



Chugachmiut BIRTH TO FIVE Head Start

2023 Annual Report

This Annual Report summarizes key information about the Chugachmiut Head Start Program for the program year of 2022-2023.



What is Head Start?



Head Start is a federal program that prepares young children, birth to five years old, for success in school and in life. Programs work to meet high standards for delivering quality services to children and their families.

Children who attend Head Start programs participate in school readiness activities while developing social skills. Head Start children also receive nutritious meals and the necessary health care in a safe environment.

Parents with children in Head Start participate in all aspects of the program. They help to govern, plan what children learn, and provide advice about needed services. Parents and other community members also volunteer in classrooms and other parts of the programs.

Head Start and Early Head Start welcome children with disabilities. Parents of children with disabilities are strongly encouraged to participate in their children’s daily routines and activities.

The Chugachmiut Head Start program is part of the AI/AN branch of Head Start that provides services to American Indian and Alaska Native children. Our grant specifies that we provide services to 22 children and families in the communities of Nanwalek and Port Graham.

Program Funding

Funding for the Chugachmiut Head Start is provided by the AI/AN Program Branch of the Office of Head Start, as well as through the State of Alaska.

Total funding from May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023 was:

Federal Head Start*	\$1,256,416 (May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023) * <i>includes carryover and supplemental funds</i>
ARPA/CRSSA (Covid relief)**	\$32,944 (April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2023) ** <i>fully spent out by 3/30/21</i>
State of Alaska Head Start	\$105,700 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)
CACFP (Food Program)	\$15,732 (October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023)

**Additional Federal funds: \$122,040 (carryover) and \$152,592 (supplemental playground funds)*

2022-2023 Budget at-a-glance by funding source:

Budget Category	State Head Start	ARPA/CRSSA (Covid relief)	CACFP Food Program	Federal Head Start
Personnel	\$62,650			\$480,655
Fringe Benefits	\$26,313			\$201,880
Travel				\$42,606
Contractual		\$23,000		\$161,333
Equipment				\$106,122
Supplies	\$2,950	\$5,757	\$13,372	\$17,639
Other		\$90		\$86,354
Indirect	\$13,787	\$4,097	\$2,360	\$ 159,817
Total	\$105,700	\$32,944	\$ 15,732	\$1,256,416

2022-23 Head Start Budget

Salaries	State	Federal
Personnel	\$62,650	\$480,665
Total	\$62,650.00	\$480,665

Fringe	State	Federal
	\$26,313	\$201,880
Total	\$26,313.00	\$201,880

Travel	State	Federal
Pre-service, Trips to Sites		\$42,606
Staff Training		
Total	\$0	\$42,606

Contractual	State	Federal
	\$0.00	\$161,333
Total	\$0.00	\$161,333

Equipment	State	Federal
	\$0.00	\$106,122
Total	\$0.00	\$106,122

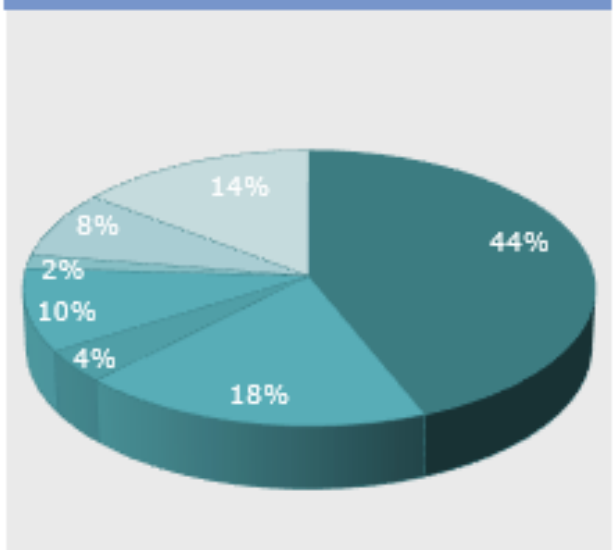
Supplies	State	Federal
Program and Classroom	\$2,950	\$17,639
Food		
Total	\$2,950	\$17,639

Other	State	Federal
Lease, Utilities and Training /Tech Assist		\$86,354
Total	\$0	\$86,354

