



Darlington County Community Action Agency



Greetings,

I am pleased to present the 2018 Annual Report for Darlington County Community Action Agency (DCCAA). The 2018 Annual Report tells the story of DCCAA. It is my hope that by reading this report, you will learn not only about what we do and our accomplishments, but also why we do this work. Our portfolio of services aims to alleviate the hardships that people living in poverty endure. Through the provision of comprehensive social services, we strive to better the lives of our clients at every stage of life. Over the past year, we have made great strides towards helping our most vulnerable residents achieve economic stability, but there is much more work to be done.

My goals for the Board of Directors as we move through FY19 are few, but important. I desire that we: 1) Continue our dedication to the highest level of quality governance and professionalism. 2) Energize the standing Board of Directors' committees as described under the by-laws. 3) Examine what we can do to be more supportive of the Leadership Team while respecting the extra time commitment our involvement requires of them. We will begin by reviewing the committee structure and the roles committees were granted under the by-laws. We need to bring these roles and responsibilities into today's organization. I hope to work with the Leadership Team and the Board of Directors to achieve a respectable and efficient balance and schedule for everyone. With the support of our clients, funders, partners and advisory board members, we will continue working towards building a more resilient community, in which services are accessible, transformative and sustainable.

Finally, I must say "Thank You!" to the formal Leadership Team and direct service staff we have here at DCCAA! You are the organization's backbone and each person's part is important. The Board of Directors is very proud of how, in these last couple of years, you have all stepped up to the challenges. Your dedication and support of DCCAA's mission and what we are trying to accomplish is becoming increasingly known in Darlington County and the state of South Carolina! The Board of Directors is proud to serve with you! Thank you so very much!

Jeronell Bradley

Chairperson

DCCAA Board of Directors

A MESSAGE FROM OUR

BOARD CHAIR

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

It has truly been a fast-paced, productive year for Darlington County Community Action Agency! Our challenges and successes this past year have fueled the motivation of all to make an even more concerted effort to promote and execute the agency's programs with maximum benefit. The issues of poverty that face our low income families, individuals and children in our service area are constant, though varied and complex. These issues require careful assessment and creative and flexible approaches to identify and implement short and long-term solutions. This effort requires the commitment, dedication and resources of our funding agencies, governing bodies, staff and community partners to identify and combat the causes and effects of poverty in Darlington County. It is solely through the collective efforts of all that the Promise of Community Action, "Helping People, Changing Lives" is realized and the lives of our residents are positively changed.

In addition to the programs that we carry out: Head Start, our early childhood full service education program for 3 and 4 year olds; Low Income Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) for heating/cooling needs; Summer Food Program; Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) for homelessness support; Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) to assist with rent, utilities, prescriptions/eyeglasses, and employment/training; Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA), a free online tax filing service, I am particularly proud of the focus that has been placed on our youth programs. Among other activities, the Youth Leadership and Summer College Student employment programs have provided opportunities for high school and college students to obtain real life work experience, earn a paycheck, and learn financial management tips. These programs have significantly impacted not only the lives of the participants, but also their families who observe growth and maturity in other aspects of their lives.

Each day presents a challenge to each of us to make the lives of our low income constituents in Darlington County better. This task is made easier by having the support and participation of a strong, engaged governing Board of Directors and Head Start Policy Council, committed staff and cooperative partnerships with public and private non-profit community organizations, governmental entities, commercial enterprises, and individuals who seek to promote economic self-sufficiency for all low income residents of Darlington County. Keeping our focus on the needs of others will propel us in the right direction as we strive to see our communities grow and thrive while addressing the causes and effects of poverty.

The fulfillment of Community Action is experiencing the joy of lending a helping hand to others. Drawing from Booker T. Washington, Educator/Former Slave, in his Autobiography, "Up from Slavery": "Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others." Thank you all for making the work of DCCAA possible!

Jacquelyn James Slayton

Executive Director



ABOUT THE AGENCY

OUR PROGRAMS

- Head Start
- LIHEAP
- CSBG
- Summer Food
- ESG
- Youth Leadership
- VITA



HEAD START

DCCAA's Head Start program is the educational home to 300 three and four year olds in Darlington County. There are three Head Start centers with a total of 16 classrooms equipped with 32 teachers and assistant teachers provides emotional, intellectual and social growth for our children using a research based curriculum.

