

2019

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT



ALGER-MARQUETTE
COMMUNITY ACTION
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**Head Start
Early Head Start**

*“Getting Young Children and Their Families
Ready for School and Ready for Life”*

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Thank You to Our Community Partners!

Alger Parks and Recreation
Great Start Collaborative
Great Start to Quality
Honor Credit Union
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La Dolce Video
LMAS Health Department
Marquette Dental Society

Marquette Co. Health Department
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NMU Nursing Program
River Valley Bank
Rotary of Marquette
UP Children's Museum
YMCA of Marquette County

A Letter from the ECE Director

Dear Friends:

We are pleased to share this report with you, highlighting some of our component accomplishments during the 2018-2019 school year.

Our early childhood programs and staff work hard to maintain the highest quality of services for the children and families we serve. We look for ways to meet the current needs of our community, through a blend of best practice and innovation.

This year, we can look at and be proud of several markers of success:

- Presenting at the Region V Head Start Summit on the Opioid Crisis and Substance Use Disorders
- The creation of a video on the importance of attendance
- Implementing support groups for Foster families and families in kinship care
- Organizing Show Me the Money Day, a financial literacy fair
- Staff presenters at the Upper Peninsula Early Childhood conference, the Michigan Home Visiting Conference, and the National Head Start Association conference

All of these successes are due to a dedicated group of individuals who are passionate about our programs. I am proud to work with each one of them.

We need your help, too. It takes the support of our community to make our programs a success. Please consider becoming involved by giving of your time, talents, or making a financial contribution.

Sincerely,



Corey Holcomb, M.Ed.

ECE Director

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Our Mission

Our Early Childhood Education mission is to educate and empower low-income families with young children by providing enrichment opportunities, parent support, and high quality early childhood programs in a safe, respectful and compassionate environment.

Our History

In 1965, Alger Marquette Community Action Board became one of the original grantees of the Head Start program for three- and four-year-old children. We have since added the Early Head Start program for infants and toddlers, and the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) for four-year-olds to our services.

Today, we serve 284 children in the preschool Head Start program, 40 infants and toddlers in our home-based Early Head Start program, and over 50 children in the GSRP program.

We serve seven different school districts in Marquette and Alger Counties, and have nine centers in five communities. We continue to work to meet the needs of families with young children through education and family support.



Our Children and Families

During the 2018-2019 school year, we served:



