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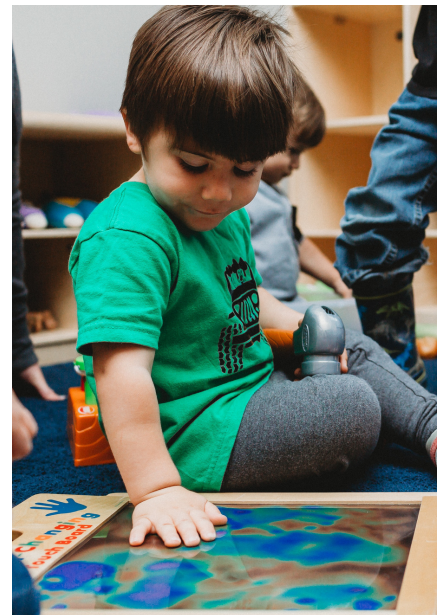
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*Making a difference in the lives and families of young children within our communities.*



CCS Early Learning has provided Head Start and Early Head Start services to economically disadvantaged children and families in Chugiak and the Mat-Su Valley since 1971.



### **OVER 400 CHILDREN SERVED EVERY YEAR**

Children ages 0 to 5 are enrolled each year and are being prepared for success in school and in life.



### **5 CENTERS IN ALASKA**

Locations: Chugiak (1), Meadow Lakes (1), Palmer (1), Wasilla (2)

Two new Early Head Start Centers were built in 2018-20 with 64 additional slots for children ages 0-3.



### **120 TRAINED STAFF**

40% of our highly qualified early educators are former parents of our program.



### **OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS A YEAR**

The helping hands of our volunteers provide vital support for our programs.

## **START TO CHANGE A CHILD'S WORLD**

Join us! Volunteer, employment, and other opportunities available.

Visit [www.ccsalaska.org](http://www.ccsalaska.org) / email us at [info@ccsalaska.org](mailto:info@ccsalaska.org)

# Children & Families

## WHAT WE DO FOR CHILDREN

Children enrolled in CCS enjoy a learning environment of the highest quality, staffed by qualified early childhood educators. All our programs in the Mat-Su Valley are licensed by the state. Our primary goals are to promote children's social skills and school readiness.



**Classroom experiences** include literacy development, early math and science exploration, creative arts, and physical health and development.



**Nutrition program** provides healthy meals daily in accordance with the USDA food program.



**Developmental and health screenings** with medical resources and referrals as needed.



**Variety of outdoor play** opportunities and field trips for children enrolled in Head Start.



**Regular opportunities** to meet with the teachers at the center or at home to discuss your child's progress.



## TOP 5 FAMILY SERVICES PROVIDED

- Parenting education classes
- Health Education
- Asset Building Services (financial education, debt counseling, etc.)
- Children's Services
- Housing Assistance (subsidies, utilities, repairs)

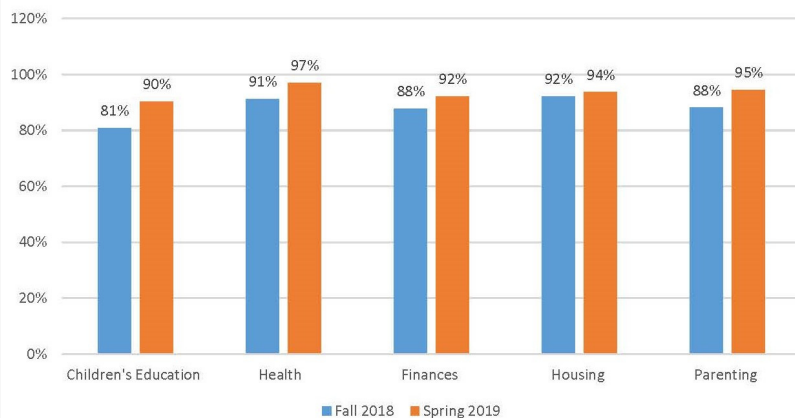
## WHO WE SERVE

We primarily serve young children ages 0-5 who are homeless, in foster care, low income, or diagnosed with a disability. The federal government allows 10% over income families to enroll each year. Approximately one of every three children enrolled at CCS Early Learning is either in foster care or homeless.

