

2018

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
LMAS Health Department
Marquette Dental Society
Marquette Co. Health Department
MARESA

NMU BEARS Program
NMU Nursing Program
Superior Health Foundation
Super One Foods
UP Children's Museum
Walmart

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 2017-2018 school year.

Our early childhood programs strive to provide the highest quality experience for the children and families in Marquette and Alger Counties. We use a model of continuous quality improvement to meet our goals.

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

- Expansion of our Head Start program to full day, extended year services in four classrooms
- Superior Central and Phelps Early Childhood Centers achieved Five-Star ratings in Great Start to Quality
- Two staff members presented at the National Head Start Association Conference
- Collaboration with community partners to address the local Opioid Epidemic and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)
- Successfully completed the five-year grant cycle with the Office of Head Start and awarded a new five-year grant

I would like to acknowledge and thank the early childhood staff from all programs. Without this group of talented individuals, these successes would not be possible. They have shown dedication and passion for the work they do on a daily basis.

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,



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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 2017-2018 school year, we served:



**Pregnant Women-
EHS**

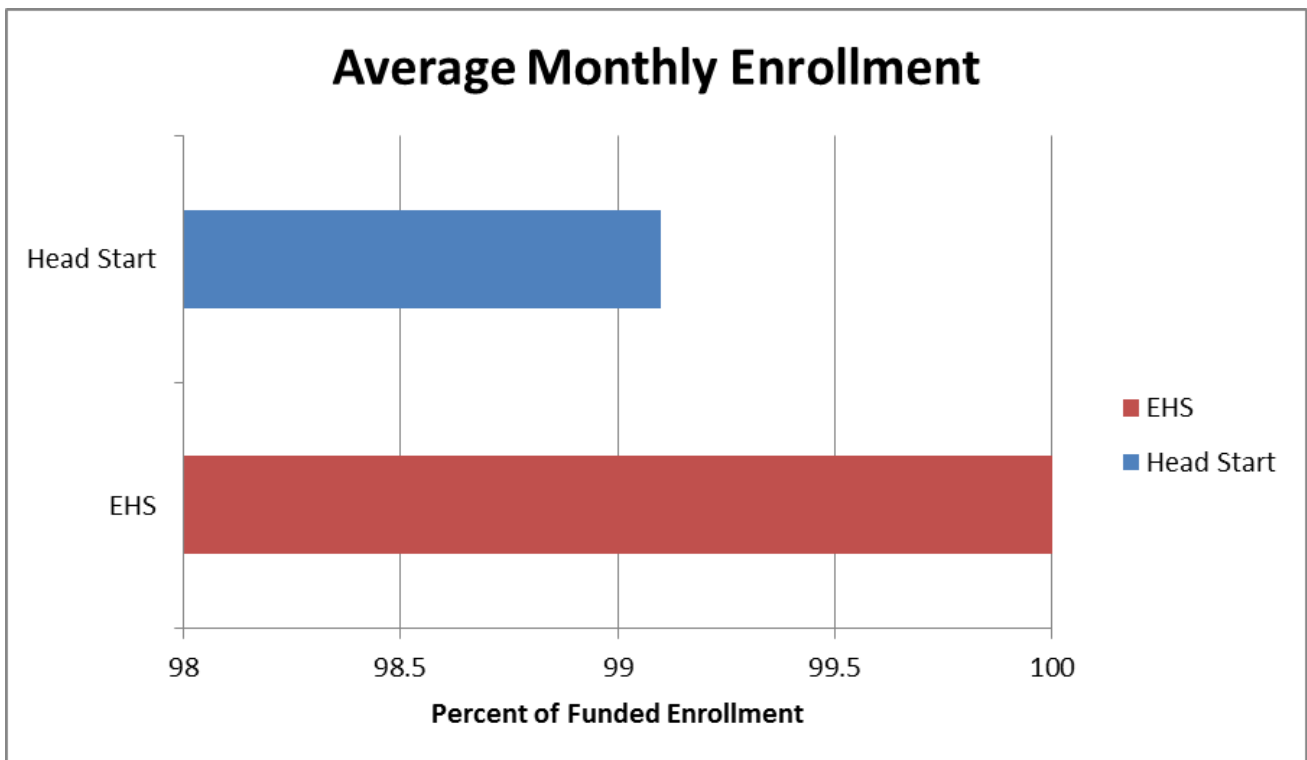


**Infants and
Toddlers-EHS**



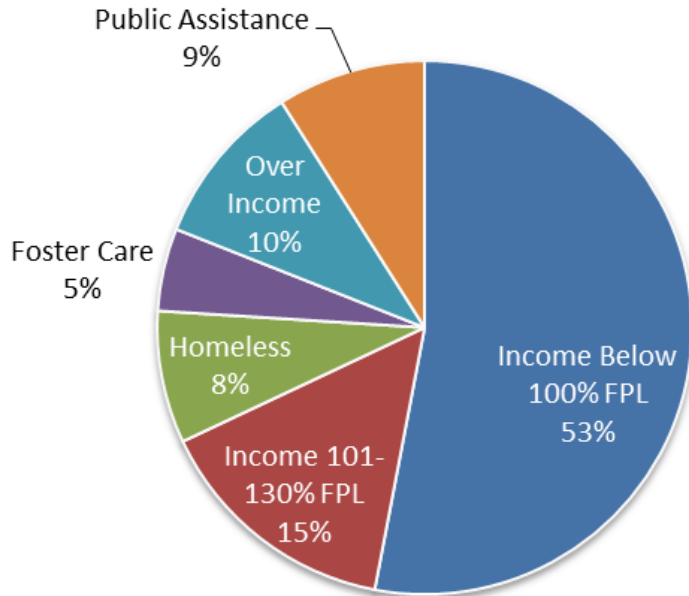
**Preschoolers-
Head Start**

384-Cumulative Child Enrollment

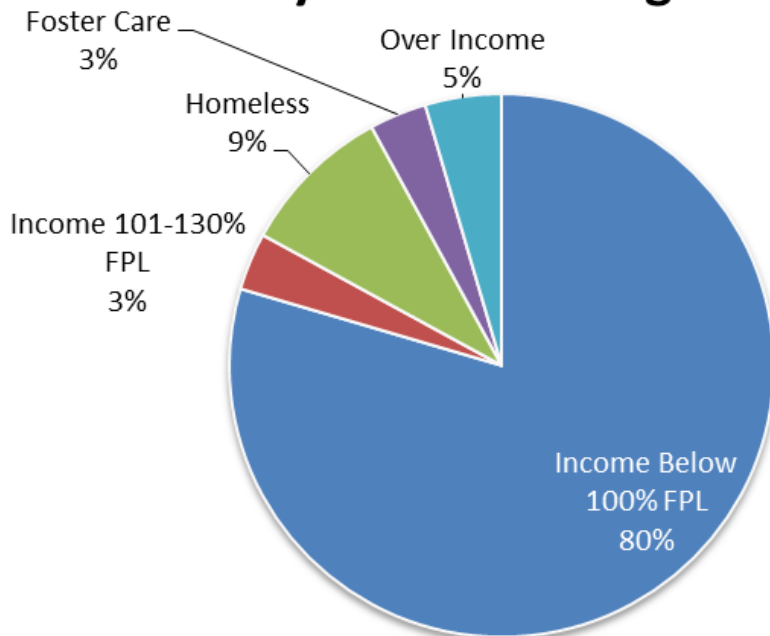


Our Children and Families

Head Start Eligibility



Early Head Start Eligibility



ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE

Our program began a focused effort on promoting attendance in our Head Start program.

With the help of the Attendance Task Force, the program held trainings for parents on the importance of regular attendance. We also celebrated the 100th day of school in the centers, recognizing each child when they reached that benchmark.