**Pregnant Women-
EHS**

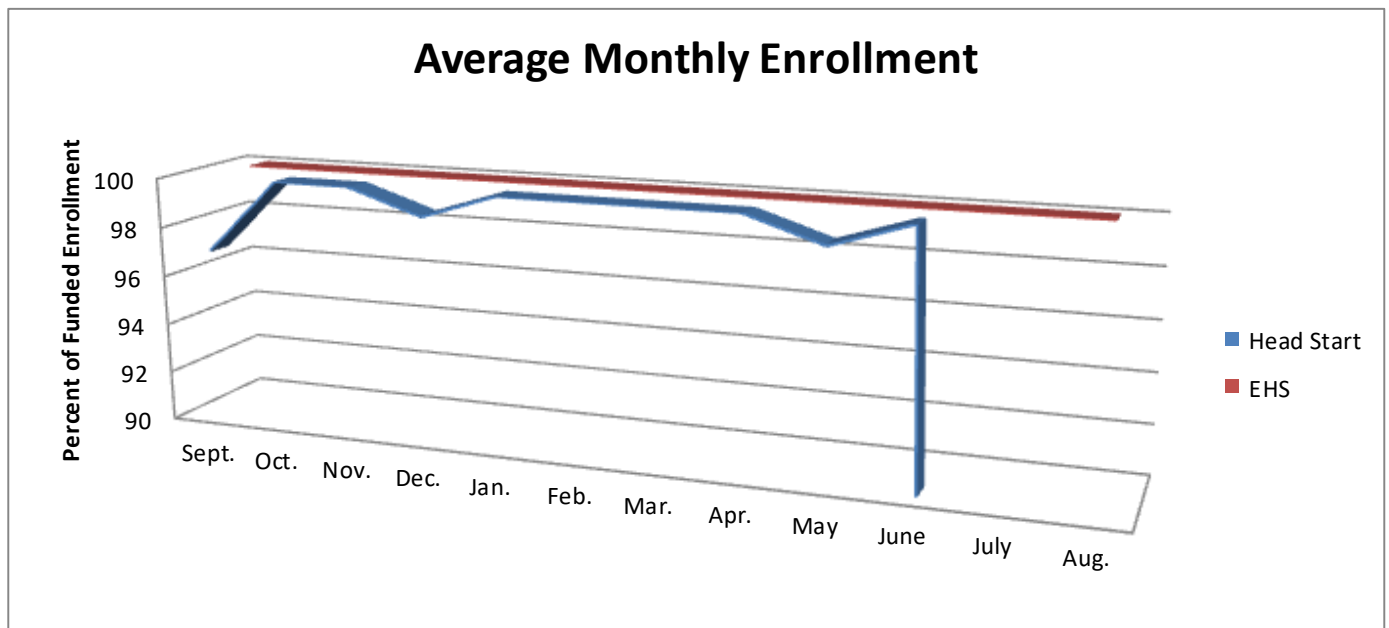


**Infants and
Toddlers-EHS**



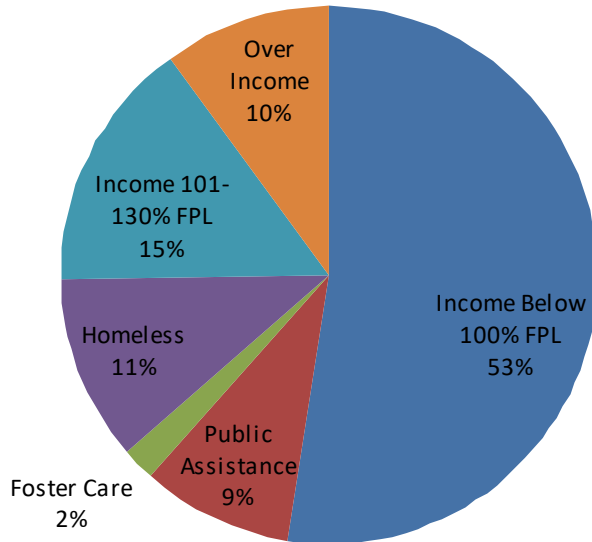
**Preschoolers-
Head Start**

372-Cumulative Child Enrollment



Our Children and Families

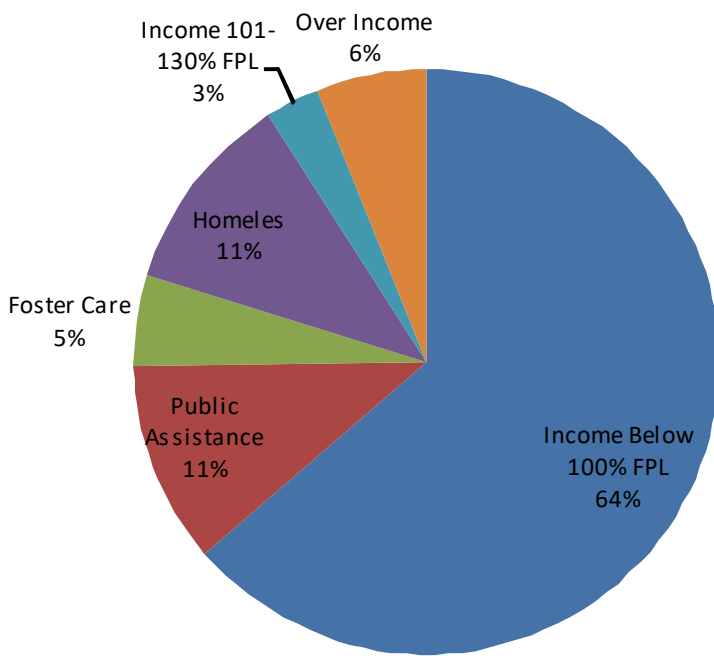
Head Start Eligibility



ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE

Our Head Start program has continued to work on improving attendance rates as part of our 5-year goals. Our focus is on decreasing severe chronic absence, or missing more than 20% of the school year. For the 2018-2019 school, our severe chronic absence rate was 27.8%, which was a decrease of 6% from the previous year. Our Attendance Task Force is working on reducing barriers to attendance so we can further reduce chronic absences.

