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## Champlain Valley Head Start – Annual Public Report 2019

**Head Start:** Head Start is a national preschool program which provides educational and social opportunities to nurture the healthy development of children. Champlain Valley Head Start (CVHS) offers preschool and childcare services at various locations to over 255 children and their families throughout Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden, and Addison Counties.

**Early Head Start:** In December 2009, the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, awarded funding to CVHS, under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, for the implementation of an Early Head Start (EHS) program. CVHS was one of nine existing Head Start grantees in New England to receive an EHS award. The new EHS program launched services in April 2010 to 30 program participants including pregnant women, infants, toddlers and their families throughout Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden and Addison Counties. Objectives of the EHS program are:

- 1) To enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development;
- 2) To promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women;
- 3) To strengthen parents as the primary nurturers of their children; and
- 4) To help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

In partnership with several high quality child care centers, in 2015 Champlain Valley Head Start launched new, innovative and collaborative services to better meet the needs of low-income families with infants and toddlers. With funding from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the CVHS Early Head Start - Child Care Partnerships (EHS-CCP) project serves 34 infants, toddlers and their families throughout Franklin, Grand Isle, Chittenden and Addison counties.

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**Funding:** For the period starting 11/1/2018 and ending 10/31/2019 CVHS received funding as follows:

Funding Source		Amount
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services	HS	\$3,873,226
	EHS	\$447,507
	EHS-CCP	\$685,635
Hoehl Foundation		\$12,481
Delta Dental Foundation		\$59,160
USDA		\$193,518
Vermont state funds		\$326,865
City of Burlington		\$91,000

**Total number of children and families served:** For the 2018-2019 program year, CVHS served 388 program participants throughout northwest Vermont, including pregnant women, children ages birth through 5, and their families.

**Enrollment:** CVHS maintained an average monthly enrollment of 316 (Head Start and Early Head Start). Due to the end of the collaboration with ACPC, the CCP grant was under-enrolled for 4 months. Head Start was also under-enrolled for 1 month. Approximately 90.7% of Head Start participants served were from income-eligible families, and approximately 91.8% of Early Head Start participants served were from income-eligible families.

**Results of most recent Federal monitoring review event:** In April 2017, CVHS went through its most recent Federal monitoring review event – a CLASS (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) review. The CLASS tool looks at three domains and ten dimensions of teacher-child interactions and measures those observed interactions on a seven point scale. Scores of 1-2 mean the quality of teacher-child interactions is low. Classrooms in which there is poor management of behavior, teaching that is purely rote, or that lack interaction between teachers and children would receive low scores. Scores of 3-5, the mid-range, are given when classrooms show a mix of effective interactions with periods when interactions are not effective or are absent. Scores of 6-7 mean that effective teacher-child interactions are consistently observed throughout the observation period. CVHS CLASS scores were as follows:

DOMAIN	Score	DOMAIN	Score	DOMAIN	Score
Emotional Support	6.1302	Classroom Organization	5.8542	Instructional Support	3.2153

DIMENSIONS					
Positive Climate	5.90	Behavior Management	6.02	Concept Development	2.83
Negative Climate	1.13	Productivity	6.04	Quality of Feedback	3.15
Teacher Sensitivity	6.00	Instructional Learning Formats	5.50	Language Modeling	3.67
Regard for Student Perspectives	5.75				



**Results of most recent financial audit:** The most recent financial audit for CVOEO contained no findings or non-compliances for Champlain Valley Head Start.

**Percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams:** For children enrolled during the 2018-2019 program year, approximately 94.5% of preschool children received physical exams, and 87.4% of children birth to 3 were up to date on age-appropriate well child care at the end of enrollment; approximately 83% of preschool children received dental exams, and 77.9% of children birth to 3 were up to date on dental care according to Vermont's EPSDT schedule.

