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# GCCARD Head Start

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# ANNUAL REPORT



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## Director's Report

We are proud to celebrate the 2022-2023 program year as another successful year of Early Head Start and Head Start services in Genesee County. Comprehensive services provided to families and children include quality care and education, family goal setting, nutrition services, health and dental health services, as well as mental health support. The opportunities, experiences and support provided help our children develop skills necessary for school readiness and assist families in acquiring resources to achieve goals. We applaud our staff for their ongoing effort and commitment to providing safe, high quality learning environments and establishing trusting relationships with families. We thank our families for sharing their children with us and commend their dedication to achieving goals. Gratitude must also be expressed to our community partners, who provide resources necessary for program success. This report shares the ongoing efforts to build a better community and future for all. A special thank you to the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, Genesee County Community Action Resource Department, additional funding sources, school districts, Parent Policy Council, and community and agency partners for continued collaborative efforts to provide a "Head Start" for our youngest children.

### Vision

Head Start is a family focused birth through five program that promotes school readiness, advocates, supports & provides comprehensive quality services for children & families through school, community & family partnerships.

### Mission

Believing in the worth of all people, Head Start will work in partnership with families to support the achievement of their goals and their children's educational attainment.

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## Parent Policy Council

Policy Council members were elected from the Beecher EHS, Mott EHS, and Grantee Programs to represent the total Genesee County HS/EHS Program. They met monthly and shared in the decision-making process regarding quality programming for themselves and their children. Members were also involved in the following committees: personnel, budget, program evaluation and assessment, grant development, school readiness, and bylaws. Thanks to the Policy Council Members and special appreciation to the Policy Council Officers.



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## Exotic Zoo Day

Beecher EHS families attended an Exotic Zoo at Dailey Elementary May 9, 2023. Families were engaged in the educational wildlife program while learning about how various animals eat and live. Students and families participated in music and movement activities and were able to touch, feel, and interact individually with each animal. 30 children and families attended and received high quality, comprehensive early childhood services, while connecting to the school and family engagement within the community.



## Country Cafe



On June 6, 2023, 29 Beecher Early Head Start families and children attended a socialization at the Toddler Country Café. Students had the opportunity to engage in pretend and socio-dramatic play. Many activities allowed students to practice gross motor skills by climbing, jumping and running. Families and children also had the opportunity to interact with other families in the program.

## Child Data

- 89% Obtained dental exams/dental care
- 98% Had insurance at year end
- 99% Had a medical home
- 86% Obtained complete physicals
- 96% Had up-to-date immunizations
- 195 children transitioned to kindergarten



## Family Data

- 271 received emergency intervention
- 93 received housing assistance
- 761 received mental health services



- 369 received education on health consequences of tobacco use
- 823 received parenting and health education
- 283 adult males were actively involved in the program

## Demographics

Actual Enrollment

**950**



Funded Enrollment

**885**

## Average Monthly Enrollment



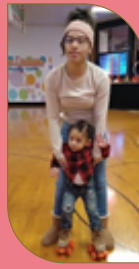
Due to staffing shortages, the program had classrooms that never opened which impacted monthly attendance.

## Fire Prevention Day



On November 3, 2022, thirty-nine children and staff in the Westwood Heights classrooms participated in a fire prevention day. Children learned about fire safety, while engaging in an interactive field presentation. Children tried on fire gear, learned what to do in case of a fire and practiced some fire safety drills.

## Roll and Stroll



Beecher EHS families attended a "Roll and Stroll" socialization at Rollhaven Skating Center November 15, 2022. Thirty-four children and families had the opportunity to enhance their language, social, emotional and math skills, while being introduced to skates. Some students brought riding, push or other mobility devices to participate in all-inclusive activities. Each family that attended received the "Out and About" book.



## End of Year FUN!

On May 20, 2023 children, their families, and our staff took a trip to Genesee County's own Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. We watched history come alive as we took part in the daily activities of a 19th century Michigan Great Lakes community. We toured the historic homes, shops and trades buildings (over 30 authentic and historic structures) that date back to the days of Thomas Edison and Sojourner Truth. Many enjoyed a magic show in the Colwell Opera House. Nearly 800 people (including children, their family members, and staff members) took a ride on the Huckleberry Railroad, featuring the narrow-gauge railroad's collection of cars including 11 original and replica wooden coaches plus a classic red wooden caboose. Representatives from many community partners attended the event and distributed information to children, families, and staff about the services that they provide here in Genesee County. Children went home with a brand new book along with many nice give-aways from the community partners. Crossroads Village provides our program a discounted rate so that we can afford to make the trip with our families and their staff commented that our day at the village is their favorite for the entire year because our staff, children, and families, are so well-mannered, have such a great time, and we have a large number of participants who enjoy the event. Many families reported that they had never had the opportunity to come to Crossroads and appreciated the opportunity to visit such a gem in our own community.



