

Lake-Geauga United Head Start, Inc. Annual Report 2009-2010

Actual Expenses vs. Budgeted Expenses – January 2009 – December 2009
Annual Audit conducted by Laura J. MacDonald, C.P.A., Inc. in accordance with "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Income:		
Federal Grant	\$ 2,597,622	\$ 2,597,622
Federal ARRA	101,529	101,529
USDA Grant	175,400	173,264
Other Income	0	2,065
Total Income	\$ 2,874,551	\$ 2,874,480
Expenses:		
Personnel	\$ 1,597,475	\$ 1,607,729
Fringe	506,073	489,858
Travel	9,774	11,672
Equipment	102,000	89,910
Supplies	87,181	81,843
Contracted Services	130,021	127,874
Space	175,700	175,739
Food	91,500	100,796
Insurance	45,500	39,447
Bus Operations	95,600	124,255
Other	33,727	24,412
Total Expenses	\$ 2,874,551	\$ 2,873,535

Head Start Families and Community Volunteers generated the following non-federal match to federal grant dollars through volunteer time and donations: \$720,187 representing 111% of the required amount.

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

Our mission is to promote lifelong learning and success of our children and families.

Lake-Geauga United Head Start, Inc. Facts and Figures for 2009-2010

Eligibility, Service and Unmet Service Needs for 2009-2010
460 Children and 439 Families Served by LGUHS, Inc.

County	Eligible Children Served	Waiting List	Percentage Served	Average Enrollment
Lake County	404	94	81%	364
Geauga County	56	12	82%	51
Total	460	106	81%	415

Head Start Children received the following:

459 children (100%) received physical exams
426 children (93%) received oral exams
445 children (97%) Current on Immunizations
257 children transitioned to kindergarten
19,902 Breakfasts, 43,962 Lunches, 23,425 Snacks
402 children received transportation services

Services/number of Families provided those services:

Emergency/crisis intervention.....97
Housing Assistance.....52
Mental Health Services.....18
English as a Second Language15
Adult Education.....6
Job Training.....3
Child Abuse and Neglect.....2
Domestic Violence.....5
Child Support Assistance.....2
Health Education.....59
Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals.....2
Parenting Education.....17
Marriage Education.....6

The staff is like a second family to my daughter, from the bus driver to the teacher to the family advocate.

Monitoring Review: Our most recent triennial review was conducted the week of March 16, 2008. As a result of this review, it was determined that Lake-Geauga United Head Start, Inc. was in compliance with all Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.

Audits: Our most recent audit was for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. This audit included no material findings.

School Readiness: LGUHS utilizes the Creative Curriculum for Preschool in all of our classrooms. The Creative Curriculum is a comprehensive scientifically based early childhood curriculum that has been shown to improve cognitive and social emotional outcomes in young children. LGUHS also 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 teachers assess the children throughout the year to measure their progress toward specific school readiness goals. This allows us to communicate with parents and other school staff about the individual strengths and needs of each child and to adjust our teaching techniques to meet those needs. Each component of our Head Start program- education, nutrition, health, special services, social services and transportation- is designed to contribute in some way to the school readiness of each child.

Parent Involvement: Research shows that children are most successful in school when the family and the school work as partners. We encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's classroom. Parent involvement shows children that school is important, encourages them to learn, and helps the educational experience continue in the home. Parent involvement in the classroom is as simple as helping with a craft activity or reading a book to the children, but makes a big difference. We also ask parents to assist our program in planning, staffing and operating by taking part in our Parent Committees and/or Policy Council or various other advisory committees. By participating as a volunteer, parents become acquainted. With our program, acquire new skills and learn to act as advocates for their child's education.