**Information about parent involvement activities:** Parent involvement in CVHS occurs most commonly through home visits or as parents spend time in Head Start classrooms. Parents may also be involved in activities such as: Group socializations; Local Parent Committee Meetings; Parent-Teacher conferences; Open House or classroom orientation sessions; Parent Education sessions; CVHS Health Services Advisory Committee and other program committees; Policy Council meetings; IEP meetings; Volunteering as classroom helpers, attending field trips, participating in home activities, and assisting in administrative offices; CVHS interview teams to hire new staff; the CVHS Self-Assessment and Community Assessment processes; attending events such as VT Early Childhood Day at the Legislature and meetings of the VT Head Start Association; and attending conferences such as the New England Head Start Association Conference. Within the confines of its budget, Champlain Valley Head Start provides interpreters for families that do not speak English so that they can be involved in the program and attend various activities.

**CVHS focus on school readiness and efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:** CVHS supports children for school readiness and lifelong success. The CVHS curriculum, *The Creative Curriculum*, is based on five fundamental principles that help to guide CVHS practice in providing services to children and families:

- Positive interactions and relationships with adults provide a critical foundation for successful learning;
- Social-emotional competence is a significant factor in school success;
- Constructive, purposeful play supports essential learning;
- The physical environment affects the type and quality of learning interactions; and
- Teacher-family partnerships promote development and learning.

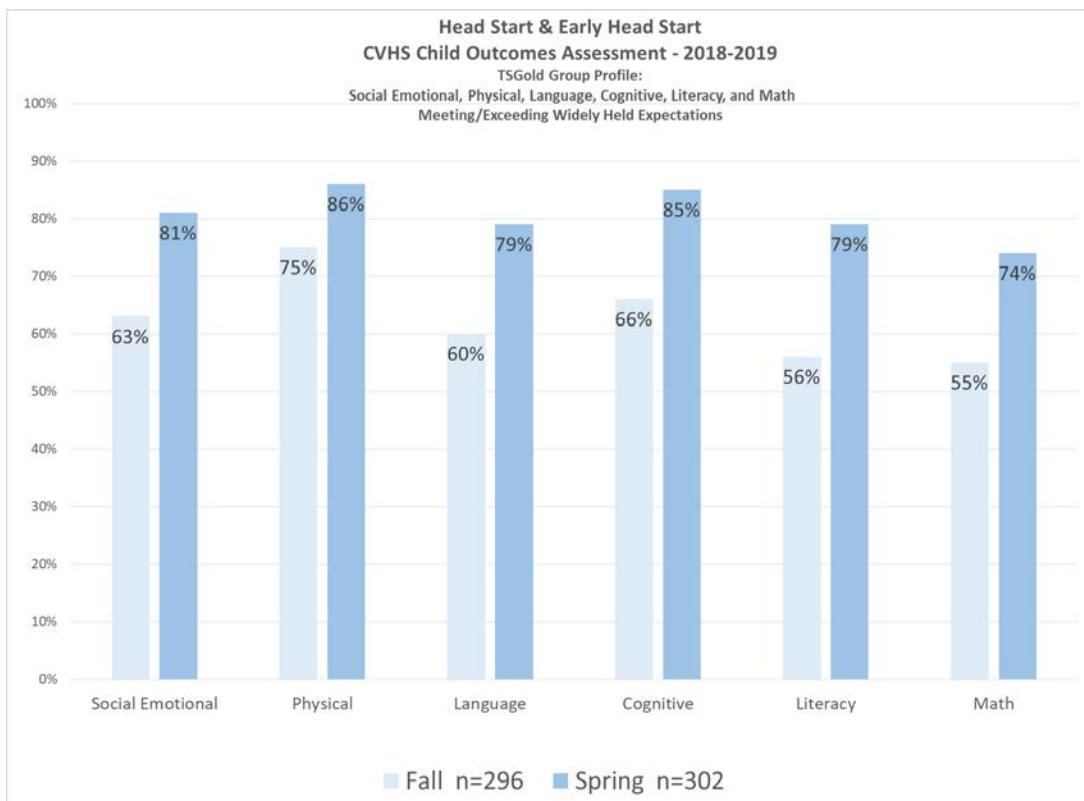
CVHS staff plan curriculum to include goals in the areas of social emotional development, approaches to learning, literacy, language development, math, science, logic and reasoning, social studies, creative arts, and physical health and development. These areas of development and learning guide staff in the provision of materials and activities offered to prepare children for kindergarten. Experiences are provided to meet each child's individual needs and stimulate learning, with strong emphasis on language/cognitive skills, early literacy skills, and the development of positive social skills. Health educational activities include daily tooth brushing and monthly nutrition activities. Staff utilize an individualized observation and planning process for each child/family. Staff assess, with the parent, the child's developmental strengths and needs. Information is obtained through informal interviews



with the parent, observations of the child, developmental screenings, and the Teaching Strategies Gold online assessment. This information is then used to individualize services for children and families.