Early Head Start Eligibility

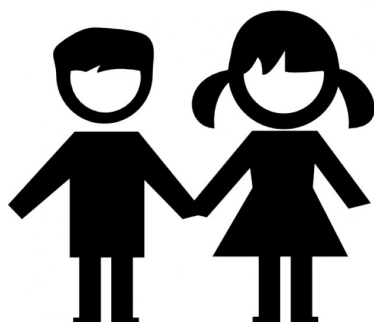
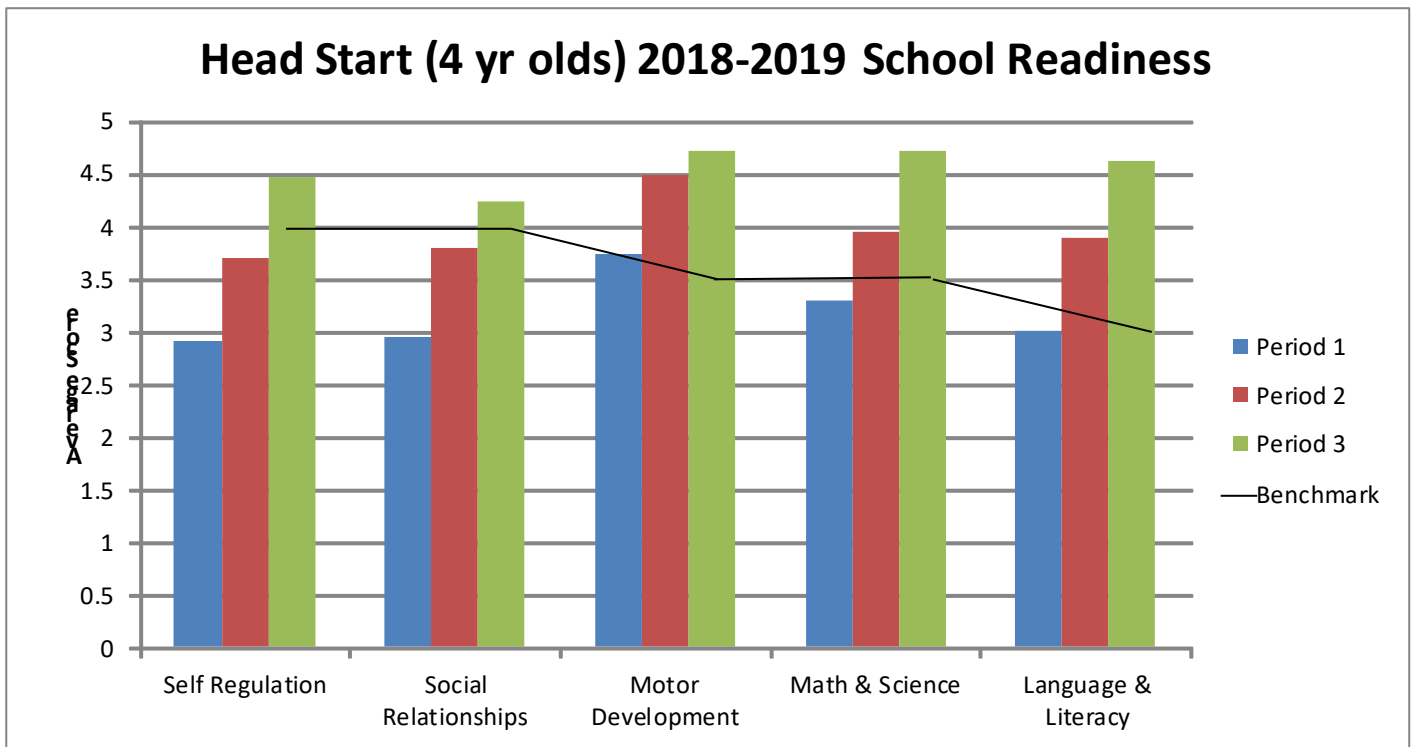


High Quality Education

Our Head Start and Great Start Readiness Programs use the High Scope Curriculum. We measure student progress with the Child Observation Record (COR) Advantage assessment system.

Our Early Head Start home based curriculum is Partners For a Healthy Baby. We measure child progress with the Brigance Inventory of Early Development.

