



Early Head Start/ Head Start Annual Report 2022 - 2023

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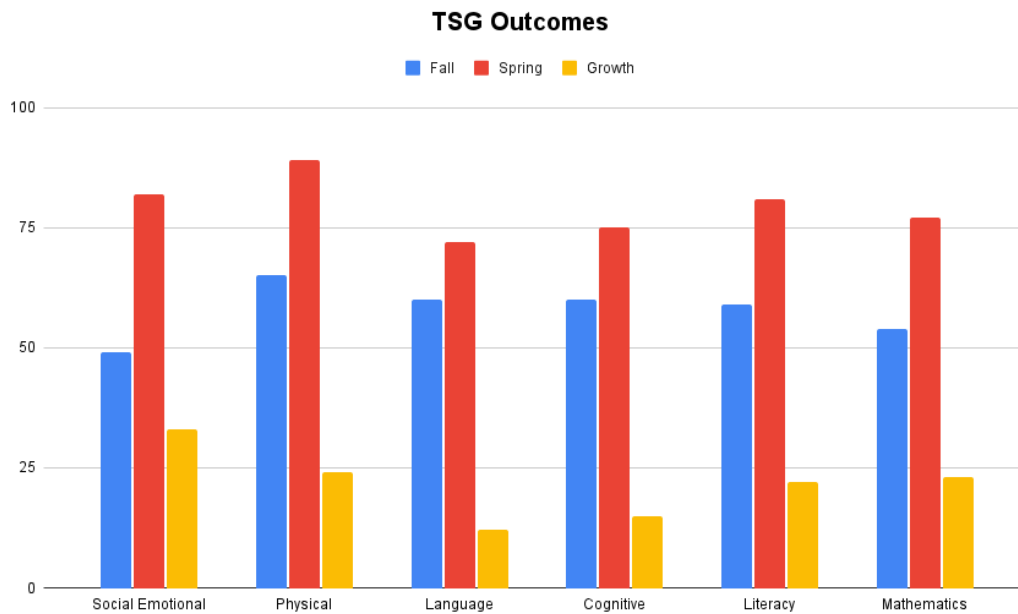
About Us

Gateway Community Action Head Start is a private 501 (C) (3) corporation. Head Start's purpose is to provide comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parent engagement services to low income children and their families. The program's services and resources are designed to foster stable family relationships and enhance children's school readiness skills to prepare them for Kindergarten. The Board of Directors include public officials, private industry, and representatives of low-income individuals who advocates within our community. Our Policy Council is comprised of families of currently enrolled children from each site as well as additional members with knowledge and expertise in other social services programs.



Service Area

Gateway Community Action is funded to provide Early Head Start services to 112 children, and Head Start services to 603 children. These services are delivered throughout Bath, Bracken, Fleming, Lewis, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Robertson, and Rowan Counties.



