

PLAY

The Foundation of School Readiness



2017

“Play is the highest form of research.”

– Albert Einstein

SUMMIT HEAD START 0-5



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Vision

Prepare families for the future.

Mission

Develop school readiness for all children by promoting education, health, self-sufficiency, and community.

About the Program

The Summit Head Start 0-5 (HS0-5) Program serves 71 low income children prenatal to 5 years old.

Summit County Government is the grantee for 59 EHS/HS slots with management and leadership support from Early Childhood Options (ECO). ECO also contracts with Clayton Early Learning for additional 12 EHS-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) slots.

We collaborate with the Summit School District, Summit County Preschool, and Lake Dillon Preschool to provide preschool and center-based care. We partner with Summit Family & Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC) to provide home visitation.



From the Summit Head Start 0-5 Director...



Children enrolled in HS0-5 have access to ongoing, quality early childhood experiences. These can occur in the classroom, at home or in our community.

Staff throughout the program develop very intentional environments and opportunities for children to explore. Children learn school readiness skills—early math, language, literacy, friendship building, curiosity, persistence, problem-solving and scientific fundamentals—through play.

We have a unique and fleeting window of time between ages 0-5 to help children maximize their brain development and ignite a passion for learning. I am very thankful to all the staff, parents, and our community for their support of Head Start and young children in Summit County.

--Elizabeth Edgar Lowe

VALUES

EDUCATION * DIVERSITY * EMPOWERMENT

HEALTH * COMMUNITY * COMPASSION

Eligibility & Enrollment

During the 2016-17 program year, HS0-5 served:

- Head Start children: 43
- Early Head Start children: 38
- Pregnant women: 4
- Families:
 - Two parent families: 45
 - Single parent families: 25
- Children with special needs: 25
- Waitlist averages:
 - HS (preschool): 65
 - EHS (infant/toddler): 9
 - EHS home visitation: 3

Ages of Children Enrolled 2016-17

Age of Child	EHS	HS
Under 1	13	
1	8	
2	13	
3		17
4		26

Medical & Dental

An important part of Head Start is ensuring families have access to a permanent medical home. By the end of the 2016-17 of the program year...

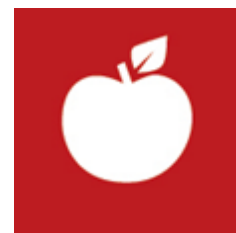
Health Indicator	EHS	HS
Health Insurance	97%	88%
Medical Home	97%	100%
Dental Home	76%	98%
Immunizations up-to-date	91%	98%
Dental Exam		79%

Comprehensive Programming

The Summit Head Start 0-5 (HS0-5) program is a comprehensive early childhood development program that supports education, health, and family well-being.



Children enrolled are from low-income families and selected based on greatest need. HS0-5 works with Summit County Public Health to monitor children's health. We also work closely with Early Intervention and the Summit School District to identify children with special needs that may also qualify for EHS or HS.



Spotlight on Head Start 0-5 Partner:
Summit School District



The Summit School District provides preschool programming for over 75% of Summit's Head Start children. These children are served in integrated, preschool classrooms at Upper Blue Elementary, Dillon Valley Elementary and Silverthorne Elementary. Funding to support a full school day is made possible by layering funds from Head Start, Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) and Special Education.

The Summit School District elementary schools are all authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) schools including preschool classrooms.

Policy Council

HS0-5 has an elected Policy Council that meets monthly. Policy Council influences the direction of the HS0-5 Program. The council is made up of 7 parents and 2 community members.

Family Events

HS0-5 offered a variety of Together Time events in 2017. These included: End of the Year Graduation, Back to School, Date Night, Group Hikes, and a Disco.

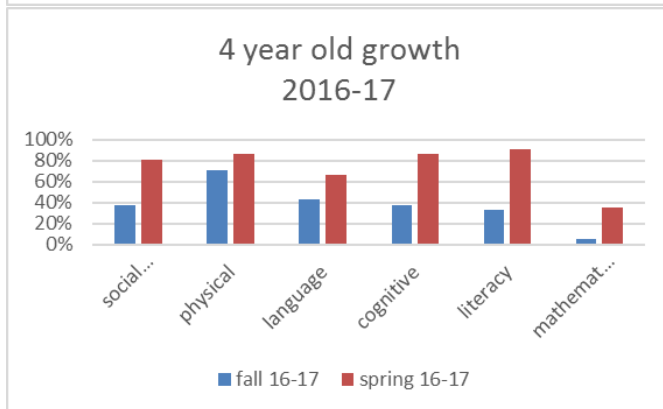
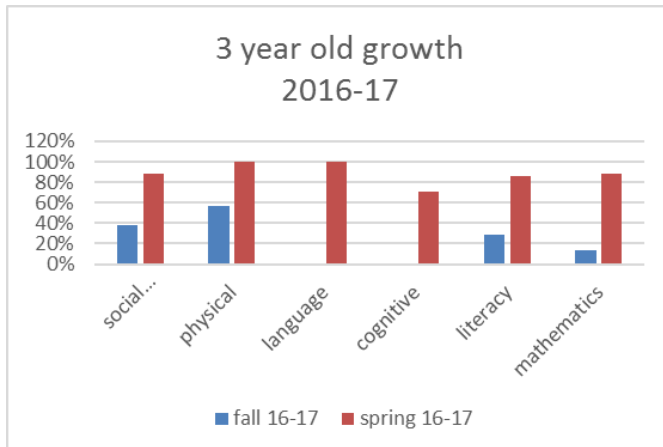
In addition to these special events, EHS provides at least two socialization events per month. One is a monthly bilingual story time and one is a bilingual playgroup.