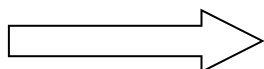
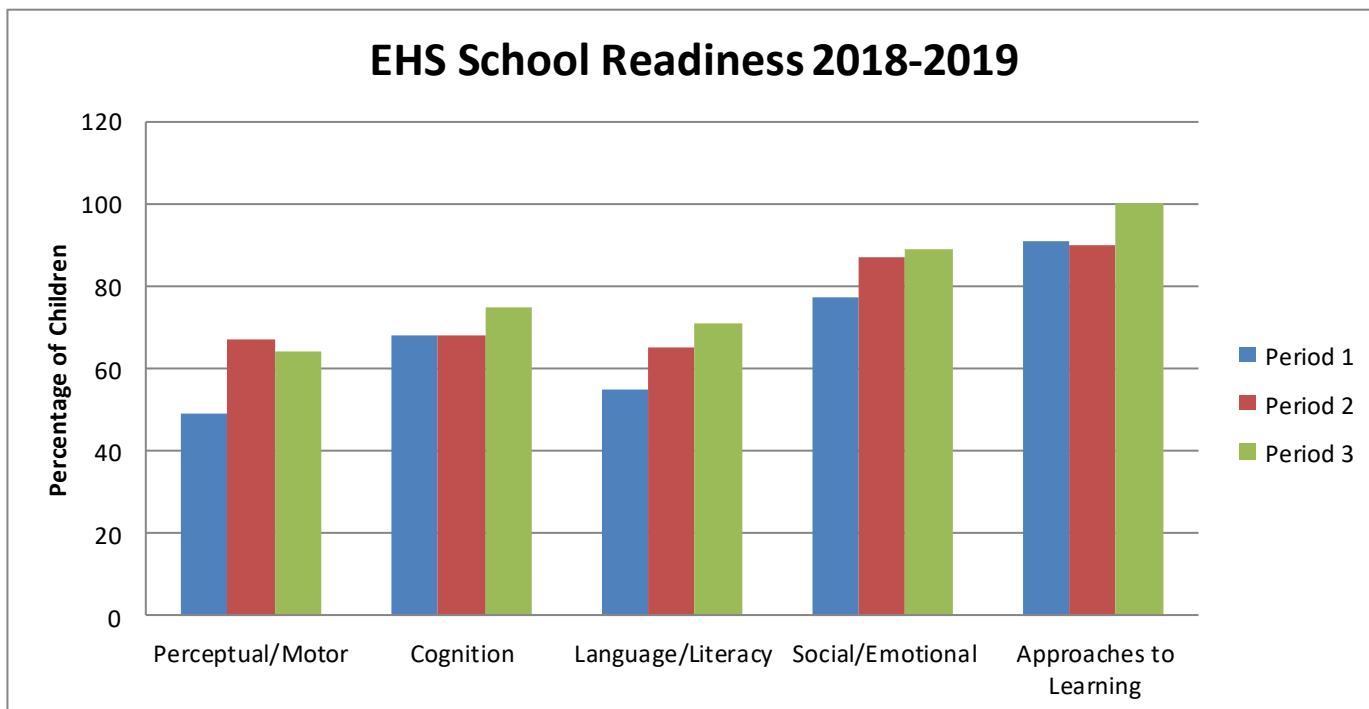
School Readiness Goal: The program will support enrolled children and families to be developmentally ready to learn and participate in current and future educational opportunities.



78 Children served with disabilities- 21% of enrolled children

"This program did great working with my child's individual needs and keeping me as the parent in the know. It also helps my child learn to transition into the whole school environment."

Gwinn Center Parent



**150 Children
Transitioned to Kindergarten**



"... This year has been wonderful. Very happy with (my child's) teachers and how he's been coming along. We are making an effort to make sure his attendance increases."