Daily our children are engaged in planned and spontaneous instruction that aids in their emotional, intellectual and social growth while. We ensure they receive nutritious meals and snacks, annual developmental screenings, dental and health exams, as well as hearing, speech, and vision exams.

Lastly, we support the family unit by providing family support/social services and linkage to community resources to strengthen relationships and engage families around children's learning and development.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

LIHEAP

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides funds to assist individuals with home energy bills, energy crises and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs through Direct Assistance (DA) and Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP).

CSBG

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) enables DCCAA to strengthen eligible households in the areas of education, employment, emergency, energy, health, housing, income tax preparation, nutrition and youth leadership. Free income tax preparation is afforded through VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, where those making \$54,000 or less have their income taxes prepared by our employees which IRS-certified volunteers.



The Youth Leadership Program (YLP) empowers young people to grow into successful contributing members of our communities by building character, providing academic support and imparting essential life skills.

ESG

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) helps us alleviate homelessness through homelessness prevention (rental housing) and rapid rehousing of homeless persons.

COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

SFSP

Summer Food Service Program is a program that helps provide public school age children in Darlington County communities a balanced and nutritious meal during the summer months while public school is not in session.

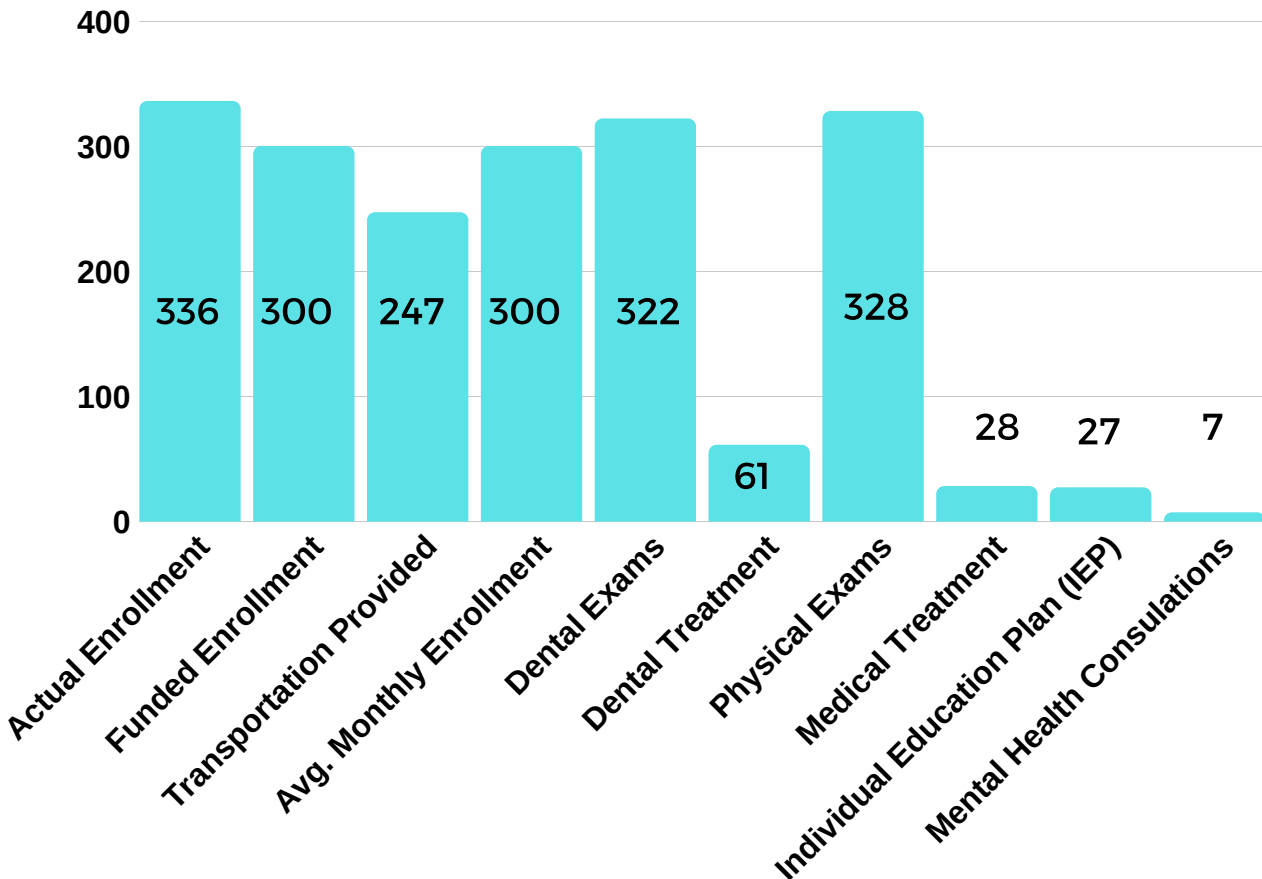


CACFP

Child and Adult Care Food Program is a federal program that provides meal reimbursements to child care providers to serve nutritious meals as a part of their program. The program meets USDA guidelines for meals that help children grow and develop in a healthy way. The program provides breakfast, lunch, and snacks at no charge to eligible families.

HEAD START 2017/2018

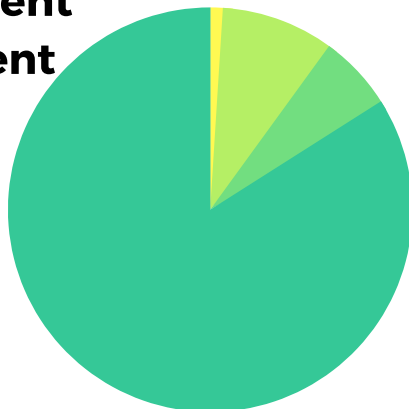
Enrollment Statistics



Impairment Statistics

Development Impairment

1%
(1)



Speech/Language Impairment

6% (17)

Health Impairment

9% (27)

No Impairment

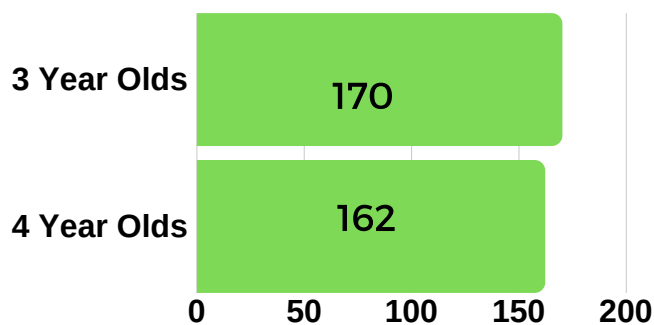
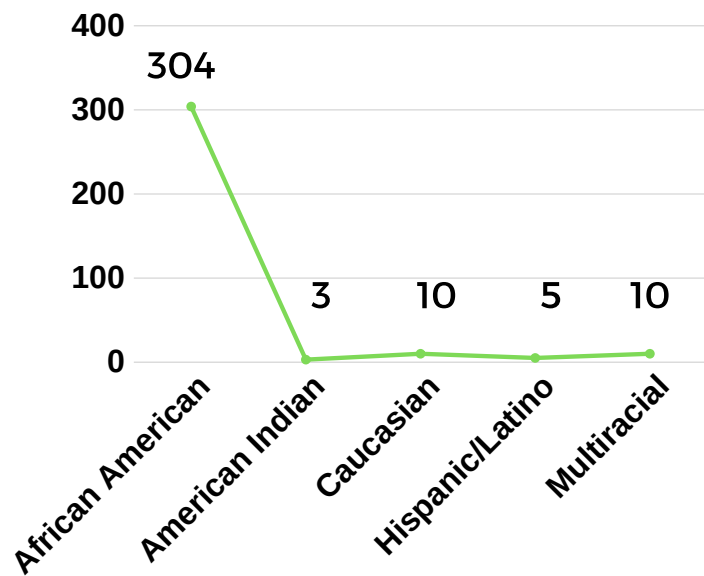
84% (255)