## Orchard Playdate

On September 29, 2022, the Beecher Early Head Start children and families attended a socialization at Flushing Farms. Families were engaged in feeding farm animals, taking a wagon ride and cozying up to a warm fire. Students stretched large muscles climbing hay bales and walking the corn maze. The 79 families that attended received a harvest snack and Apple Farmer Annie book.



## Gingerbread Fun

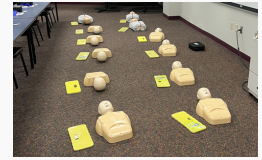
On December 20, 2022, Mott EHS held a parent engagement event in which 16 parents and children attended. Parents were able to see how a large group within a classroom works while they listened to the book, The Little Gingerbread Man. They participated in a song and then activities including building a gingerbread man, button matching and take home cooking decorating.

## Dental Day and Bicycle Safety

Mott EHS held many events throughout the year including a Dental Event on March 28, 2023 in which 16 children and families participated. Parents received informational handouts for healthy habits. Children received activities about healthy teeth and received new toothbrushes. On May 8, 2023, nineteen families and children participated in a male involvement bicycle event. The MCC Bicycle Police visited the classroom to discuss bike safety. The children were able to receive a new bike, helmet and water bottle. The families also enjoyed a snack with their children.

## Parent CPR

GCCARD Head Start hosted a parent/guardian CPR, First Aid, AED training on April 13, 2023. It was an opportunity for caregivers to certify, sharpen their skills and learn new life saving and safety techniques. Many resources were provided including safe sleep, tobacco/vape use around children, caring for sick children and emergency preparedness. Participants were able to chat with fellow parents during the interactive training. Thirteen parents left the training with a first aid kit, thermometer, "What to do When Your Child Gets Sick" book and a CPR/First Aid/AED certification.



## Family Field Day

On May 23, 2023, nineteen children and families at the Westwood Heights classroom participated in a family field day. Parents came out to enjoy a morning full of outside events with their children. They played tug of war, had sack races, used dancing wands, color run, parachute play, badminton, sticker art, water and sand play, painting with plungers, bubbles, bean bag toss, hula hoops and obstacle courses.



## Royal Ball



The Royal Ball was held February 25, 2023 at the West Flint Church of the Nazarene. We had a variety of activities including a crown-making station, a DJ who donated his time and kept the families dancing, and many gross and fine motor activities including bowling, fishing, jump-powered ball launchers, and so much more! Many of our staff dressed up as popular characters and performed meet and greets with children and family members, posing for pictures, etc. Many of our community partners attended the event and gave parents information about the services they provide. A parent committee meeting was provided which included information about how to help children develop fine and gross motor skills which was donated to our program by Special Olympics Michigan. Our health coordinators were onsite and provided needed health screenings and also referred families who needed a doctor or dentist to local Medicaid-accepting offices. We had an amazing turnout of about 430 children and families, who all left with a new book to read, lots of information, and happy memories.

## Bonding and Bowling



GCCARD Head Start provided a special opportunity for male involvement with the children of our program on February 4, 2023. About 120 children and a male companions came to a local bowling alley to enjoy some bonding, a pizza party and bowling. Many dads/grandpas thanked us for providing the experience and explained that this was the child's first time to go bowling. Several stated that they had never taken their child out into the community on their own and that they would make plans to do more with the child now that they knew how much fun they would have. This opportunity was sponsored in large part by our community partner, Blue Cross Complete of Michigan, who also provided a nice bag with many helpful items, including a coloring page and crayons, which kept children busy while they waited for their turn to bowl. The men were also provided information about how important their role as a male figure is in the lives of the littles that they brought, along with some additional appropriate activities for fun with children. B's Bowling has provided a discounted rate for our program for many years and always works hard to help us provide this amazing experience and opportunity for the male figures and children in our program.



