures from DHH Funding Source:

Personnel.....	<b>\$1,786,827</b>
Contracted Health Support.....	<b>\$49,070</b>
Equipment Maintenance.....	<b>\$1,050</b>
Construction - General Maintenance.....	<b>\$45,417</b>
Property Service.....	<b>\$2,952</b>
Utilities.....	<b>\$40,000</b>
Mileage.....	<b>\$1,363</b>
Printing/Copying.....	<b>\$3,377</b>
Telephone.....	<b>\$1,261</b>
General Supplies.....	<b>\$3,000</b>
Food Supplies.....	<b>\$7,264</b>
Software/Technology.....	<b>\$6,360</b>
Vehicle Rental.....	<b>\$9,036</b>
Administration of Program.....	<b>\$68,041</b>

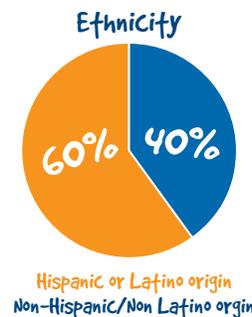
## Eligibility and Enrollment

Families interested in the Head Start program must qualify by meeting locally designed requirements. In general, eligibility is based on family income at or below the poverty level. Families with other situations including homelessness, and children in foster care, or receiving SSI or TANF also are eligible. During the 2014-15 school year families qualified for KUSD's Head Start program through:

### Enrollment by Eligibility



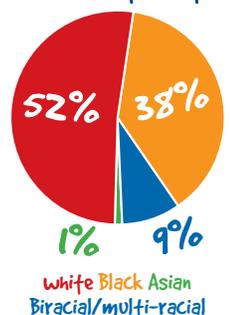
### Children and Families Served



### 424 Total Children

- 170 three year olds
- 254 four year olds
- 144 Children in Head Start for two years
- 13 Children in program for less than 45 days
- 94% Average monthly Enrollment
- 89% Average monthly attendance

### Race of Students



### Primary Language of Family at Home

English (76%) Spanish (23%) Middle Eastern & South Asian (<1%)

# Education

KUSD Head Start curriculum supports developmentally appropriate practices which promote child growth and school readiness. High quality learning takes place through play and positive interactions. The Kenosha Unified Head Start program follows the Creative Curriculum® System for Preschool. The Creative Curriculum® System for Preschool is based on five fundamental principles. These principles provide reasons for operating the program in particular ways. They are:

- Positive interactions and relationships with adults provide a critical foundation for successful learning.
- Social-emotional competence is a significant factor in school success.
- Constructive, purposeful play supports essential learning.
- The physical environment affects the type and quality of learning interactions.
- Teacher-family partnerships promote development and learning.

(Creative Curriculum® System for Preschool, Volume One: The Foundation, p. 3)

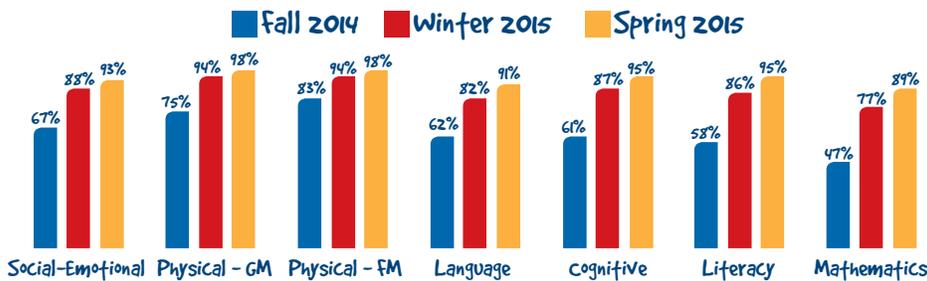
In addition, Head Start is focused on the social and emotional development of children as the foundation for academic success. KUSD Head Start also uses Second Step: a Violence Prevention Curriculum. Second Step teaches children the skills of empathy, emotion management and problem-solving.

Assessment of student learning is monitored and evaluated through the use of Teaching Strategies GOLD™. Teaching Strategies GOLD™ provides teachers software to organize information collected on children's learning into domains of development, objectives and dimensions of learning, and indicators of skill level. Each learning objective is arranged into a developmental progression that allows teachers to pinpoint a child's achievement level for each objective. This data is then utilized to design lesson plans that are developmentally appropriate for the specific classroom as well as to compose the Family Conference Form, a child's progress report.

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS®) is used to support teacher professional responsibility around early childhood programming. The tool measures the classroom physical environments as well as the interactions between teachers and children. KUSD Head Start teachers operate on the foundational understanding that achieving the best child outcomes requires attention to personal growth. For this reason, CLASS® scores are shared only with the teachers to encourage and measure their personal professional development.

A commitment to the whole child is demonstrated by the support for social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. From family literacy to exploring math, science, and nature, Head Start inspires the love of learning in children.

Percentage of children meeting or exceeding expectations



# Health Services

Healthy children are children who are ready to learn. Head Start families are connected with a medical home and a dental home in order to provide the family a continuous accessible source of care to support the child's healthy development and well-being. In KUSD Head Start our staff supports families to ensure that children are up-to-date on immunizations, have a current (within one year) physical, and have a current dental exam. Additionally, Head Start students automatically qualify for free/reduced meals (breakfast or lunch) and a snack is provided during instructional time. KUSD Head Start children receive three-quarters of their daily nutritional requirements while attending their Head Start classroom.