HEAD START 2017/2018

Center Enrollment



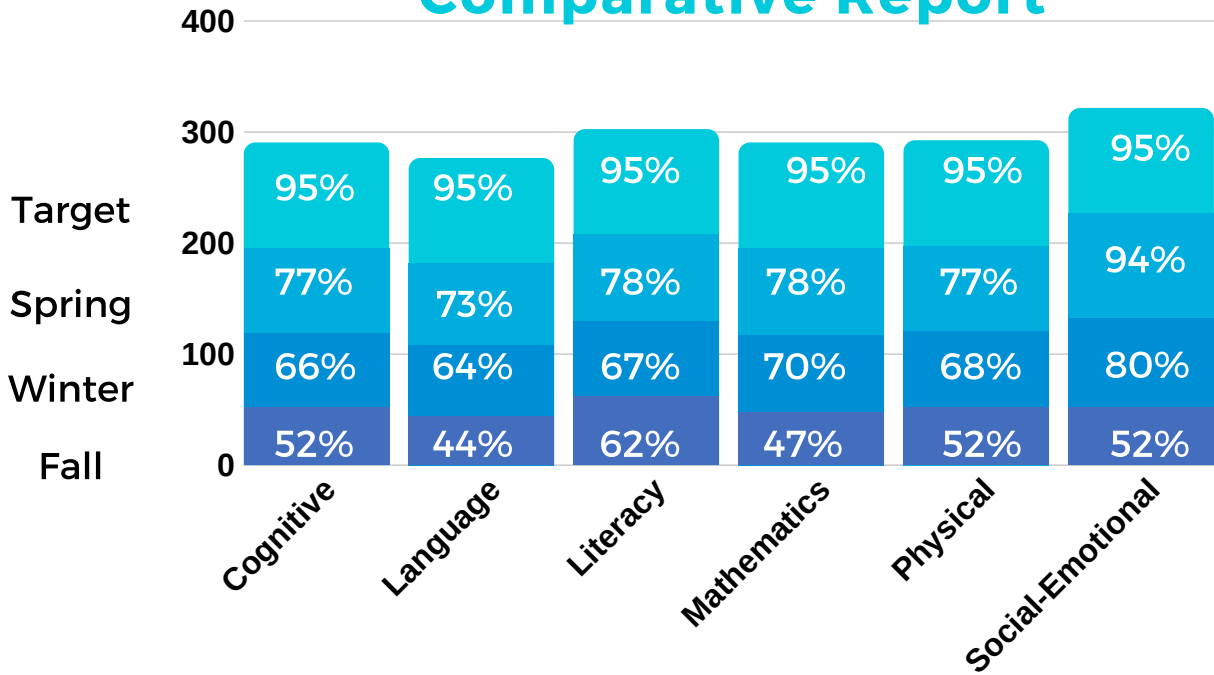
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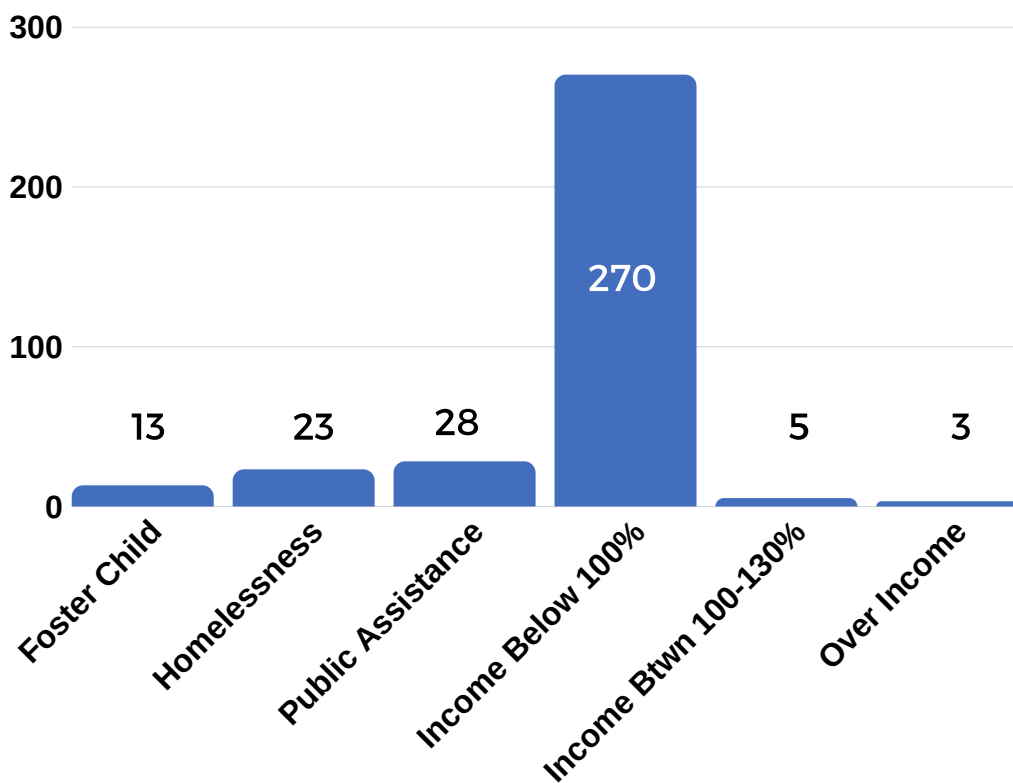
Age Range

