

# WESTERN EGYPTIAN EOC HEAD START

The Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) Head Start program has provided services to the Illinois counties of Monroe, Perry and Randolph since its early days as a summer program in 1965. Over the years, the program has expanded and added programming options to meet the needs of the children and families it serves.

Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) continues to meet the needs of the children and families in Monroe, Perry, and Randolph counties through full day – full year services, full day – part year services and part day – part year services. Western Egyptian EOC Head Start also provides bus service in areas where there is a need for transportation.

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start served a total of 245 families and children during the 2023-2024 Program Year.

The average monthly attendance for the 2023-2024 Program Year was 223 children per month.

The Program provides support for children through the social/emotional and educational experiences which prepares the child to continue their educational career starting by preparing the child for Kindergarten. Children are taught skills that will help them through their school years and throughout their life.

Families are also taught the importance of regular attendance through the Program's Attendance Policies. Data shows that when a child misses more than two days a month by the end of the year the child has missed an equivalent of a month of instructional time and may delay their progress in school.

The Western Egyptian EOC Head Start program is funded to serve 218 preschool children ages three to five. Families are provided with three service options: part year - part day classes (4 hours per day, 4 days per week, mid-August through April); part year – full day day (8 hours per day, 4 days per week, mid-August through mid-May) or full year – full day (up to 11.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 12 months per year).

The Annual Report is distributed to the public through the Agency Website, the Head Start Facebook page, the Agency Head Start Centers, and at Central Office.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

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## WESTERN EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL HEAD START PROGRAM



### WESTERN EGYPTIAN EOC HEAD START CENTER LOCATIONS

- ★ COULTERVILLE
- ★ PERCY
- ★ PERRY COUNTY  
(TAMAROA)
- ★ PINCKNEYVILLE
- ★ SPARTA

CHILD CARE COLLABORATIONS  
LITTLE BRITCHES  
(DUQUOIN)

INNOVATIONS EARLY  
CHILDHOOD CENTER  
(WATERLOO)

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### FUNDING SOURCES:

US Dept. of Health and Human Services                      \$2,997,702  
Fiscal Year May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024

#### Proposed Budget for May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Salaries	\$1,776,341
Fringe Benefits	\$ 409,162
Travel	\$ 14,652
Supplies	\$ 50,490
Contractual	\$ 129,577
Other*	<u>\$ 323,722</u>

\*Utilities, Parent Activities, Food, Classroom/Building Leases

#### ACCOUNTABILITY:

The Annual Agency Audit was conducted by Sikich, LLP for  
Fiscal Year May 2022 – April 2023.



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### SCHOOL READINESS

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start uses the Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum as an environment based curriculum which allows teachers to plan and enhance their classrooms in order to meet the individual needs of all children.

The School Readiness Goals for Western Egyptian EOC Head Start are based on Illinois Early Learning Guidelines-Birth to 5; Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework – Birth to 5; and Teaching Strategies GOLD objectives for Development and Learning. The Program also works closely with the area Kindergartens in order to implement their expectations for incoming Kindergarten children into the Program's School Readiness Goals.

Parents are provided with the School Readiness Goals at the beginning of the Program Year and also meet in the Spring and receive information from the Kindergarten to which their child will be transitioning.

Child Assessments are through Teaching Strategies GOLD and teacher observations. Child Assessments are completed at three checkpoints throughout the Program Year. Results from the Assessments are shared with parents at the Parent/Teacher Conferences held in the Fall, Winter, and Spring. The parent and teacher select at least three learning objectives that can serve to be beneficial for the child to receive individualized learning support both in the classroom and at home.

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start use Conscious Discipline for Social/Emotional Development and also as their Discipline Plan. Conscious Discipline teaches children how to identify their feelings and how to best respond to those feelings in an appropriate manner.

*Community Support for Western Egyptian EOC Head Start includes:  
640 persons providing volunteer services during the program year.  
306 of the volunteers were a current or former Head Start parent.*

*Children who were enrolled in Head Start Services*

<b>CHILD MEDICAL SCREENINGS COMPLETED :</b>	<b>226</b>
<b>CHILD DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE COMPLETED:</b>	<b>183</b>



## PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Average Monthly Enrollment  
93%

### Ages of Enrollees

3 year olds	120
4 year olds	122
5 year olds	3

### Primary Language of Family Home

English	241
Spanish	2
East Asian	2

### Race of Enrollees

Amer. Indian/Alaska Native	0
Asian	2
Black/African-American	36
Native Hawaii/Pacific Island	0
White	182
Bi-racial/Multi-racial	22

### Percentage of Eligible Children Served

34%

## FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start is family-centered and is designed to support parents as the most important influence and primary teacher in their child's life. Parents' are supported to actively serve as their child's advocate throughout their school career.

Teachers and Family Advocates provide a variety of activities and opportunities for families to participate in the program through classroom experiences, learning activities for home, home visits, family/teacher conferences, parent committee meetings, parent trainings and Family Fun Nights.

Families are represented through governance activities by representing Center Parent Committees on the Policy Council and Agency Board of Directors.

## MENTAL HEALTH

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start promotes the mental health of children by partnering with parents to assess each child's social and emotional development and planning individualized support for both home and school.

Western Egyptian Contracts with a certified Mental Health Consultant to serve the children, the families, as well as the staff.

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start is a Conscious Discipline practicing school and works from a School Family perspective to support self-regulation in children. The Program trains parents in the use of Conscious Discipline in the home through Parent Classes and Family Advocate visits as well as information sent home by the teacher.

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