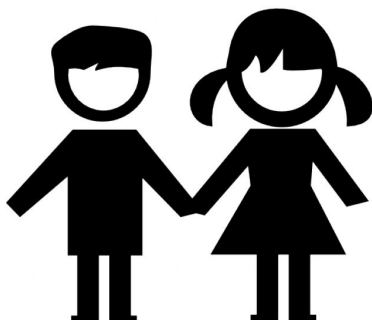
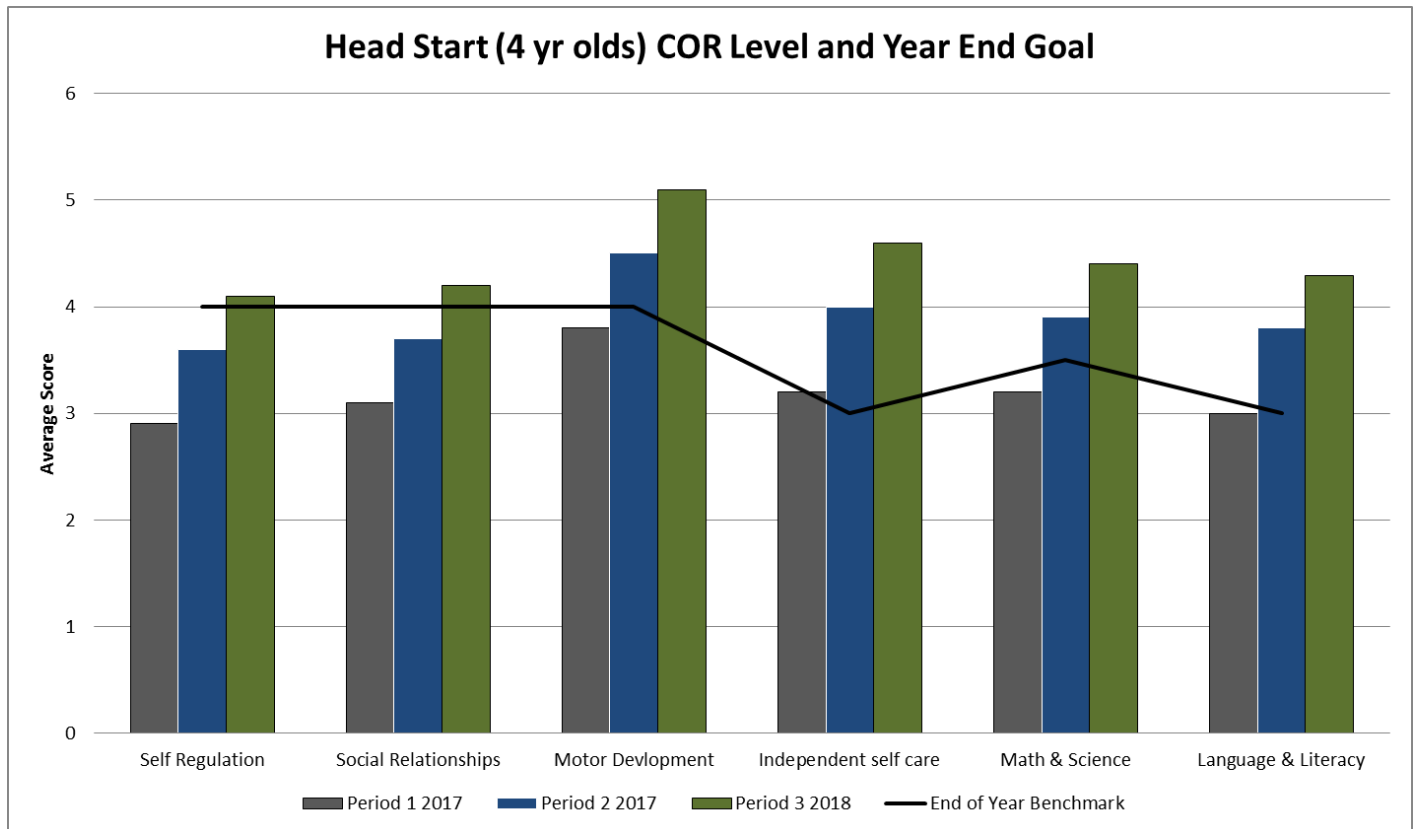
For the 2017-2018 school year, 76% of enrolled children had attendance rates of 80% or better.

