

HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT  
2015 – 2016

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Head Start program provides services to 234 preschool children and their families at nine locations throughout Delaware County. The services are provided with funding from the Department of Human Services, Office of Head Start, and the Child and Adult Food Program.

In the 2015 - 2016 budget year ending 2/28/16 we received \$1,963,349 from the Office of Head Start. The comparison of the actual 2015 – 2016 Head Start budget to expenditures and the approved 2016-2017 are as follows:

	2015-2016 Budget	Total Expenses	2016-2017 Budget
Salary	1,158,218	1,199,738	1,196,490
Fringe Benefits	405,080	383,896	418,092
Travel	9,720	1,237	9,720
Equipment	66,000	53,546	
Supplies	47,505	51,334	47,004
Contractual	22,144	15,577	22,180
Other	254,682	258,021	269,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,963,349</b>	<b>\$1,963,349</b>	<b>\$1,963,349</b>

**Federal Program Review** – Based on a program review during May 2012 and a Compliance Review, the program was found to be in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. The next Review should be during the 2016 – 2017 program year.

**Independent Audit** – The most recent independent audit can be found annually on our website by visiting the home page and following the link or by contacting our office.

**Kindergarten Transition**

The process for transitioning from Head Start to Kindergarten is ongoing. The children engage in a variety of activities in the classroom related to kindergarten and the concept of transition. They read books, role play, have group discussions, and learn songs about Kindergarten and the change that occurs. If possible, the Kindergarten teachers visit the classroom and talk to the children about what they will see, what they will do, and what kinds of things they will learn. They also talk to the parent groups about what is expected and what they can do to help their child prepare. In May, the children visit the public school and parents are invited to attend. End of year reports are sent to the public school in the areas of health and education with the parents' permission. In September, all transitioning children are provided with backpacks and school supplies that are obtained through a community grant and

donations. Staff contact the parents twice more, minimally, to see how public school is going and if there is anything we can do to aid in the process. Additionally, the public school teachers are also contacted for information on how the Head Start children are doing and if there is any additional information we can provide that may be of assistance.

**Consumer Impact 2015 - 2016**

Total number of children and families, including drops and replacements	253	Number of children completing a well-child physical exam	253 100%
Total funded enrollment	224	Of the children examined, the number needing treatment	8
Average monthly enrollment	223 99.6%	Number of children who received needed treatment	6
Number of children with health insurance	251 99.2%	Number of children with completed professional dental examination	228 90.1%
% of eligible children served	51.3%	Of children examined, number needing treatment	80
Number of children diagnosed with a disability	60	Number of children receiving treatment	51
Number of children up-to-date with age appropriate preventive and primary health care	253 100%	Number of families who participated in a Family Partnership and Goal setting process	253 100%

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

Delaware Opportunities Inc. strongly believes that the parent is the child's primary teacher and, as such, encourages strong parent involvement in a variety of ways, such as:

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| Policy Council                 | Classroom Volunteers | Read To Me Program         |
| Parent Groups                  | Kitchen Volunteers   | Try At Home Activities     |
| Lesson Planning                | Parent Trainings     | Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| Curriculum Input               | Advisory Board       | 1234 Parents! Program      |
| Discipline Is Not A Dirty Word |                      |                            |