HEAD START 2017/2018

2017/2018 School Readiness Comparative Report



2017/2018 Eligibility



HEAD START 2017/2018

FAMILY TYPE

Number of parents/guardians

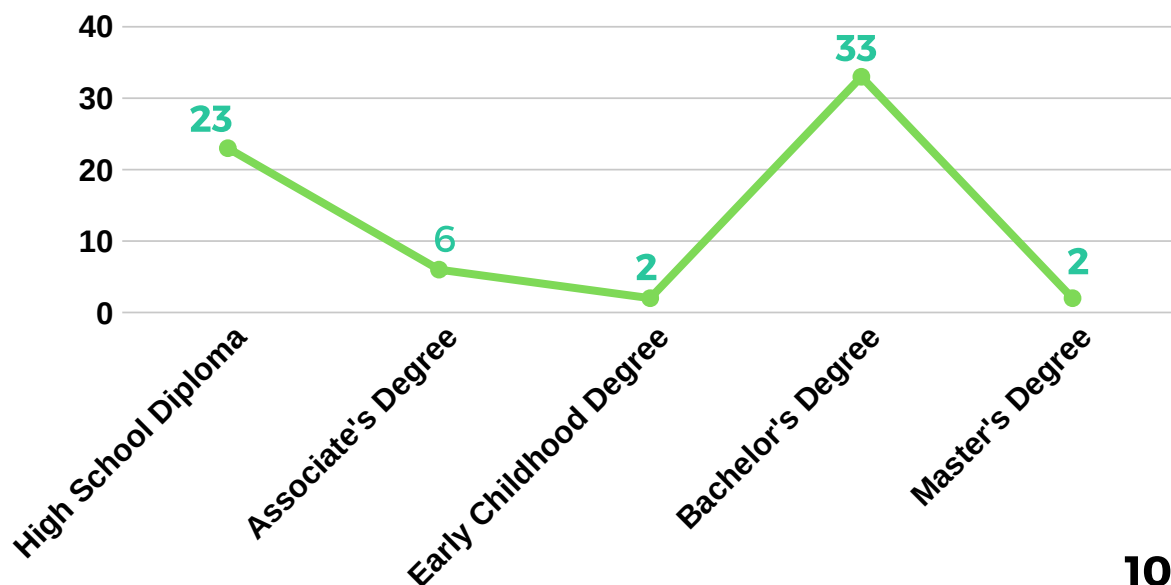
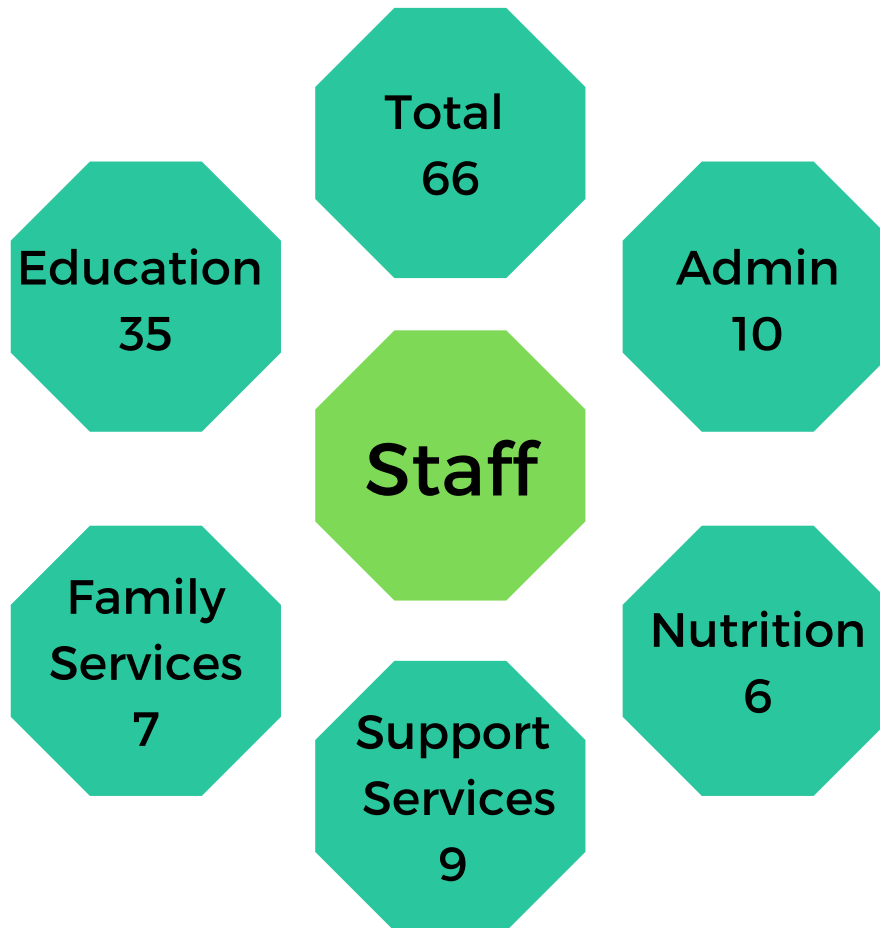
- In program 336
- Employed 214
- In job training 50
- Two Parent Families 62
- One Parent Families 255
- Below Poverty 270
- Receiving Public Assistance (TANF, SSI, WIC, SNAP) 280
- Medicaid Eligibility 300
- Private Insurance 35