**93% of children** established a medical home, receiving a physical exam

- 25 children were diagnosed with a chronic condition. Most often this condition was asthma
- 414 children were determined to be up-to-date on all immunizations
- 13 children were referred by the program for mental health services outside of Head Start. 100% of those children received the needed services.

**91% of children** established a dental home, receiving an initial dental exam

- 50 children were diagnosed as needing additional medical treatment
- 25 of these children received the needed treatment

# Teacher Qualifications



**48 children**

had an IEP indicating that they qualified to receive special education services.

**33 children of 48**

entered the program with an IEP

**15 children of 48**

were referred to and qualified for special education services during the school year.

**Speech/language**

was the most frequently identified special education need.

# Family Services

Head Start staff partner with families to provide or connect families with culturally and linguistically relevant services that are designed to strengthen families and provide a foundation for the child and family's success. In the KUSD Head Start program family service providers work with families to develop individualized family partnership plans. These plans incorporate family goals and the support needed to make the goals achievable.

Head Start encourages the role of parents as their child's first and most important teachers. Programs build relationships with families that support positive parent-child relationships, family well-being, and connections to peers and community. Parent education and activities are provided per site and at the program level. Opportunities provided include: English Language Learner Civics Class (sponsored through Literacy Council), KUSD Open House Night, Mother Read/Father Read (sponsored through Prevention Services Network), Transition to Kindergarten Meet & Greet, Family Game Night, and multiple field trips.

## 397 total families

### 164 two-parent families

- 31 of these families had both parents employed
- 105 of these families had one parent employed
- 28 of these families did not have either parent working

### 233 single parent families

- 110 of these families had the parent employed
- 123 of these families did not have the parent working

### 30 families, 33 children experienced homelessness during the year

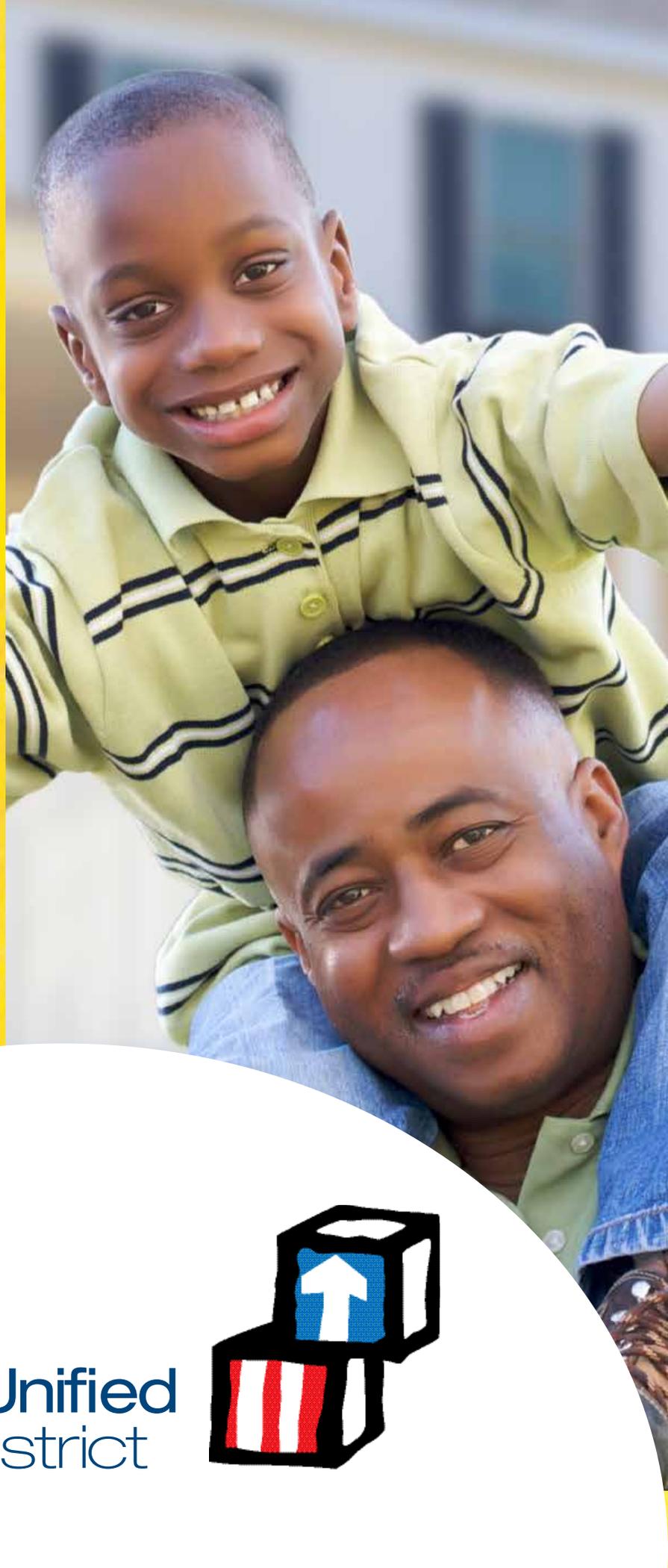
- 16 of those families acquired housing during the year

## Parent education

- 25 had an advanced degree
- 41 had an associate degree, vocational school, or some college
- 240 had a high school diploma or GED
- 91 had less than high school

567 persons volunteered services to Head Start.

555 of them were current or former Head Start parents.



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