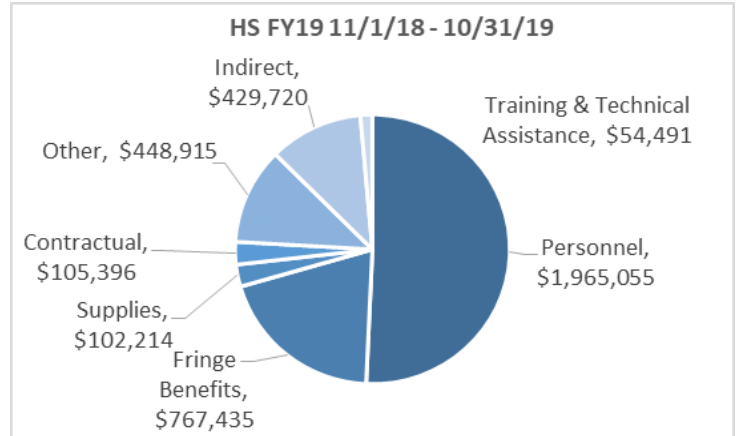
The CVHS Education Coordinator and Early Head Start Coordinator analyze data and generate individual and program-wide TS GOLD reports three times per program year (four for EHS). Child outcomes data is shared with all staff, families, Policy Council, collaborative partners and CVOEO Board outlining strengths and areas for improvement. Teachers and home visitors use individual and group profile reports to plan curriculum which offers materials, activities and experiences for learning through play in all areas. Staff and families review child specific reports to share each child’s strengths and set goals together. Group profile reports are generated to help guide curriculum for specific groups, and identify areas of support/supervision. TS GOLD is used to track and measure school readiness goals. At the annual CVHS strategic planning event, a summary of trends in all component areas assist staff in determining progress towards overall school readiness goals. This information is used to help gather resources for staff and families, plan trainings, purchase materials, and guide future school readiness goals.

CVHS assists parents in monitoring their child’s developmental growth and supports parents in accessing additional resources for their children, as needed. CVHS staff collaborates with Special Education and Early Intervention providers, and children’s services are often provided in our classrooms. CVHS staff, parents and collaborating agencies plan activities to support children’s transition to kindergarten. Such opportunities may include Head Start children and families attending school functions or libraries, going on classroom visits, meeting with kindergarten teachers, principals and special educators, attending school-sponsored “transition fairs,” utilizing school facilities, and accessing school meal programs.