# 23-24 Proposed Budget

Head Start  
\$5,335,407

Expansion  
\$2,396,340

CACFP  
\$300,000

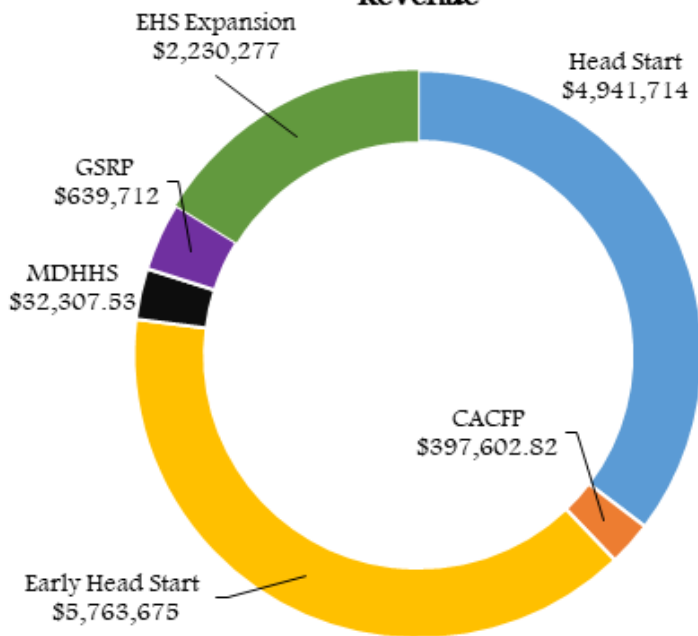
Early Head Start  
\$6,230,329

GSRP  
\$564,432

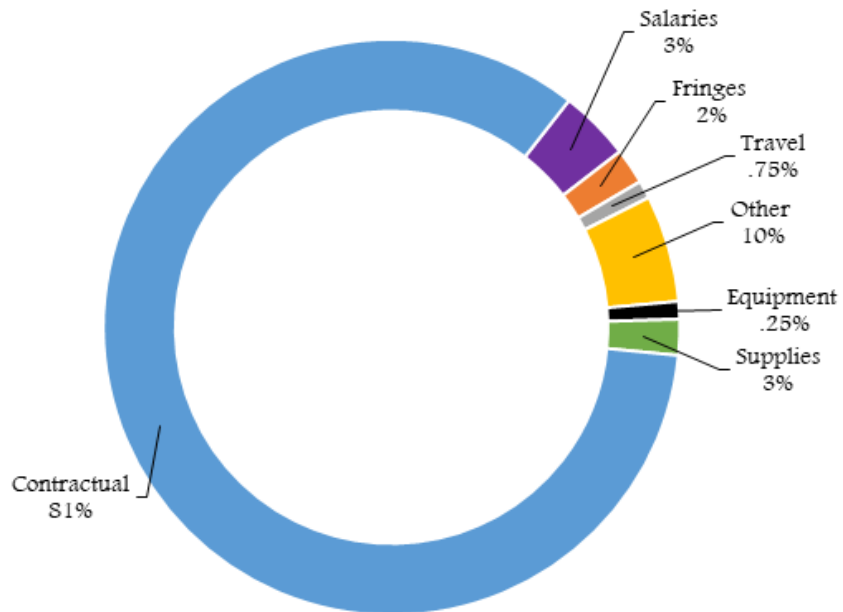


# 22-23 Revenue/Expenditures

Revenue



Expenditures

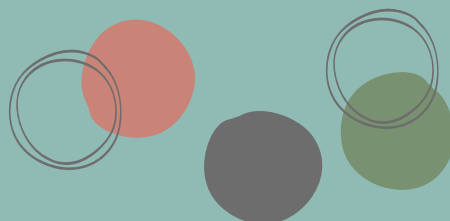


# Audit Findings

GCCARD Head Start audit was completed by Plante Moran, PLLC on June 22, 2023. There was one finding, which has been remedied, related to Head Start and the FFATA reporting requirement.

# Reviews from the Secretary (ACF)

The Administration for Children and Families conducted a Focus Area One (FA1) monitoring review December 12 - 14, 2022. GCCARD Head Start had no areas of non-compliance, deficiencies, or areas of concern.



# School Readiness Goals



## PERCEPTUAL, MOTOR & PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will develop overall physical growth including muscle control, fine and gross motor development and the acquisition of the self-help skills. Children will gain knowledge of healthy practices.

- Uses fingers and hands. (7a). HSELOF: IT-PMP 6/P-PMP 3
- Demonstrates gross motor manipulative skills. (6). HSELOF: IT-PMP 4/P-PMP 2

## APPROACHES TO LEARNING

Solves Problems (11c) HSELOF: IT-C11/P-SCI 4

## COGNITION

Children will develop math knowledge in part through active participation and exploration of the world around them. Children need opportunities to expand their knowledge through a variety of hands on experiences.

- Counts. (20a). HSELOF: IT-C 8/P-MATH 1
- Quantifies. (20b). HSELOF: IT-C8/P-MATH 3
- Understands spatial relationships. (21a). HSELOF: IT-C9-P-MATH 10
- Demonstrates knowledge of patterns. (23). HSELOF: IT-C 10/P-MATH 7

## LANGUAGE & LITERACY

Children will move along the continuum of emerging literacy and will develop competence as listeners, speakers, readers, writers, and viewers.

- Engages in conversations of at least three exchanges. (10a). HSELOF: IT-LC 4/P-LC 4
- Uses social rules of language. (10b). HSELOF: IT-LC 4/P-LC 4
- Notices and discriminates rhyme (15a). HSELOF: IT-LC 9/P-LIT 1
- Interacts during read alouds and book conversations. (18a). HSELOF: IT-LC 13/P-LIT 6
- Writes to convey meaning. (19b). HSELOF: IT-LC 13/P-LIT 6

## SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Children will develop a healthy sense of self concepts, practice self regulations and will be able to establish and maintain positive relationships with adults and peers.

- Balances needs and rights of self and others (3a). HSELOF: IT-SE 5/P-SE 4
- Solves social problems (3b). HSELOF: IT-SE 3/P-SE 1
- Takes care of own needs appropriately (1c). HSELOF: IT-SE 12/P-SE 10