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.

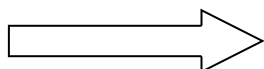
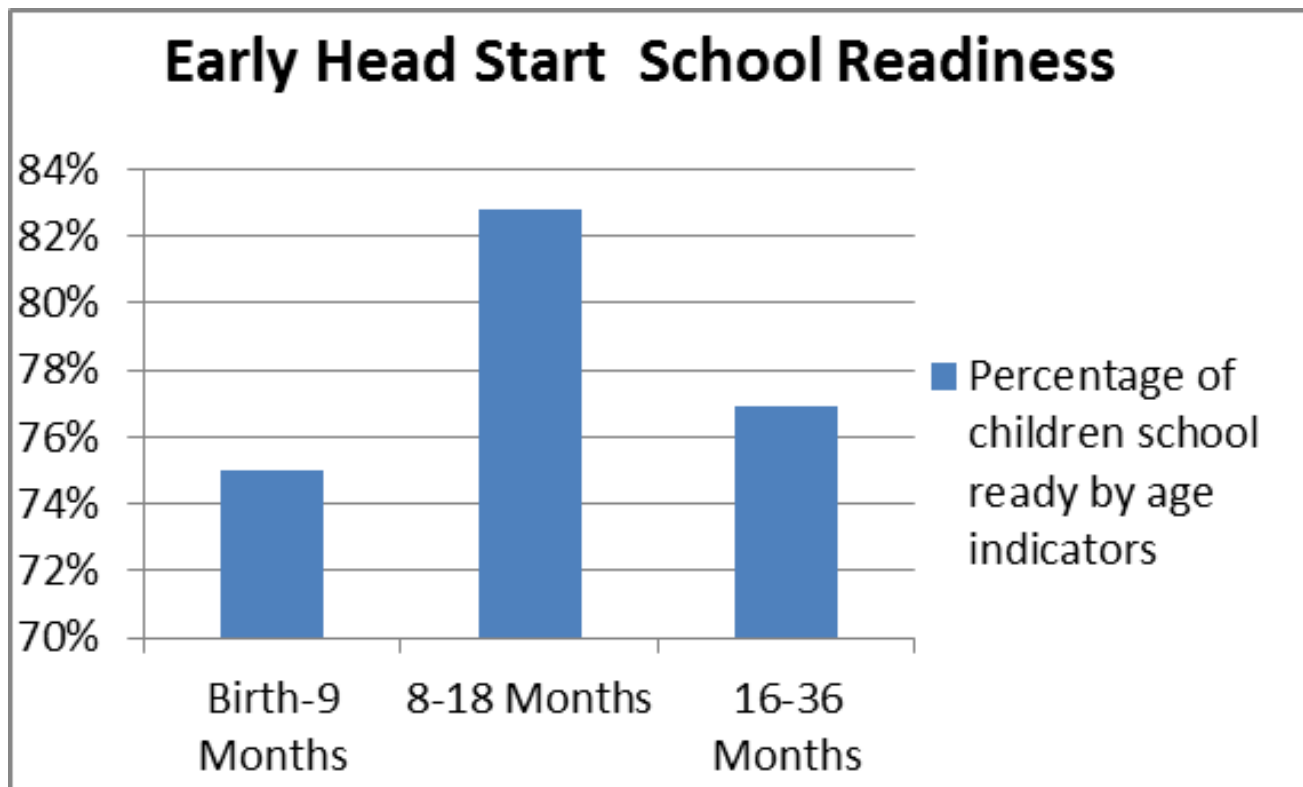
Our Early Head Start home based curriculum is Partners For a Healthy Baby. We measure child progress with the Brigance Inventory of Early Development.

