

# Gadsden-Etowah County Head Start/Early Head Start 2023-24 Annual Report

The Gadsden-Etowah County Head Start/Early Head Start Program is funded by the Office of Administration for Children and Families. The agency receives 80% of its funding from the federal government. The other 20% must come from the community in the form of In-Kind Contributions. In-kind contributions consist of donated space, volunteers, donated professional services, supplies, cash contributions, City and State funding, etc.

## FUNDS RECEIVED FROM 2023/2024

### Federal

Head Start	2,719,642
Early Head Start	<u>1,342,526</u>
Total OHS Award	4,062,168
Child Nutrition (USDA)	334,204
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,396,372</b>

### Private Funds Received for PY 2023/24

	Date	Amount
Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity	12/8/2023	200.00
B & B Pawn	12/4/2023	300.00
Etowah County Commission	12/8/2023	144.00
City of Gadsden	5/7/2024	1,500.00
State Of Alabama 1 <sup>st</sup> Class Pre-K	11/27/2023-4/26/2024	240,298.99
State Of Alabama QRIS Bonus	2/2/2024	16,000.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>258,442.99</b>

### Head Start Budget:

Personnel	1,588,622
Fringe Benefits	600,026
Travel	0
Equipment	0
Supplies	127,250
Contractual	1,750
Facilities/Construction	0
Other	361,594
T/TA	40,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,719,642</b>

### Early Head Start Budget:

Personnel	911,053
Fringe Benefits	349,323
Travel	0
Equipment	0
Supplies	51,336

### Child Nutrition Services (expenditures):

Food Purchases	273,263.19
Non-Food Purchases	28,937.65
Food Service Labor & Admin	32,003.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 334,204.18</b>

**\*Total Funds received from USDA \$334,204.18**

Contractual	1,500
Facilities/	
Construction	0
Other	12,000
T/TA	17,314
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,342,526</b>

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## Program of School Readiness PY 2023-2024

### **Program Goals:**

- Ensure that Gadsden/Etowah Progress Council operates an effective and professional program, meeting all Head Start Performance Standards with Department of Human Resources (DHR) Minimum Standards
- Maintain DHR Childcare license for all centers
- Ensure that children and families receive high-quality, developmentally appropriate, and comprehensive services
- Provide quality, well-trained staff
- Provide a curriculum that encourages skill and social development and active involvement in the learning process
- Teach and develop life skills for both children and parents
- Provide indoor and outdoor physical environments to foster optimal growth and development
- Protect and enhance the health and safety of children and adults
- Meet the nutritional needs of children and with parents, promote children's physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development
- Involve and support parents to enhance their abilities to raise their children and achieve self-sufficiency
- Provide exceptional training and support for staff
- Form and foster partnerships
- Utilize available technology for program support and advancement

## Program Activities and Outcomes

### **The number of those we served in PY 2023-2024:**      **Those that met Federal Poverty Guidelines PY 2023-2024:**

360	Head Start/EHS Funded Enrollment	317	Head Start children
310	Head Start Cumulative Enrollment	99	Early Head Start children
283	Total Number of Head Start Families Served	0	Over Income Head Start children
89	Early Head Start Funded Enrollment	0	Over Income Early Head Start children
99	Early Head Start Cumulative Enrollment		
89	Total Number of EHS Families Served		
3	Pregnant Women Served		
		<b><u>Number of Program Volunteers:</u></b>	
		371	Volunteer Services Head Start/EHS
		342	Current or Former Head Start/EHS

### **Results of Medical & Dental Exams (PY 2023-2024)**

310 Head Start children received medical exams

- 308 Head Start children received dental exams
- 96 EHS children received medical exams
- 95 EHS children received dental exams

**Parent Involvement Activities:**

- Parent Center Committees
- Policy Council
- Fatherhood Involvement
- Training/Educational Sessions on a wide range of topics

**Transition Activities:**

- Parent training meetings with school system representatives
- Visit the school system or Head Start program children will be attending
- End-of-year packets containing children's activities