## PROGRAMS

- **Head Start** - is a national program that promotes school readiness for children ages 3 to 5 years old.
- **Early Head Start** - includes a set of principles to nurture healthy attachments between parent and child from pregnancy through a child's third birthday.
- **Home Based** - Early Head Start provides in-home services from birth to age three with monthly socialization groups.

Family Achievements  
2018-2019 School Year





# Enrollment & Eligibility

## OUR GOAL

To better equip both our children and our families for success in school and in life. We do this by building on strengths and we help identify and overcome challenges - but it's always done in partnership with families.



## 451 CHILDREN SERVED

Funding was available to provide slots for 346 children during the program year.



## 419 FAMILIES SERVED

CCS was fully enrolled each month that we were in operation and served 11 pregnant women.



**93% CHILDREN ENROLLED** were homeless, in foster care, or low income

**7% OVER INCOME FAMILIES** Head Start allows 10% over income enrollment

## ELIGIBILITY PRIORITIES

Our programs are intended primarily for low income families, homeless children, children in foster care, and children with disabilities.

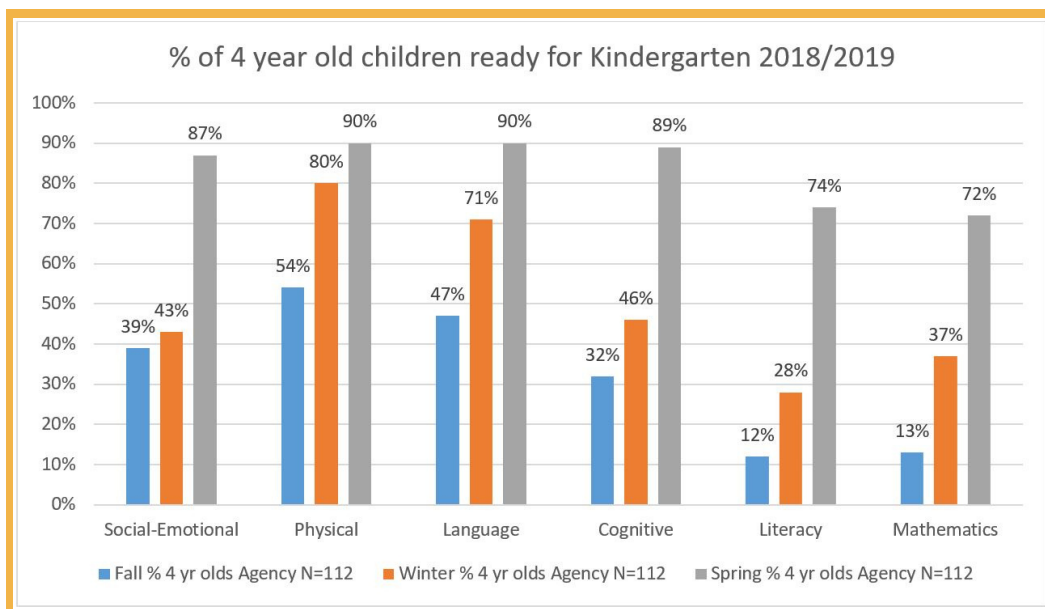
## NUTRITION

Everyday CCS provides a well balanced nutritious breakfast and lunch for enrolled Head Start children. We also offer nutrition education for parents.

## HOW TO ENROLL:



[www.ccsalaska.org/enrollment](http://www.ccsalaska.org/enrollment)  
(907) 373-7000  
Visit a center near you!



# Health & Community

CCS works hard to remove all obstacles that may interfere with school success by providing annual health screenings.



## 227 MEDICAL EXAMS

Last year we had 50% children receive all medical screenings (including: blood pressure, developmental, growth assessment, mental health, hearing, language, nutrition, speech, vision, hemoglobin, lead blood level, and physical exam). Of these, 3 children were identified as needing medical treatment and 0 received the recommended treatment.



## 224 DENTAL EXAMS

A total of 76% Head Start children completed an oral health exam. Of these, 7 were identified as needing dental treatment and 2 received treatment recommended during our program year.