“The creation of something new is not accomplished by the intellect but by the play instinct.”

– Carl Jung

Growth Made by Summit Head Start Preschoolers



Quick Highlights:

From fall 2016 to spring 2017...

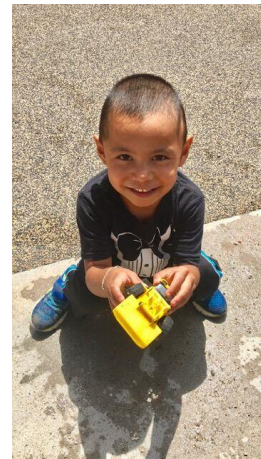
- Head Start 3 year olds' average growth was 10.5% in mathematics, 12.3% in literacy, and 11.3% in social emotional domains
- Head Start 4 year olds' average growth was 9.1% in mathematics, 12.9% in literacy, and 10.8% in cognitive domains.

School Readiness

HS0-5 has five school readiness goals. Our goals are to increase skills in:

1. Language & Literacy
2. Math & Thinking
3. Social & Emotional
4. Physical Health
5. Love of Learning

The charts to the left show the growth made by HS0-5 children from fall 2016 to spring 2017 (TS GOLD). Some of the greatest gains were made in Mathematics and Literacy. HS0-5 uses Teaching Strategies GOLD as its primary center-based assessment.



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

Summit County Government (SCG) is the grantee for both a Head Start and Early Head Start grant. Below is financial information related to grants held by SCG.



FY 2017 Early Head Start Budget

	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel	\$178,889	\$197,545
Fringe	\$ 46,522	\$ 40,934
Travel	\$ 3,119	\$ 5,300
Supplies	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,245
Contractual	\$ 64,985	\$ 39,435
Operations	\$ 25,753	\$ 26,610
TOTAL	\$322,268	\$322,268
Non-Federal Share TOTAL: \$114,454		

FY 2018 Early Head Start Budget

	Budgeted
Personnel	\$188,491
Fringe	\$ 50,175
Travel	\$ 3,119
Supplies	\$ 5,000
Contractual	\$ 45,126
Operations	\$ 30,357
TOTAL	\$322,268
Required Non-Federal Share TOTAL: \$79,789	



FY 2017 Head Start Budget

	Budgeted	Actual
Personnel	\$135,526	\$125,136
Fringe	\$ 36,078	\$ 29,473
Travel	\$ 4,674	\$ 6,549
Supplies	\$ 13,939	\$ 22,405
Contractual	\$ 197,978	\$ 199,935
Operations	\$ 43,251	\$ 38,553
TOTAL	\$ 426,748	\$ 426,748
Non-Federal Share TOTAL: \$189,935		

FY 2018 Head Start Budget

	Budgeted
Personnel	\$136,184
Fringe	\$ 36,628
Travel	\$ 5,674
Supplies	\$ 10,000
Contractual	\$184,721
Operations	\$ 43,541
TOTAL	\$416,748
Required Non-Federal Share TOTAL: \$85,853	

ANNUAL AUDIT

Independent auditors review Head Start as part of Summit County Government's audit process including the Federal 1-133 Single Audit. The 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report stated compliance in all material respects. The 2016 review will be available for review at: <http://www.co.summit.co.us/?nid=218>.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Children enrolled in center-based programming are provided snacks and lunch. The USDA contributed --- for food for Head Start children at Summit School District during the 2016-17 school year.

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood."

--Fred Rogers

EARLY HEAD START CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

Early Childhood Options contracts with Clayton Early Learning to serve 12 additional infant/toddlers at Lake Dillon Preschool and Summit County Preschool through an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant. Clayton Early Learning is a leading early childhood program located in Denver, Colorado. Below is fiscal information specific to this contract.



“Do not keep children to their studies by compulsion but by play.”
--Plato



EARLY CHILDHOOD OPTIONS

Early Childhood Options (ECO) coordinates leadership and management of the Summit Head Start 0-5 program. ECO is a non-profit that promotes a collaborative system that improves the quality, affordability, and availability of early childhood programs in Summit County.

