LAKE-GEAUGA UNITED HEAD START, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026



Lake-Geauga United Head Start, Inc. Annual Reports are available on our website, posted at all centers, and emailed to all our Community partners.

www.lguhs.org

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of Lake-Geauga United Head Start to create a foundation of lifelong learning and success for our children and families.

VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of Lake-Geauga United Head Start to be a driving force in the community through exceptional educational and support services.

OVERSIGHT

Audits - Our most recent audit was for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This audit is still in process and has no material findings.

Federal Monitoring Review - Based on our previous review cycle, it was determined we are able to apply for five-year grant on a non-competitive basis.





Enrollment Data

County	Eligible children served	Waiting List	Estimate eligible children in county	Percentage served	Average Enrollment
Lake	287	2	328	88%	251
Geauga	42	0	113	37%	34
Total	329	2	441	75%	286

Head Start Children received the following:

¨ 322 Children received physical exams
¨ 272 (83%) Children received oral exams
¨ 296 Children were current on immunizations
¨ 142 Children transitioned to kindergarten
¨ 30,667 Breakfasts, 30,652 Lunches, 14,220 Snacks served

Number of Families that received the following:

¨ Emergency/crisis intervention 107
¨ Housing Assistance 5
¨ Asset Building Services 21
¨ Mental Health Services 14
¨ English as a Second Language 14
¨ Adult Education/Job Training 10
¨ Research-Based Parenting Curriculum 248
¨ Parents involved in screening/assessment results 254
¨ Supporting Transitions between programs 90
¨ Medical and Oral Health Education 234
¨ Nutrition Education 123
¨ Assistance to Families of incarcerated individuals 2
¨ Education on postpartum care 1



Parent Engagment

Family and school partnership is fundamental to our program. We encourage parents to be actively engaged in their child's education. We have many different ways for our families to be engaged.

LGUHS received over 32,893 volunteer hours, which directly benefited our program. Parents engaged with their children at home using planned curriculum-based activities to support students' educational goals.

Parents serve as members of the Policy Council and advisory boards in the program, encouraging parents to take an active role in planning and oversight.

Parents have the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational and social activities at their centers. These activities included our Nature Walk, Putting with Pop, Annual Art Show, and multiple literacy activities with opportunities for families to read and receive a copy of a book for the family's home library.

We continued to provide interactive nutrition trainings and at-home activities for parents to address childhood obesity. We also continue to promote fatherhood engagement through father/child activities.

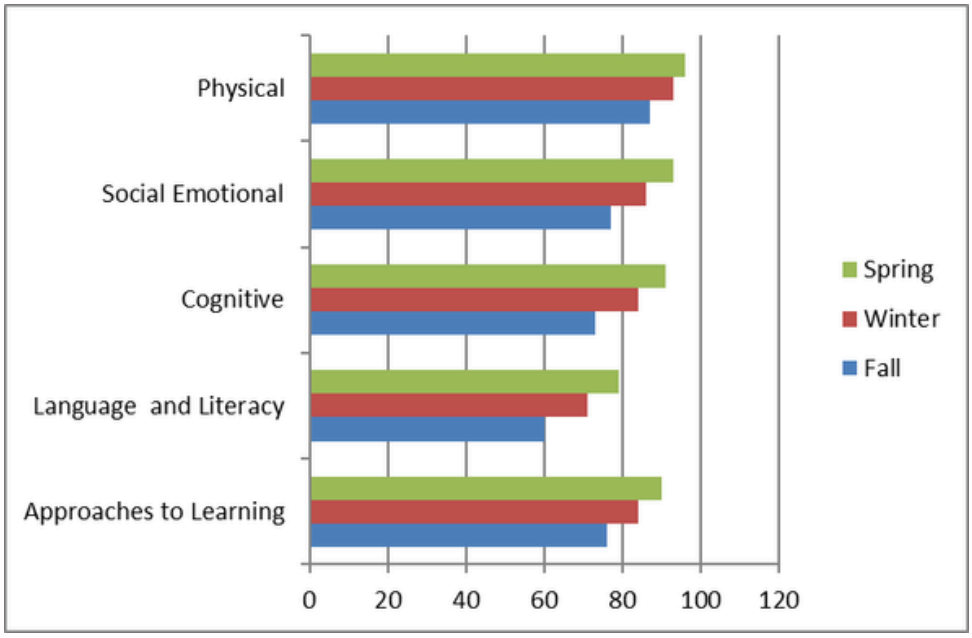
School Readiness and Child Outcomes

LGUHS utilizes the Creative Curriculum for Preschool in all our classrooms. The Creative Curriculum is a comprehensive, scientifically based preschool curriculum that has been shown to improve literacy, cognitive, and social-emotional outcomes in young children. LGUHS works closely with the public schools to ensure that our curriculum and learning experiences align with the skills children are required to have when entering kindergarten.

Our School Readiness Goals align with the Ohio's preschool standards, the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, and the on-going assessment tool. We have strategically embedded our School Readiness Goals into our home and center-based parent-child activities. Teachers assess the children three times throughout the year to measure their progress toward school readiness goals utilizing the Desired Results Development Profile (DRDP). These results are then shared with the parents after each assessment period and shared with the local school districts as the students transition to kindergarten. This allows us to communicate with parents and other school staff about the individual needs of each child and to adjust teaching techniques and provide training to meet those needs. Each component of our Head Start program, education, nutrition, health, special services, and social services, are designed to contribute in some way to the school readiness of each child.

Child Outcomes Data

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Graph prepared using data from our assessment tool,
the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)

Percentage of Increase from Fall to Spring

Physical	**10%**
Social Emotional	**21%**
Cognitive	**25%**
Language and Literacy	**32%**
Approaches to Learning	**18%**

Actual Expenses vs. Budgeted Expenses
January 2025 – December 2025*
Annual Audit conducted by Wagner & Company CPA, LLC in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" Issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

INCOME	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
FEDERAL GRANTS	$4,110,681	$4,110,681
USDA GRANT	$273,800	$239,068
OTHER INCOME	$70,331	$70,379
TOTAL INCOME	$4,454,812	$4,420,128
EXPENSES		
PERSONNEL	$2,702,721	$2,686,380
FRINGE	$831,351	$826,417
SPACE	$205,650	$199,724
TRAVEL	$11,500	$13,674
SUPPLIES	$141,265	$113,813
CONTRACTED SERVICES	$223,724	$222,818
FOOD	$122,750	$122,882
INSURANCE	$34,650	$36,113
BUS OPERATIONS	$63,700	$18,751
OTHER	$117,501	$179,556
TOTAL EXPENSES	$4,454,812	$4,420,128

Head Start Families and Community Volunteers generated **$1,227,636**, representing **119%** of the required amount.

Lake-Geauga United Head Start, Inc. provides services to children and families, made possible by a yearly grant provided by the Federal Government as well as USDA meal reimbursement.

*The Final Audit Report is still in process

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