



HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Head Start program provides services to 178 preschool children and their families at eight 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 Feeding Program. In the 2023-2024 budget year ending 2/29/2024 the program received \$2,640,290 from the Office of Head Start. The comparison of the 2022-2023 Head Start budget and expenditures to the approved 2023-2024 budget and expenditures are as follows:

	2022-2023 Budget	Total Expenses	2023-2024 Budget	Total Expenses
Salary	1,640,703	1,412,340.01	1,767,107	1,674,620.22
Fringe Benefits	557,070	451,948.79	565,474	535,878.47
Travel	18,407	13,235.15	22,065	14,337.10
Equipment	0	4,608.96	3,000	15,236.38
Supplies	37,200	79,964.45	37,600	109,668.50
Contractual	26,674	24,594.39	32,619	22,888.32
Other	173,887	297,195.40	212,425	267,661.01
TOTAL	\$2,453,941	\$2,283,887.15	\$2,640,290	\$2,640,290

Federal Program Monitoring Review-Delaware Opportunities Head Start participated in a Federal Monitoring Review (FA1) in January of 2023. The program was found to be in full compliance with all requirements related to that review relevant to Head Start performance standards, laws, regulations and other policy requirements. The program awaits the date for their FA2 Federal Monitoring Review.

Independent Audit-The most recent independent audit can be found annually on the agency's website by visiting the home page and following the link or by contacting the administrative office.

Full-Day Classrooms-The program continues to operate all 10 classrooms as full day classrooms. These classrooms are located in Arkville, Davenport, Delhi, Deposit, Fishs Eddy, Franklin, Sidney and Walton. The full day classrooms have enabled the program 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.

Delaware Opportunities Inc. Head Start education staff planned transition lessons for the children and their families through in person opportunities. 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 aid in the registration process to ensure all children are registered to enter kindergarten.

The final end of the year parent/teacher conference reports are sent to the school the child is enrolled in with the parents' permission. The program provided the children that will attend kindergarten with backpacks and school supplies that are obtained through community grants and donations. DO Head Start distributed the supplies to the families at the end of the center year to have the children going to kindergarten ready for their first day of school. Staff contacted the parents again after that to see how public school was going and if there was anything that they could 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 the program can provide that may be of assistance.

Center Year Statistics

Total number of children and families, including drops and replacements	112	Number of children who have been determined to be up to date on all immunizations	112
Total funded enrollment	178	Of the children examined, the number needing treatment	26
Number of children with health insurance	112	Number of children who received needed treatment	20
% of eligible children served	100	Number of children with completed professional dental examination	100
Number of children referred for an evaluation to determine eligibility under IDEA	32	Of children examined, number needing treatment	37
Number of children enrolled with an IEP	29	Number of children receiving treatment	31
Number of children up to date with age appropriate preventive and primary health care	102		



Parent Involvement Activities-Delaware Opportunities Inc. strongly believes that the parent is the child's primary teacher and, as such, encouraged strong parent involvement in a variety of ways. Teachers and center staff often facilitate, encourage, and provide activities that can be done at home as well.

Some other engagement activities include:

- ✓ Policy Council
- ✓ Parent Groups
- ✓ Lesson Planning
- ✓ Curriculum Ideas
- ✓ Family Fun Days
- ✓ Classroom Volunteers
- ✓ Kitchen Volunteers
- ✓ Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Read to Me Program
- ✓ Parent Workshops
- ✓ Advisory Board
- ✓ Strengthening Families
- ✓ Classroom Picture Day
- ✓ School Readiness and Family Home Activities