Parent Education Level

- Less than High School 41
 - High School Diploma/GED 198
 - Above High School 78
 - Receiving Homeless Services 23
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HEAD START 2017/2018

Staff Statistics



HEAD START 2017/2018

Meals Served

Breakfast: 39,467
Lunch: 40,338
Snack: 39,467



Transportation



Nearly 52K

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Health Services: 2,176
Food Delivery: 1,391
To/From Centers: 47,983

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Project Share

- 95% of accessed clients served.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

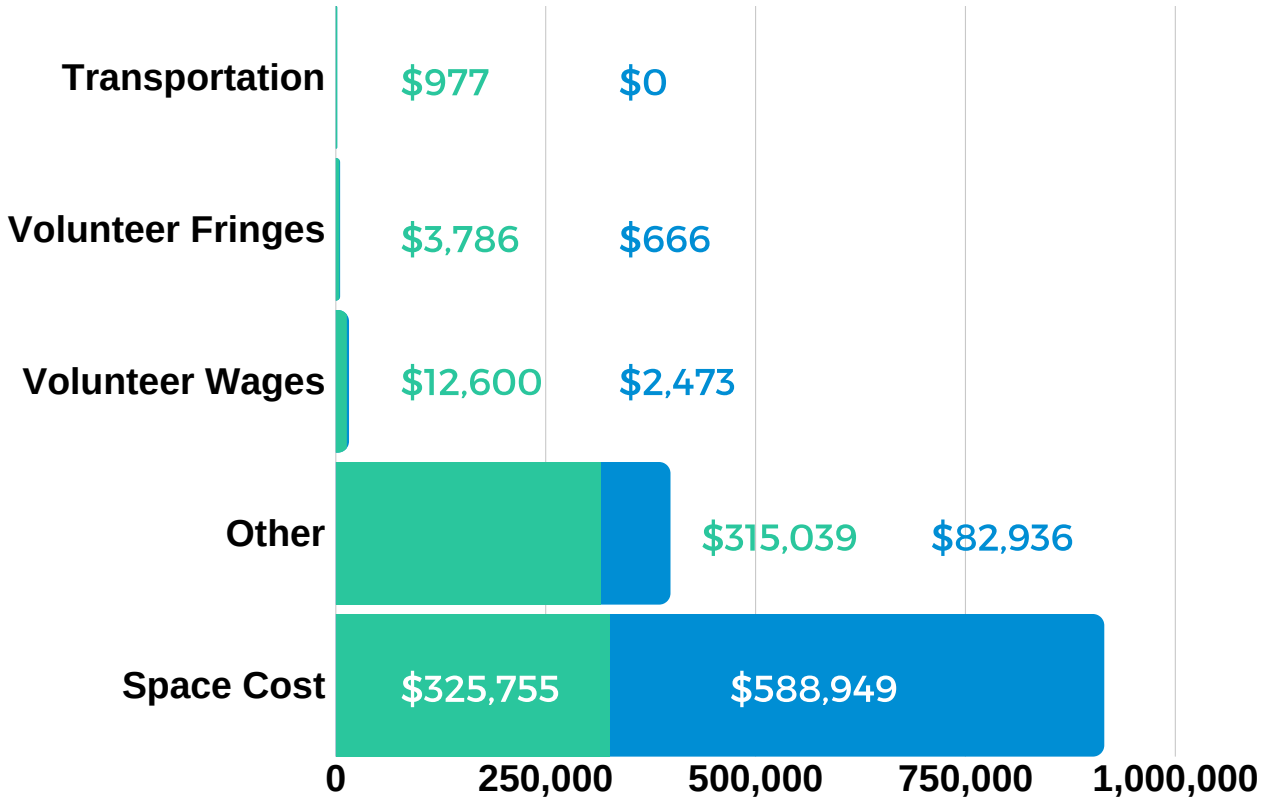


- 324 People Served
- \$556K in refunds

PROGRAM	CSBG	LIHEAP	ESG	YLP
ASSESSED	151	991	133	12
ASSISTED	105	880	20	9
% ASSISTED	70%	89%	15%	75%

FISCAL

In-Kind Contributions



Head Start Fiscal Year Expenditures and Projections

PROGRAM	FY 2017	FY 2018*	FY 2019
Head Start	3,290,853	3,375,120	3,415,000
CACFP	229,829	212,107	215,000
Cash Contributions	11,555	--	--
Total Agency	\$3,532,237	\$3,587,227	\$3,630,000

2017 data has been audited. 2018 data was compiled prior to annual audit.

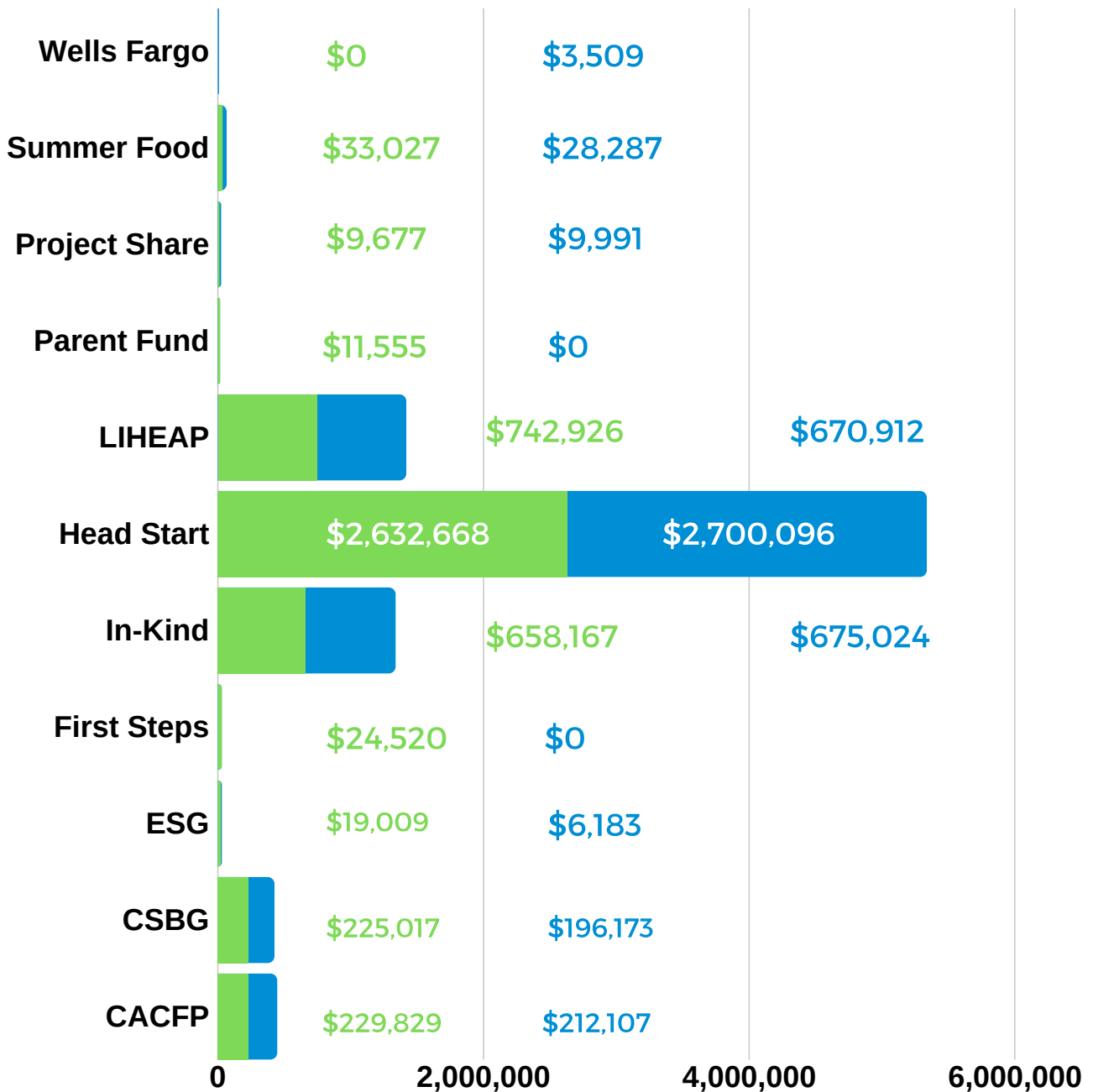
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Fiscal Year Expenditures by Program