School Readiness Goal: Children transitioning to the next program option will be developmentally ready to learn and participate.



66 Children served with disabilities- 17% of enrolled children

*"This program greatly advanced my daughter in all aspects. I believe she is very ready for kindergarten."
Phelps Center Parent*



**144 Children
Transitioned to Kindergarten**



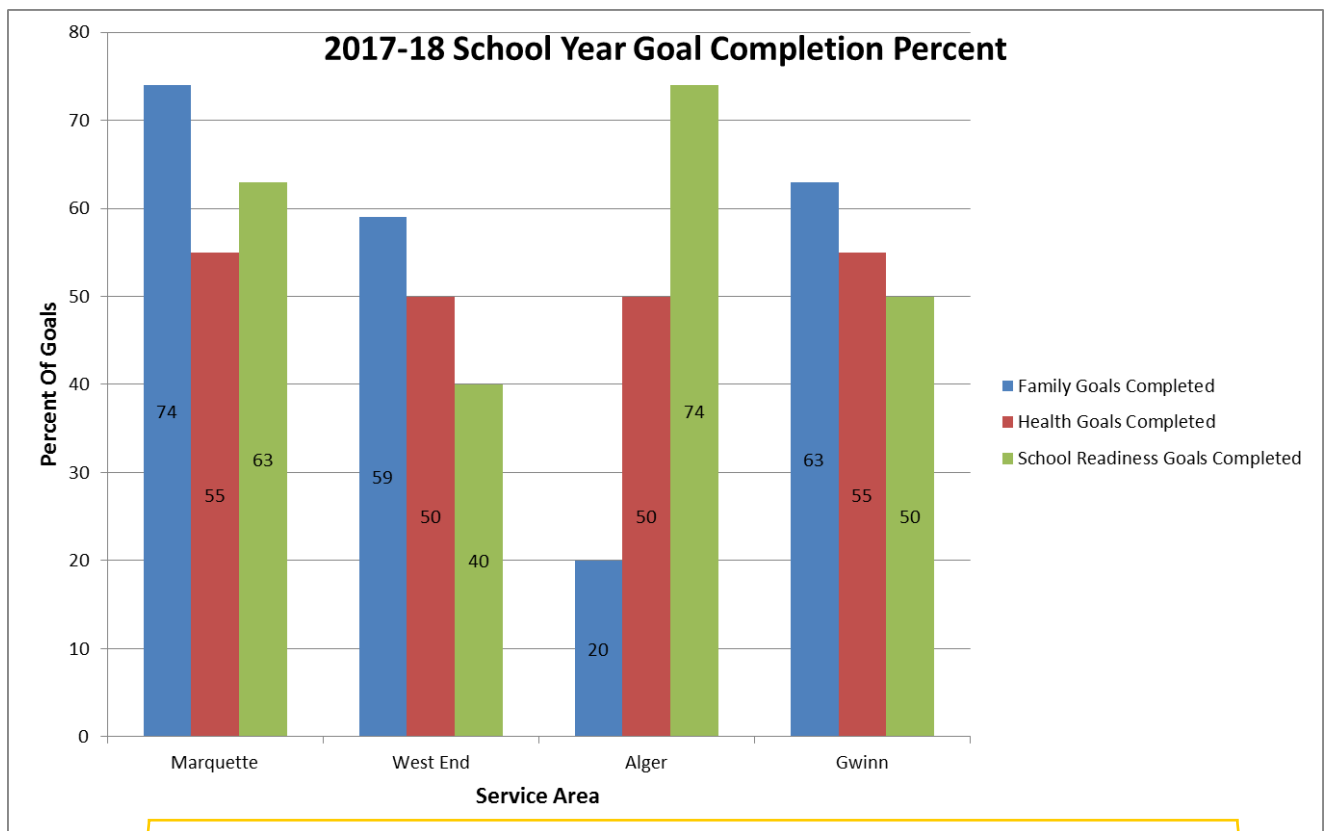
"This is an excellent program. I believe my child has come a long way her first year in school. She has learned so much and we are so very grateful to her teachers!"