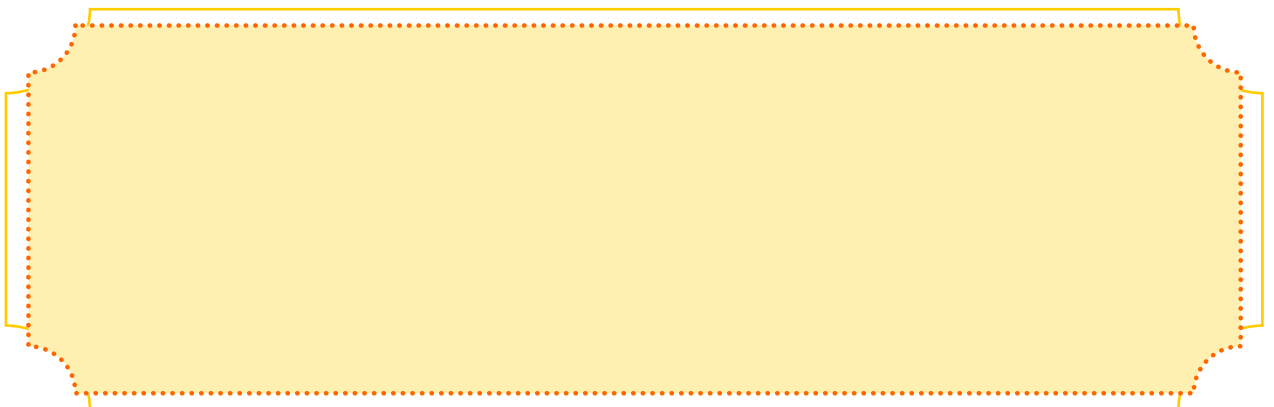
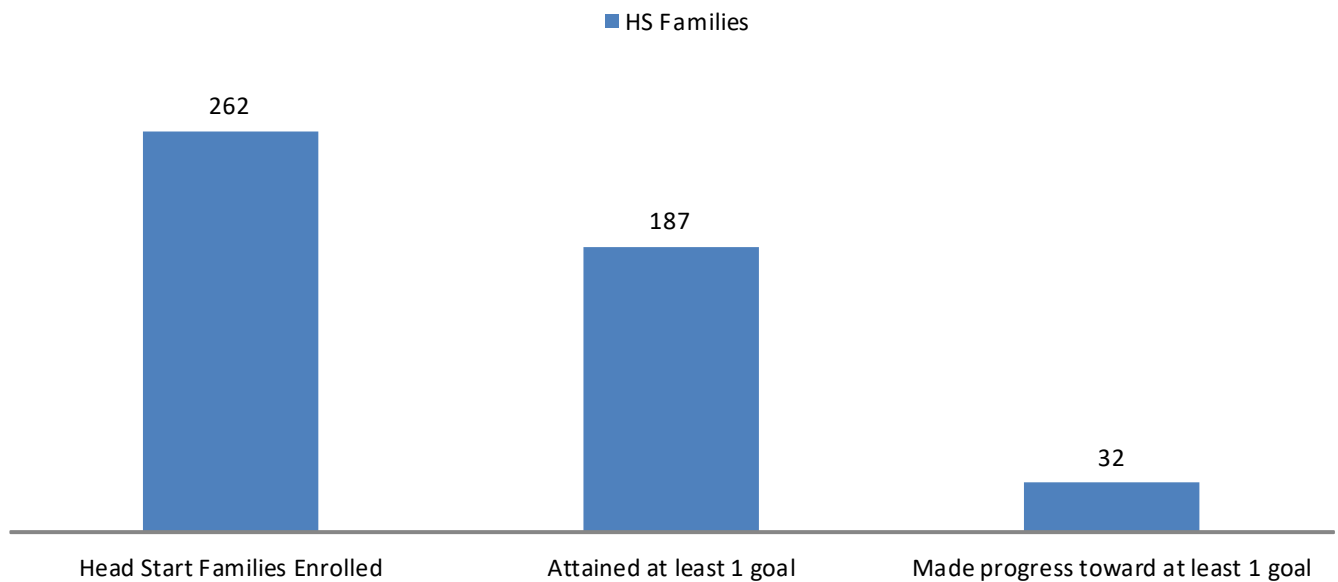
Silver Creek Center Parent

Parent and Family Engagement

Our program supports parents by providing them with a Family Advocate. Families can set goals for themselves, and Advocates help families access resources within the community. A variety of engagement activities are offered including monthly Parent Cafés, fatherhood events and training opportunities. Parents are encouraged to participate in their child’s education.

Family Engagement Goal: The program will support families’ efforts to engage in opportunities within the program and community.