PROGRAM	FY 2017	FY 2018*
LIHEAP	742,926	670,912
ESG	19,009	6,183
CSBG	225,017	196,173
Head Start	2,632,668	2,700,096
In-Kind	658,167	675,024
CACFP	229,829	212,107
Summer Food	33,027	28,287
Parent Fund	11,555	--
Project Share	9,677	9,991
First Steps	24,520	--
Wells Fargo	--	3,509
Indirect Cost	251,039	264,796
Total Agency	\$4,837,434	\$4,763,569

FISCAL

Fiscal Community Impact



2017 data has been audited. 2018 data was compiled prior to annual audit.

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

A

ACF

- Administration for Children & Families

C

CAP

- Community Action Partnership

CDL

- Commercial Driver's License

CFCAP

- Child and Adult Care Food Program

CLASS

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System

CMEOC

- Chesterfield-Marlboro Economic Opportunity Council

COLA

- Cost of Living Adjustment

CPS

- Child Protective Services

CSBG

- Community Services Block Grant

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

D

DA

- Direct Assistance

DCCAA

- Darlington County Community Action Agency

DCSD

- Darlington County School District

DEP

- Duke/Energy Progress

DSS

- Department of Social Services

DOT-

Department of Transportation

E

EAP

- Employee Assistance Program

ECIP

- Emergency Crisis Intervention Program

ECLKC

- Early Childhood Learning & Knowledge Center

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

EPSDT

- Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment

ERSEA

- Eligibility Recruitment Selection Enrollment and Attendance

ESG

- Emergency Solutions Grant

F

FBI

- Federal Bureau of Investigation

G

GEAP

- General Emergency Assistance Program

H

HHS

- Health and Human Services

HS

- Head Start

HSPPS

- Head Start Program Performance Standards

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

I

IDC

- Indirect Costs

IEP

- Individualized Educational Plan

IFSP

- Individualized Family Service Plan

L

LIHEAP

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LSAP

- LIHEAP Special Assistance Program

O

OEO

- Office of Economic Opportunity

OMB

- Office of Management & Budget

OHS

- Office of Head Start

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

P

PDEC

- Pee Dee Electric Cooperative

PGAP

- People Golfing Against Poverty

Project Share - an electricity program that's

S

SFSP

- Summer Food Services Program

SCACAP

- South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnership

SC Voucher Program - empowers low-income parents to work while child care providers care for their children.

SLAPP

- Selected LIHEAP Assistance Payment Plan

SLED

- South Carolina Law Enforcement Division

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

T

T/TA

- Training/Technical Assistance

T.E.A.C.H.

- Teach Education and Compensation Helps Scholarship program

V

VITA

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program

W

WAP

- Weatherization Assistance Program

X

Y

YLP

- Youth Leadership Program

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