Phelps 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.

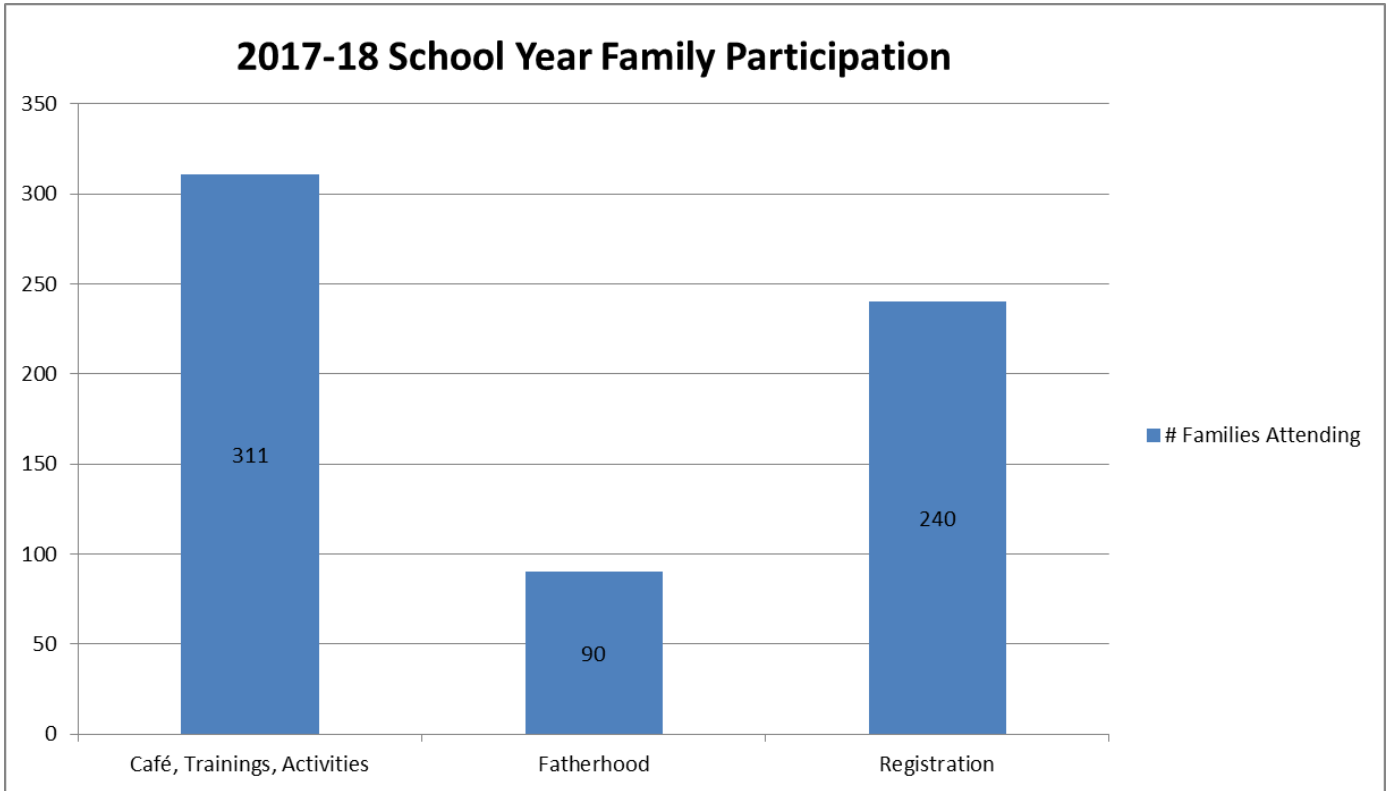
Family Engagement Goal: Families will increase engagement in all areas of the program.