Indirect	State	Federal
	\$13,787	\$159,817
Total	\$13,787	\$159,817

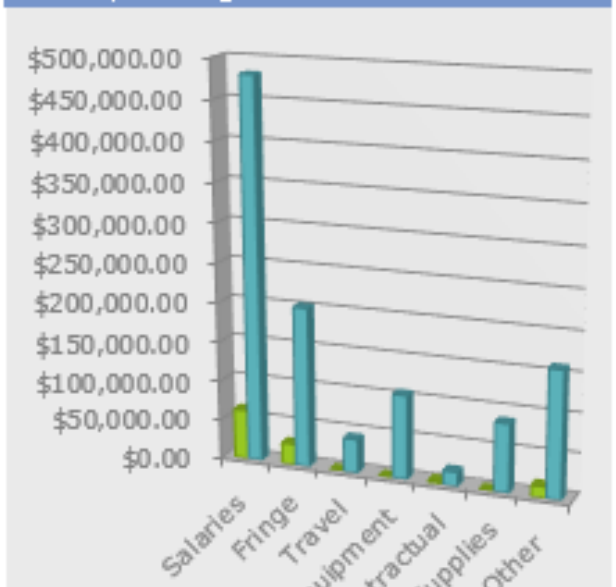
Total Expenses	State	Federal
	\$105,700	\$1,256,416

Federal Cost Breakdown



- Salaries
- Fringe
- Travel
- Equipment
- Contractual
- Supplies
- Other

Costs by Funding Source



- State
- Federal

Enrollment Data

We served 22 children over the 2022-2023 school year in two center-based classrooms and in the Early Head Start Home Based program in Nanwalek.

We served 100% of the eligible children in our two communities that wanted to enroll in Head Start/EHS services.

Attendance by month:

Month	Attendance Percentage
August 2022	95%
September 2022	86%
October 2022	80%
November 2022	85%
December 2022	63%
January 2023	69%
February 2023	79%
March 2023	77%
April 2023	71%
May 2023	85%



Head Start Medical and Dental Services

Medical: 100% of enrolled children had medical homes, which include community clinics. 22 of 22 enrolled children received physical exams and their immunizations were appropriate for their age and/or catch-up schedule. All children were up to date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, according to the EPSDT schedule for well child care by the end of the 22-23 program year.

Dental: 15 children received a dental exam and of these children, 7 were diagnosed as needing further dental services and six children received treatment by the end of the school year. Due to the community lockdowns due to COVID-19, dental services in our communities were severely limited and only one visit was made (instead of three).

Parent Engagement and Involvement

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children and contribute greatly to the success of our program!

We provide the following opportunities for our families:

- Parent Orientation
- Center Parent Committee Meetings
- Policy Council Program Governance
- Cultural Education
- Home Visits for our center-based programs
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Family activity nights and parent days
- Family literacy nights,
- Father Engagement and Family Lunch and Learn training events.

We also plan with parents to create and strive to reach family goals, such as obtaining a GED, building a resume, applying for jobs, and connecting with family help services.

We share the responsibility for the children's goals, by having parent input into the curriculum, encouraging home activities for developmental goals for each child, and by individualizing classroom activities to support the learning needs of each child.



School Readiness

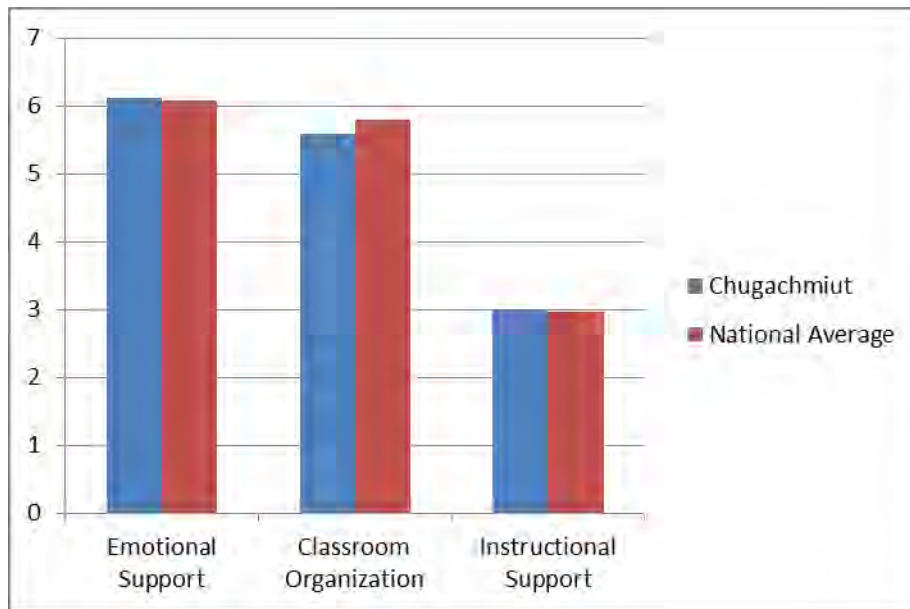
A primary goal for Head Start is to prepare children for kindergarten through:

- Individualizing the educational program to meet each child’s needs through the Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies Gold by planning and monitoring developmentally appropriate activities.
- Measuring each child’s progress toward Kindergarten readiness in the Fall, Winter and Spring.
- Administering the Diagnostic Indicators for the Assessment of Learning (DIAL-4) developmental screening tool at the beginning of the year.

Results from our last CLASS review (National Averages in parenthesis).

Domain	Score	Doman	Score	Domain	Score
Emotional Support	6.1250 (6.07)	Classroom Organization	5.5833 (5.83)	Instructional Support	3.0000 (3.00)
Dimensions					
Positive Climate	6.25	Behavior Management	5.50	Concept Development	2.50
Negative Climate*	1.00	Productivity	6.00	Quality of Feedback	3.25
Teacher Sensitivity	5.75	Instructional Learning Formats	5.25	Language Modeling	3.25
Regard for Student Perspective	5.50				

Chugachmiut scored higher than the national average in both Emotional and Instructional Support and met standard requirements in Classroom Organization. We will focus training on Classroom Organization in the upcoming school year to strengthen this area.

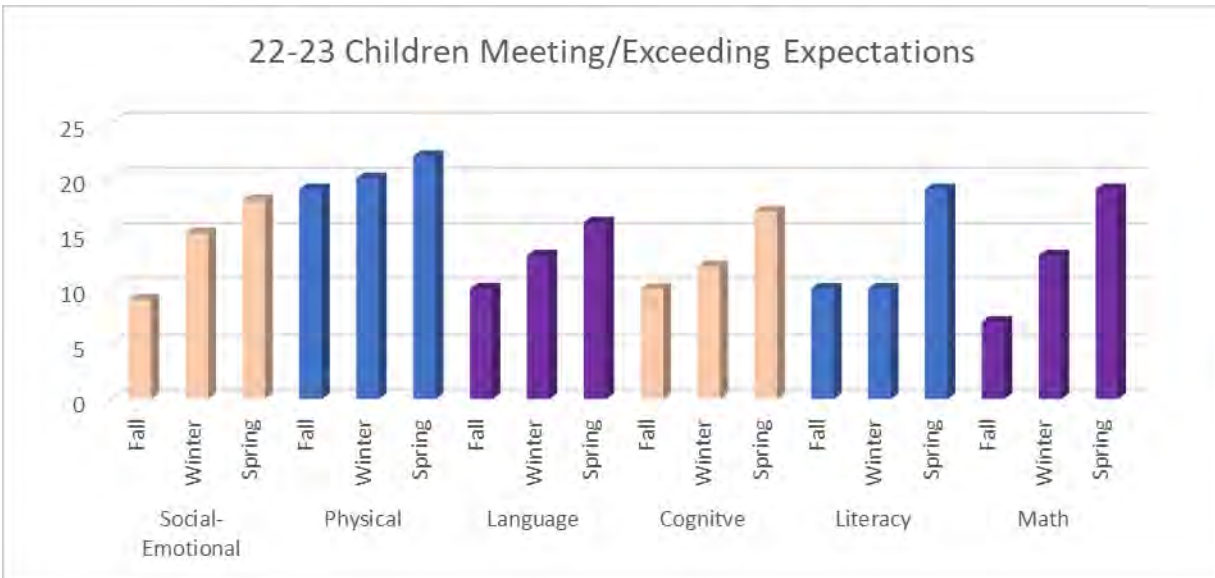
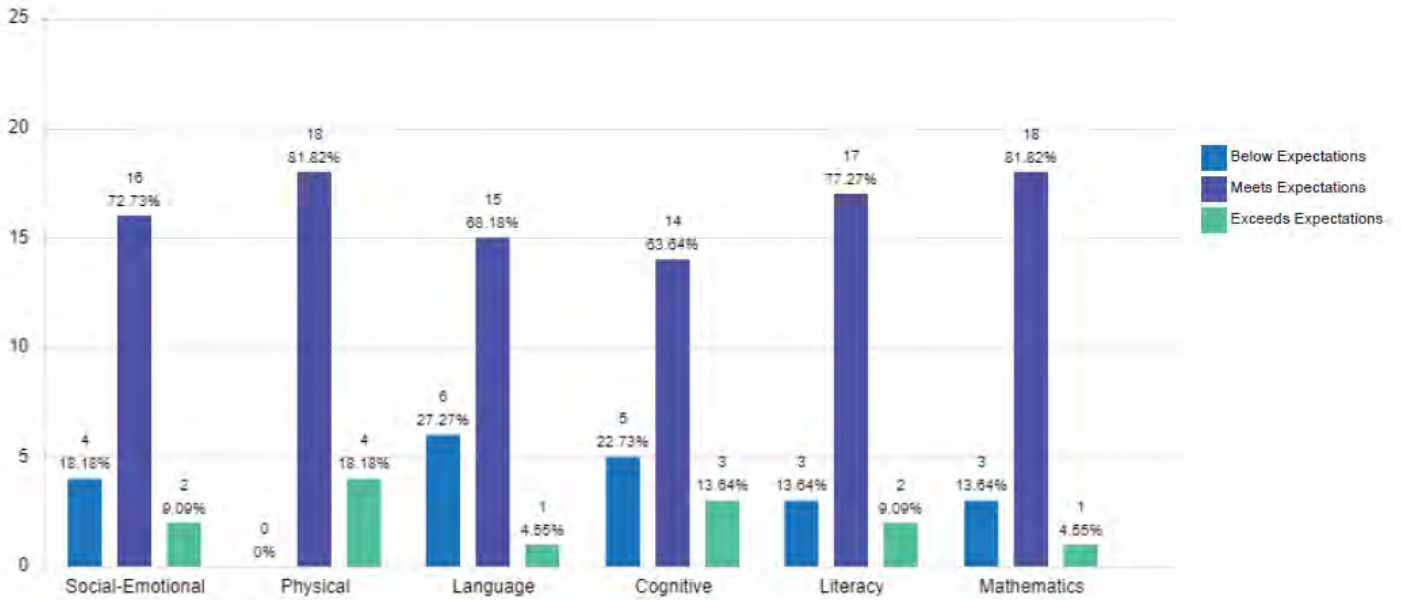


School Readiness Goals

These school readiness outcomes reflect the impact of our classrooms being closed due to the lingering community impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Children made gains throughout the year but ended behind – as expected.

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Spring 2022/2023 - Widely Held Expectations



Transition to Kindergarten

Transition materials are provided to all parents at the last home visit/parent teacher conference.

Head Start staff meet with the Kindergarten Teacher to share information (with a release) about each child's school readiness outcomes. The Head Start Teachers and transitioning children spend one day visiting the Kindergarten classroom.



Federal and State Monitoring

April 4-8, 2022 a Focus Area 2 Federal Monitoring Review for Chugachmiut Birth to Five Head Start was conducted. One non-compliance with the Head Start Program Performance Standard 1302.12 Determining, verifying and Documenting Eligibility. (k) Records. Documentation of children's eligibility (for those enrolled during the height of the COVID pandemic) was not complete. The enrollment and eligibility process and documentation were strengthened, policies and procedures revised, and staff trained. A Follow-Up Review was conducted October 3-7 and it was determined that the Non-Compliance was corrected and that we are fully compliant.

The State of Alaska conducted a Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Administrative review on January 19, 2023. There were two small findings around Site Monitoring. Corrective action was implemented by our program and we were determined to be in compliance.

Financial Audit

Chugachmiut's Audit was completed for the most recent fiscal year end. There was a minor audit finding identified and a corrective action plan was set into place to correct the area of improvement.



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