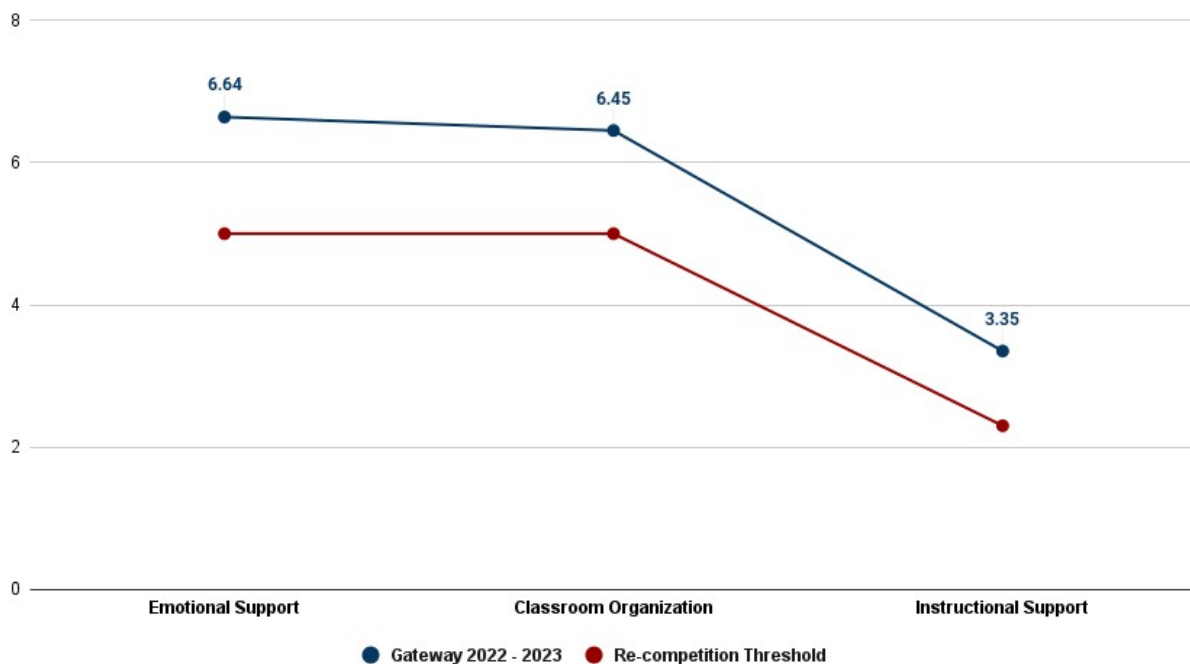
Kindergarten Readiness

Our school readiness goals were developed in collaboration with programs across the state of Kentucky. Each of the domains encompass the widely held expectations of the “Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework,” “Teaching Strategies Gold,” and the “Kentucky Early Learning Standards.” Our goal is that every child will exit Head Start with the skills and tools they need in order to succeed throughout their years of formal education. School readiness encompasses not only academic success but also social competence. To speak to each of those areas, our teaching staff are highly skilled in providing an environment that is warm, inviting, safe, and encourages preschoolers to explore and manipulate their surroundings. Child outcomes are collected, for our Head Start students, at three intervals in the domains of social/emotional, physical, literacy, cognition, and math and language development. Assessment results are shared with parents during home visits, family conferences, written progress reports, and ongoing communication through email and informal communications.

CLASS

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System is an observation tool used to analyze and assess the effectiveness of interactions between children and teachers in preschool classes. Office of Head Start uses this tool to collect information about the experiences of children in Head Start programs and to measure teacher-child interactions, one important measure of quality. Gateway currently has CLASS reliable observers and trainers on staff. Results of the 2022-2023 CLASS Assessment can be found below.

CLASS Comparison





Family Engagement

Gateway recognizes that parents are a child's first and most important teacher. This is why our Head Start and Early Head Start programs conduct monthly parent meetings and trainings. This is in addition to any regularly scheduled classroom activities that promote family engagement. It is our goal to assist in building positive relationships with families that support overall family well-being and early childhood development.



**Percentage of
children who
received medical
and dental exams:
100%**



**Average Monthly
Enrollment
100%**

**Percentage of eligible
children at 100% of
poverty served: 84%**

**Percentage of eligible
children at 130% of
poverty served: 10%**

**Percentage of eligible
children over income
served: 6%**



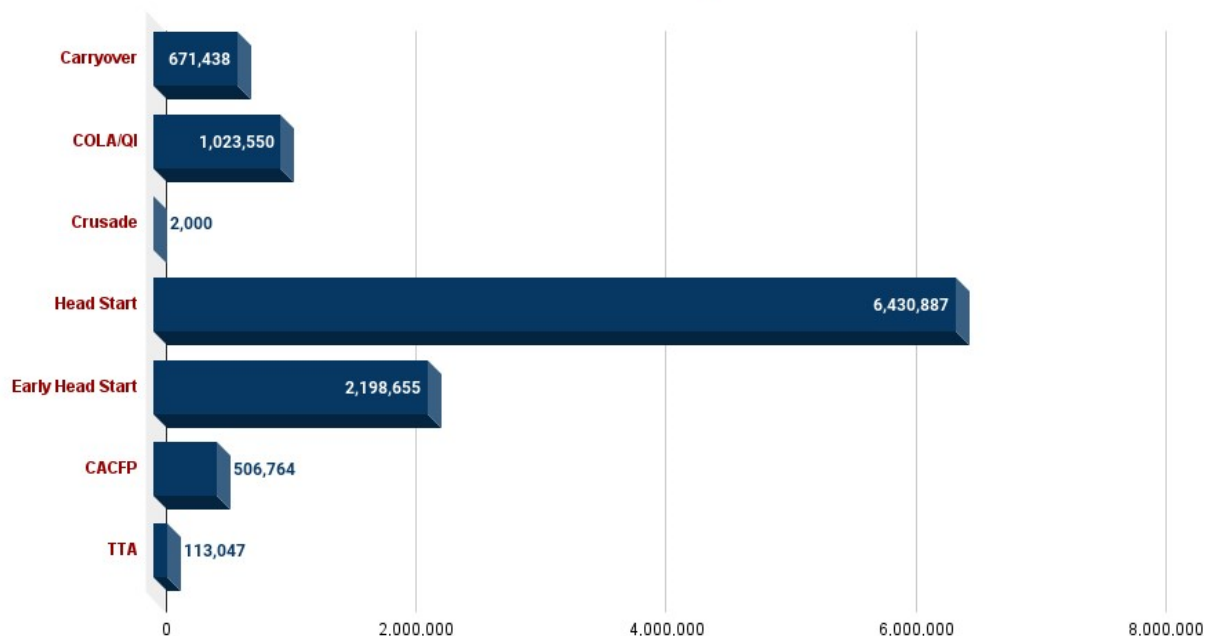
Finance

Gateway Head Start and Early Head Start programs received federal, state, and local funding for operations. The funding sources include: COLA, Training and Technical Assistance, Carry Over, CACFP, and Crusade.

*All sources of funds are detailed in approved budgets. Our most recent annual audit is available to the public. Both are available upon request, and are located on our agency website.



2022 - 2023 Funding



Staff Accomplishments

Throughout the 2022-2023 program year we witnessed a multitude of staff accomplishments. Many staff members obtained their CDA credentials, Associate Degrees, Bachelor Degrees, and Master Degrees. Multiple certifications were also obtained including, CLASS Observer certifications, Food Handler certifications, QCIT certifications, Mental Health First Aid certifications, among an abundance of others. Mrs. Brittany Howard, former Head Start student, and parent, accepted the role of Health Manager. Also, Miss Tracy Danielle Back, former Head Start student, accepted a Head Start teaching position. Gateway is extremely proud of our staff, and former students for each of their accomplishments through this program year!

