



# Western Kentucky University Child Care Consortium Head Start & Early Head Start Annual Report 2008-09

Western Kentucky University's Child Care Consortium provides comprehensive services at two sites in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Services are provided through funding from Head Start and an Early Head Start delegate agreement as well as private pay and state funding. As a Head Start/EHS program, the primary mission is to provide comprehensive early childhood services for children. All children are provided a safe, nurturing environment in which they are given the opportunity to learn and experience success, with additional services provided to children with special needs. The consortium ensures that the children are provided with medical and dental examinations and nutritious meals. Parents are partners with WKUCCC in the education of their children, participating in home visits, parent-teacher conferences, at-home activities, training and enjoying a wide array of opportunities to make decisions about program operations and services

The WKU Child Care Consortium leverages the expertise, professional development focus, and commitment to service of Western Kentucky University, Audubon Area Community Services ([www.aacshs.org](http://www.aacshs.org)) and Murray Independent School District ([www.murray.kyschools.us](http://www.murray.kyschools.us)) to collectively serve more than 5,000 young children in western Kentucky. Through the Consortium, WKUCCC has delegate agreements (subcontracts) with Audubon and Murray to serve preschool Head Start children; in turn, Murray funds WKUCCC to serve infants and toddlers in Early Head Start.

### 2009-10 Funding Facts

Total Agency Public and Private Funds (External Grants and Contract Awards to WKU Research Foundation)

External Awards \$22,123,638

#### WKU CCC

Federal Funding for Head Start Services and Training \$1,444,018

Matching Funds for Head Start Services \$356,599

Funds Delegated to Audubon Area and Murray Independent Schools \$566,070

Federal Funding for Early Head Start and Training \$211,404

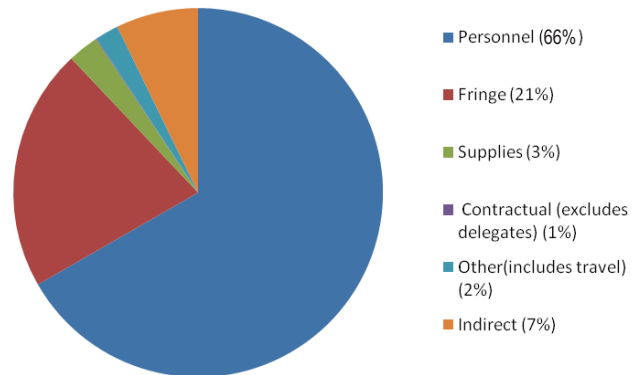
Matching Funds for Early Head Start \$52,851

Funds from Other Child Care Services Provided \$278,315

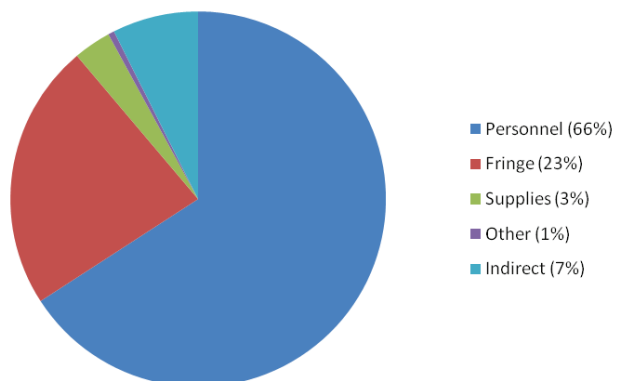
Funds from USDA \$74,161

WKU CCC Total All Sources (Funds and Match) \$2,417,348

### 2009-2010 Head Start Budget



### 2009-2010 Early Head Start Budget



## Federal Program Review

Based upon information from the most recent WKU CCC follow-up review (2007), it was established that the program is in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulation and policy requirements.

### Audit

WKU Child Care Consortium has had no audit findings in the last year. For more detail, please review the findings at the WKU Division of Financial Affairs website: ([www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/FinAdmin/Audit.htm](http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/FinAdmin/Audit.htm)).

### School Readiness

WKUCCC's overall goal is to prepare children and their families for success in school and life. To ensure that children have experiences that help them transition successfully to school WKUCCC uses the *Creative Curriculum for Preschool Development* and its developmental assessment to determine the status and measure the progress of preschool children and the *Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers* for infants and toddlers. Ongoing assessment of children tracks their progress in eight domains: Approaches to Learning; Mathematics; Creative Arts; Physical Health & Development; Language Development; Science; Literacy; and Social & Emotional Development. Computer assisted analysis provides reports on the progress of children in each classroom and assists teachers in planning and individualizing instruction. Portfolios maintained on each child include examples of their work, notes about their development, and indicators of progress toward the completion of individual objectives.

Special transition activities are conducted each year with children about to enter kindergarten and their families. Parents are introduced to school administrators and teachers and provided with contact information. They receive information about kindergarten registration, skills that children need to transition successfully, and materials needed by each child to start school. In Head Start children talk about going to kindergarten and learn basic skills to help them succeed in their new school environment.

Along with individual family visits, parent meetings address kindergarten preparation and families visit schools their children will be attending. In 2009, 34 children and their families made the transition from WKU CCC Head Start to kindergarten.

One of the hallmarks of getting children ready for school is getting the family involved in the child's education. WKU CCC accomplishes this through a variety of parent involvement activities:

Policy Council Decision-Makers  
WKU CCC Newsletter  
Family Fall Festival

Parent Lending Library  
Parent Transition Meeting (Kindergarten)  
Individualized Parent Discussions Centered on Child Outcomes Results

Parent Trainings  
Parent Curriculum Activities

## Customer Impact, 2008-2009

Total number of children and families served in Head Start, including drops and replacements	83
Number of Early Head Start children served, including drops and replacements	19
Early Head Start pregnant women served	3
Funded enrollment, Head Start, not including delegates	75
Funded enrollment, Early Head Start	15
% of eligible Head Start children served	14%
% of eligible Early Head Start children served	2%
% of available children served, Head Start	82%
% of available children served, Early Head Start	3%
Average monthly enrollment, Head Start	100%
Average monthly enrollment, Early Head Start	99%
Total number of Head Start children with health insurance	83
Number children enrolled in Medicaid/EPSDT	68
Number children with private health insurance	16
Number children up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and primary health care	78
Number of Head Start children with completed professional dental examination	83
Of children examined, number needing dental treatment	5
Number Head Start children who received treatment	5
Number of Early Head Start children with health insurance	19
Number EHS children enrolled in Medicaid/ EPSDT	14
Number EHS children with private health insurance	5
Number of EHS children up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and primary health care	19
Number of EHS children who received dental screening	19