Family Goal Attainment 2018-2019

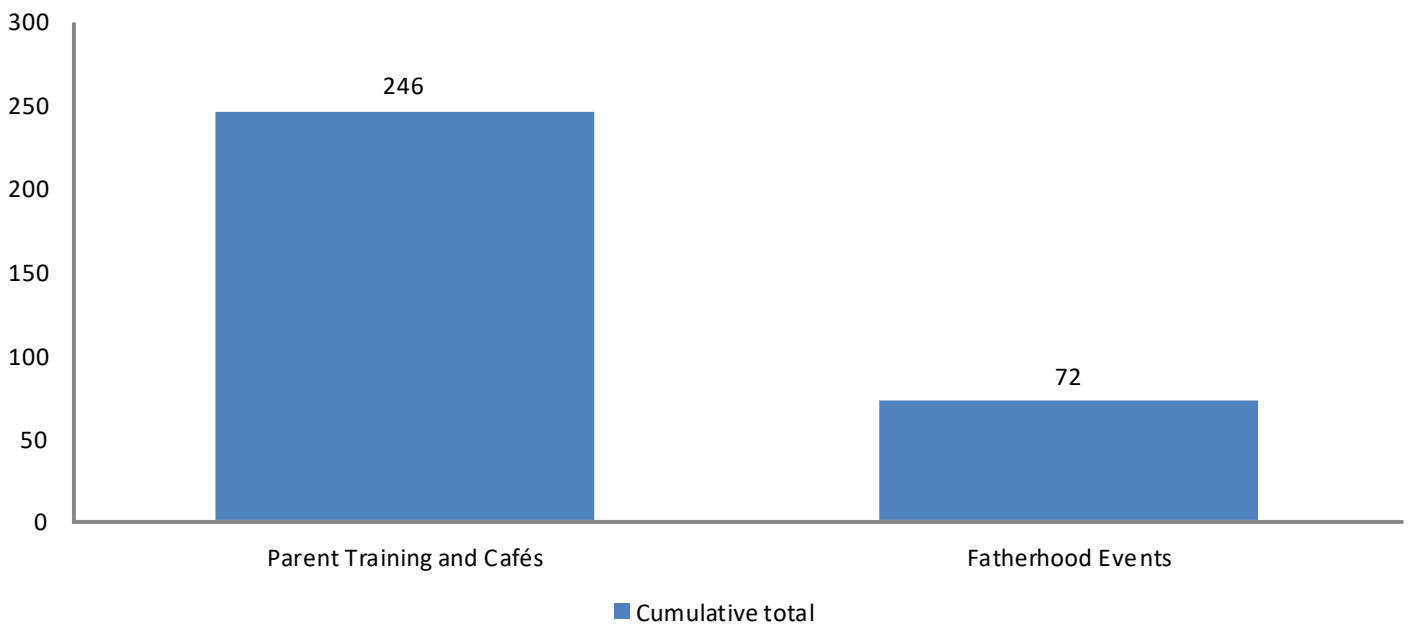


Parent and Family Engagement

349-Total Families Served

Cumulative Count

Head Start Parent Participation



*"I feel the staff is very open and understanding. The Family Advocate makes herself very available and I am always heard when I voice my concerns."
Jacobetti Center Parent*

Comprehensive Services

Our program provides comprehensive health services to children, including health and dental exams, vision and hearing screenings. Our food program serves nutritious meals and snacks. We also provide mental health consultant services.

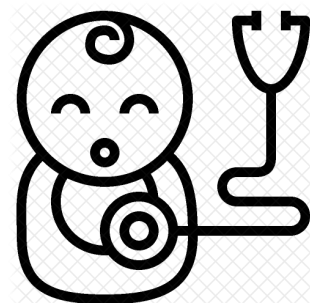
Health Services Goal: The program will increase knowledge of staff, families and children in health and safety practices.



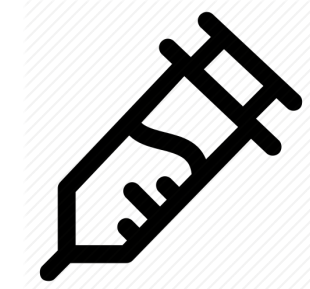
311 HS children received preventative dental care.



315 HS children were up-to-date for well child care.



57 infants and toddlers were up-to-date for well child care.