### ALASKA HEAD START ASSOCIATION AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FROM CCS:

Bus Driver of the Year: Matt Jones\* / Corporate Award: Wells Fargo / Administrative Support Staff of the Year: Devon Barber / Cook of the Year: Torri Carlson\* / Head Start Assistant Teacher of the Year: Summer Frank / Head Start Teacher of the Year: Sandy Summit / School District Collaboration Award: Lucy Hope & MSBSD\* / Community Advocate: United Methodist Church of Chugiak\* / Assistant or Deputy Director of the Year: Cindy Bergstrom\* / Early Head Start Teacher of the Year: Chante'e Miller\*



\*Statewide AHSA Winners

## ..... BECOME A VOLUNTEER TODAY! .....

CCS encourages parents and community members to volunteer! Volunteer hours count as in-kind donations and help us to meet matching requirements for our federal grants. To find out more, visit the center nearest you or call 907-373-7000.

### There are many opportunities to help:

- CLASSROOMS: reading to children, playground friend, assist the teacher
- CENTER PREP: cutting, laminating, making playdough
- FRONT OFFICE: shredding paper, mailing envelopes
- MAINTENANCE: handyman/woman, painting, playground, outdoor clean up, yard maintenance
- DONATIONS: non-toxic washable paints, artboards, canvas, art supplies, popsicle sticks, pompoms, chenille sticks, feathers, ribbon, construction paper, crayons





# Financial Summary & Review

## FINANCIAL REVIEW RESULTS

Our last fiscal financial audit covered the year ending July 31, 2019 and was performed by Foster & Company. This audit identified compliance in all areas:

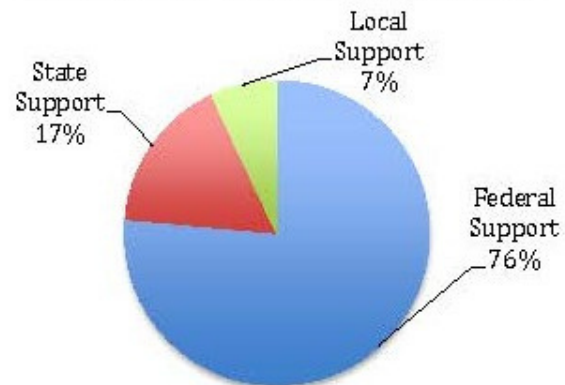
- no areas of material weakness
- no instances of significant deficiency
- financial statements supported

In addition there were no state or federal findings or questioned costs. CCS Early Learning was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

Revenue	Actual FY19	Budget FY19
Federal (FHS, EHS)	4,355,900	3,849,679
State Head Start	567,099	567,099
Local Support	329,631	134,355
Child Care Assistance, Grant, Program Rev.	436,881	424,017
Child Care Food Program (CACFP)	296,770	293,641
Donations/Fundraising	97,526	86,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,083,807</b>	<b>5,355,126</b>
Expenditures	Actual FY19	Budget FY19
Salaries and Fringe	3,887,721	3,927,564
Occupancy	861,700	411,602
Staff Support	101,358	56,655
Student Travel (Bus)	414,884	438,223
Supplies	414,828	207,742
Contractual	96,559	92,663
Insurance	34,903	29,632
Advertising	22,461	13,980
Equipment	14,167	9,551
Other Direct Costs	122,350	167,514
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,970,931</b>	<b>5,355,127</b>
Depreciation Expense: \$123,633; In-Kind: \$179,090		

Total Program Expenses - \$5,871,497  
 Total Fundraising Expenses - \$4,519  
 Total Administrative Expenses - \$760,267  
 Total Expenses - \$6,636,283  
 Ending Net Assets - \$1,351,525

CCS Early Learning - Revenue Sources FY19



## OFFICE OF HEAD START

An Office of the Administration for Children & Families

### ON-SITE PROGRAM AUDIT RESULTS

**OCTOBER 2015** - No finding of non-compliance in the areas of: fiscal, eligibility, recruitment, selection, enrollment, and attendance review.

**MARCH 2016** - Pre-K Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Review: CCS vs. National Mean

- Emotional Support - 6.41 / 6.04
- Classroom Organization - 5.88 / 5.76
- Instructional Support - 3.11 / 2.74

**MAY 2016** - Environmental Health and Safety Review: no findings of non-compliance

**APRIL 2019** - in the areas of: Focus area 1 Review (program design and management, fiscal, child education, health, family and community engagement, eligibility, selection, enrollment, and attendance). Review result expected soon.

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The Alaska Zoo  
The Garden Gate  
The UPS Store  
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Valley Performing Arts  
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Zulu Nyala

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