“We have been impressed with everyone involved in this program. [The staff] have made this year such an enjoyable experience for us all and we thank everyone involved for the tremendous improvement of [my son’s] knowledge, manners and character.”
Greenwood Center Parent

Parent and Family Engagement

[362-Total Families Served]



“My son loves his teachers, and said he wants to ‘go to Jacobetti school for 101 years.’ He also really blossomed socially this school year. “
Jacobetti Center Parent

Comprehensive Services

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

Health Services Goal: Families will improve their health status during their enrollment period.



308 HS children received preventative dental care.



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



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



362 children were up-to-date on immunizations

Comprehensive Services



**5 children received
mental health services**



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

"Much appreciation to the teachers/aides for recognizing my sons visual problems. Now I think he'll progress even faster next year and improve immensely with motor skills/writing/ letter and number recognition." Gwinn Center Parent

Funding and Budget

Community Action Alger Marquette had a successful audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017. The Agency received an Unmodified Report. The agency did not receive any Federal Monitoring Events this year.

FY2017-2018 BUDGET

Total Budget:

\$2,889,641

Personnel:

\$1,638,600

Fringe Benefits:

\$589,152

Travel:

\$11,427

Supplies:

\$66,949

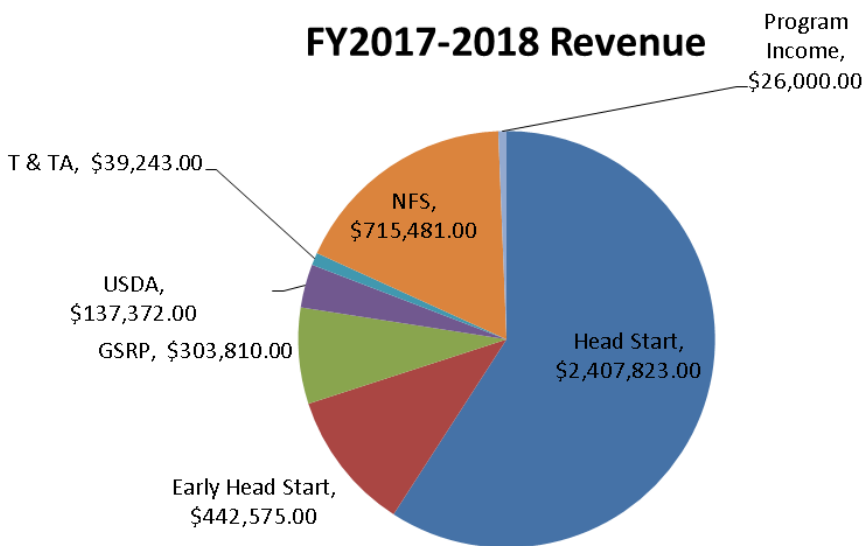
Contractual:

\$241,972

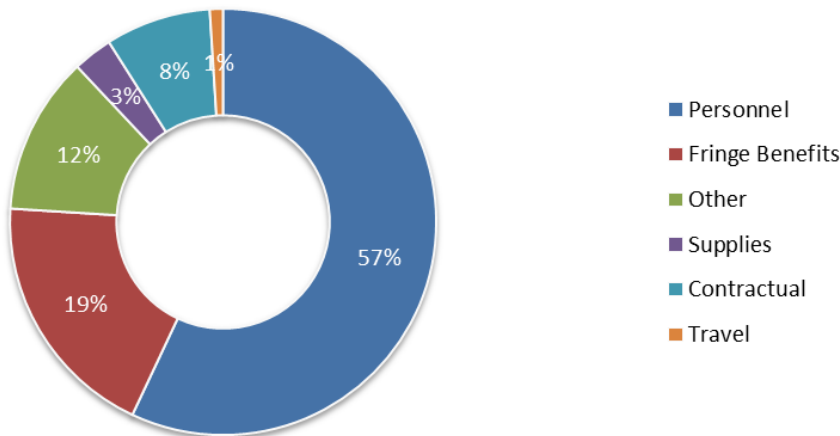
Other:

\$341,541

FY2017-2018 Revenue



FY2017-2018 Expenses



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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