354 children were up-to-date on immunizations

Comprehensive Services



**9 children received
mental health services**



**100% EHS
99% HS
Children with
Health Insurance**

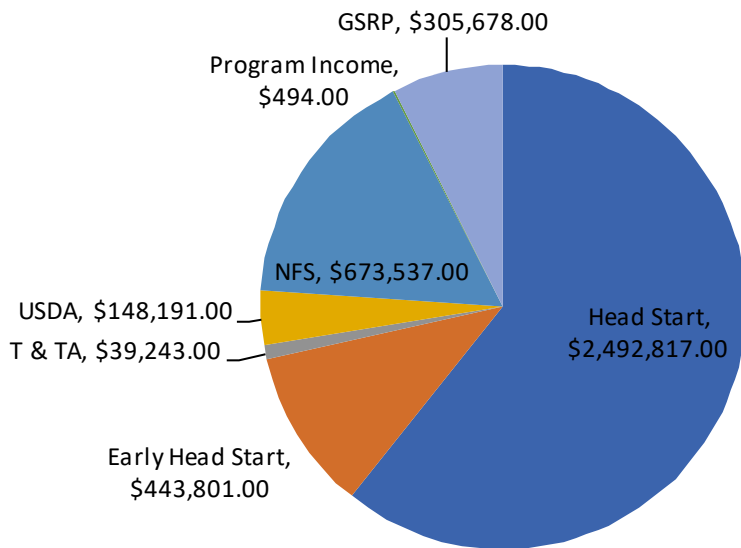
"I think (my child) learning about healthy choices and seeing other kids eat a variety of foods will help her to not be so picky and will expand the foods I can get her to eat on a daily basis."

Phelps Square Center Parent

Funding and Budget

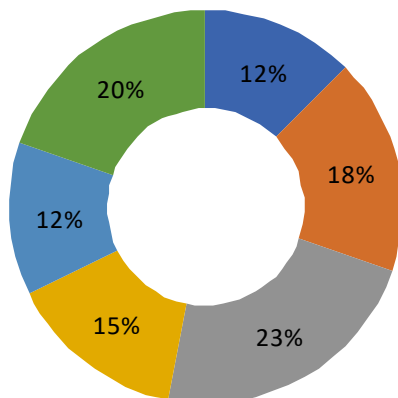
Community Action Alger Marquette had a successful audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. The Agency received an Unmodified Report. The agency did not receive any Federal Monitoring Events this year.

FY19 Revenue



FY19 Expenses

■ Personnel ■ Fringe Benefits ■ Travel ■ Supplies ■ Contractual ■ Other



FY2018-2019 BUDGET

Total Budget:	\$2,987,532
Personnel:	\$1,705,535
Fringe Benefits:	\$589,383
Travel:	\$18,244
Supplies:	\$74,765
Contractual:	\$267,767
Other:	\$331,838

Program Locations and Contact Information

CAAM HEAD START/ GREAT START CENTERS

Jacobetti Head Start Center
NMU Jacobetti Center, Rooms 109 & 110
Marquette, MI. 49855
250-8182 & 250-8080
Center Hours: 7:30am-3:30pm

Phelps Early Childhood Center
700 E. North St.
Ishpeming, MI. 49489
485-4521
Center Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm

Brookton Early Childhood Center
275 Lost Creek Drive
Marquette, MI. 49855
225-1619
Center Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Munising Head Start Center
413 Maple St.
Munising, MI. 49862
387-2675
Center Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Gwinn Area Early Childhood Center
211 Ventura Street
Gwinn, MI. 49841
346-3680
Center Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Greenwood Head Start Center
704 Greenwood Street
Ishpeming, MI. 49489
485-2083
Center Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm

Silver Creek Head Start Center
219 Silver Creek Road
Marquette, MI. 49855
249-4559
Center Hours: 8:30am-12:30pm

Superior Central Center
E2865 Highway 94, Room 110
Eben Junction, MI. 49825
439-5531 X239
Center Hours: 8:00am-3:30pm

Aspen Ridge Head Start Center
350 Aspen Ridge School Road, Room 241
Ishpeming, MI. 49849
485-3176 X1241
Center Hours: 7:45am-3:30pm

***Class times may vary from center hours**

CAAM EARLY HEAD START CENTERS

Brookton EHS Center
275 Lost Creek Drive
Marquette, MI. 49855
869-4086

Phelps EHS Center
700 E. North St.
Ishpeming, MI. 49849
869-2846

Alger EHS Center
413 Maple St.
Munising, MI. 49862
869-0062

Gwinn EHS Center
201 Ventura
Gwinn, MI. 49841
869-7233





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