

**HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT
2019 – 2020**

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Head Start program provides services to 203 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 2019 – 2020 budget year ending 2/28/19 we received \$2,261,824 from the Office of Head Start. The comparison of the 2018 – 2019 Head Start budget to expenditures and the approved 2019 – 2020 and expenditures are as follows:

	2018-2019 Budget	Total Expenses	2019-2020 Budget	Total Expenses
Salary	1,370,416	1,284,447	1,380,394	1,305,050.55
Fringe Benefits	439,163	388,456	419,075	407,709.63
Travel	41,846	48,594	49,120	35,199.50
Equipment	0	0	112,616	109,499.44
Supplies	57,109	51,534	59,502	78,352.91
Contractual	22,591	16,992	21,572	18,341.86
Other	254,940	275,083	239,127	327,252.11
Total	\$2,186,065	2,065,107	\$2,281,406	\$2,281,406

Federal Program Monitoring Review – Delaware Opportunities Head Start participated in a Federal Monitoring Review in March of 2019. The program was found to be in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. The Program also participated in a Federal CLASS Review in November of 2018 and the Program did well. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is a measure of the interactions between the children and staff to ensure that the environment is positive, there is classroom management systems in place to capitalize on productivity and that there is instructional support and rich language between the children and staff.

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.

Full-day Classrooms – DO Head Start has completed our third year with full day classrooms. These classrooms are located in Arkville, Davenport, Delhi, Fishs Eddy, Sidney, and Walton locations. Delaware Opportunities will be adding two more full day locations and they will be in Deposit and Hobart (upon licensing approval) sites. The eight full day classrooms enable us to provide services to those families that are working or seeking to further their education.

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. The staff and children read books, role play, have group discussions, and learn songs about kindergarten and what to expect.

Due to COVID-19 school closures, the education staff planned transition lessons for the children and their families via Zoom or Facebook. They read stories and discussed the transition to kindergarten and shared what to expect in kindergarten with both children and families. The family service workers also aide in the registration process to ensure all children are registered to enter kindergarten.

The final end of year Parent/Teacher Conference reports are sent to the school the child is enrolled in with the parents' permission. In September, the children that will attend kindergarten are provided with backpacks and school supplies that are obtained through a community grant and donations. DO Head Start will contact families in August to supply backpacks and school supplies to those children going to kindergarten. Staff will contact the parents again to see how public school is going and if there is anything we can do to aid in the process. Additionally, the Lead Teachers also contact the schools to learn how the Head Start children are doing and if there is any additional information that we can provide that may be of assistance.

Consumer Impact 2019 - 2020

Total number of children and families, including drops and replacements	186	Number of children completing a well-child physical exam	186 100%
Total funded enrollment	203	Of the children examined, the number needing treatment	11 17%
Average monthly enrollment	203 90%	Number of children who received needed treatment	11 100%
Number of children with health insurance	186 100%	Number of children with completed professional dental examination	163 88%
% of eligible children served	92%	Of children examined, number needing treatment	65 40%
Number of children diagnosed with a disability	37	Number of children receiving treatment	44 70%
Number of children up to date with age appropriate preventive and primary health care	176 95%	Number of families who participated in a Family Partnership and Goal setting process	186 100%

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. The Program's annual 'Day of the Young Child' (DOYC) celebration was cancelled due to COVID-19; however, the Program still provided the children and families' favorite activity the 'BubbleMan'. The BubbleMan created a YouTube video for the children and families that would run for the month of June. Although the celebration was cancelled the Program will provide the child designed DOYC tee shirts to the children and Policy Council members as typical.

Some other activities of engagement are as follows:

Policy Council

Parent Groups

Lesson Planning

Curriculum Ideas

Family Fun Days

School Readiness and Family Home Activities

Classroom Volunteers

Kitchen Volunteers

Parent/Teacher Conferences

1234 Parents! Program

Field Trips

Read to Me Program

Parent Workshops

Advisory Board

Strengthening Families

Classroom Picture Day

Discipline Is Not A Dirty Word