

Department of Family Services

67-07-Head Start

Fund/Agency: 001/67	Department of Family Services	
Personnel Services	\$830,644	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>CAPS Percentage of Agency Total</p> <p>3.3%</p> <p>96.7%</p> <p>■ Head Start ■ All Other Agency CAPS</p> </div>
Operating Expenses	\$4,596,138	
Recovered Costs	\$0	
Capital Equipment	\$0	
Total CAPS Cost:	\$5,426,782	
Federal Revenue	\$36,000	
State Revenue	\$0	
User Fee Revenue	\$0	
Other Revenue	\$0	
Total Revenue:	\$36,000	
Net CAPS Cost:	\$5,390,782	
Positions/SYE involved in the delivery of this CAPS	18/18	

► CAPS Summary

Head Start is a national child development program that serves income eligible families with children birth to five years of age and expectant parents. Families served by Head Start receive assistance with child education and development, social and health services and parent education including family literacy and English as a Second Language.

Head Start builds children's social and educational skills through carefully planned early childhood activities and family-focused experiences. Ten percent of Head Start enrollment is reserved for children with special needs. Parents share in the program decision-making process and are encouraged to participate in program activities by volunteering in the classroom or serving on parent committees and the program policy council. Assistance is provided for job training and employment and for health, mental health and other social services.

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Participants in the program must be residents of Fairfax County, Fairfax City or Falls Church City. Families currently served are eligible under Federal poverty guidelines or USDA Child Care Food Program Free Lunch guidelines. Children with disabilities receive placement priority. The Head Start program is supported with State and Federal funds (within Fund 102, Federal and State Grants) and local funds, serving children in half-day (3.5 hours), full day (6.5 hours) and extended day (8-10 hour) slots.

In the near future, we must assess current income eligibility guidelines. Because of the high cost of living in Fairfax County, the income of families in need exceeds Federal eligibility guidelines, thus making them ineligible for Head Start services. In addition, future Head Start programs will expand the full day and extended day options to meet the changing needs of eligible families.

► Method of Service Provision

Income eligible children and their families are served in Head Start sites throughout the County in center-based, home-based and family child care program options. OFC is the grantee or administering agency for Head Start and directly operates the Gum Springs Children's Center. Two delegate relationships currently exist with the Fairfax County Public Schools and Higher Horizons Day Care Center, Inc., a private, non-profit organization.

► Performance/Workload Related Data

Title	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate*	FY 2002 Estimate**
Funded Enrollment	1,538	1,536	1,568	1,677	1,787
Children with Disabilities	143	143	236	178	180
Classrooms Operating	88	88	90	94	99
Children on Waiting List for Services	246	368	287	374	348

* Data shown is FY 2001 actual.

** FY 2002 numbers are based on FY 2001 actuals.

Note: Funding for the Head Start program comes from Federal, State, Fairfax County General Fund, and FCPS Board. These numbers reflect all children enrolled in the program.