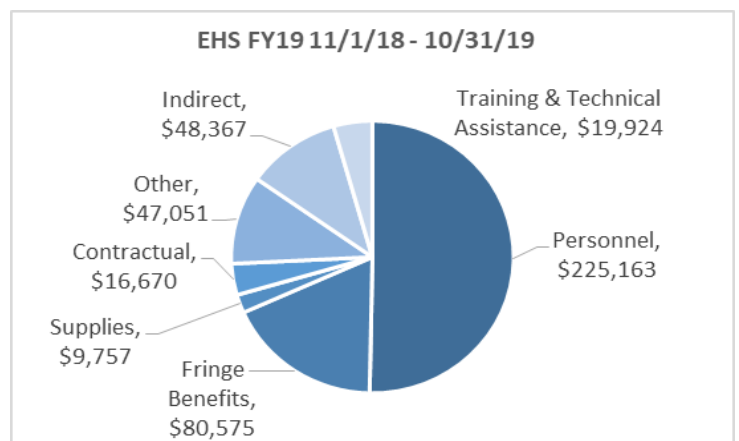


**Budgetary Expenditures FY19 (HS and EHS) and FY18 (EHS-CCP)**

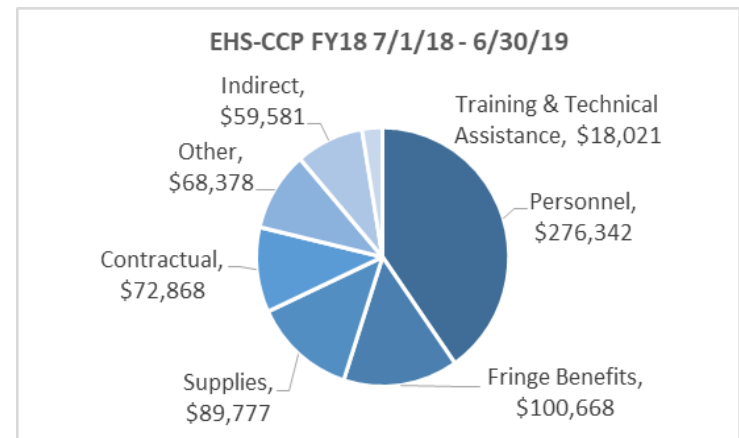
HS FY19 11/01/18 - 10/31/19	
Personnel	\$1,965,055
Fringe Benefits	\$767,435
Supplies	\$102,214
Contractual	\$105,396
Other	\$448,915
Indirect	\$429,720
Training & Technical Assistance	\$54,491
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,873,226</b>



EHS FY19 11/01/18 - 10/31/19	
Personnel	\$225,163
Fringe Benefits	\$80,575
Supplies	\$9,757
Contractual	\$16,670
Other	\$47,051
Indirect	\$48,367
Training & Technical Assistance	\$19,924
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$447,507</b>

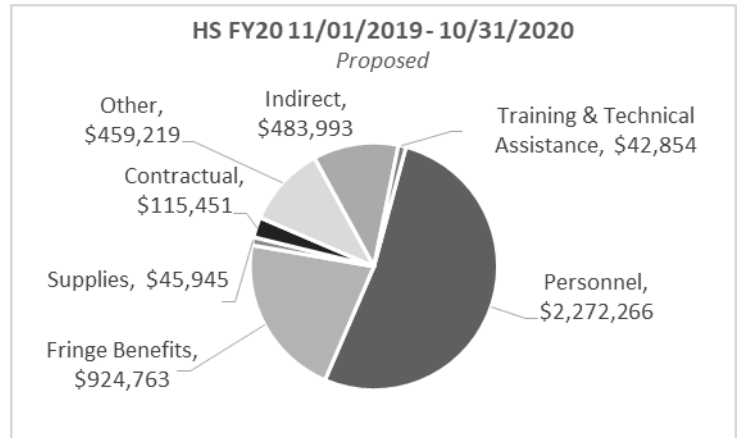


EHS - CCP FY18 07/01/18 - 06/30/19	
Personnel	\$276,342
Fringe Benefits	\$100,668
Supplies	\$89,777
Contractual	\$72,868
Other	\$68,378
Indirect	\$59,581
Training & Technical Assistance	\$18,021
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$685,635</b>

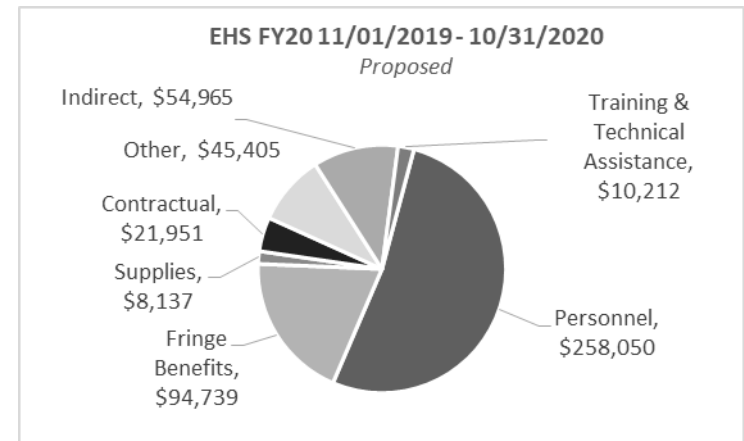


**Proposed Budgets FY20 (HS and EHS) and FY19 (EHS-CCP)**

HS FY20 11/01/2019 - 10/31/2020	
Personnel	\$2,272,266
Fringe Benefits	\$924,763
Supplies	\$45,945
Contractual	\$115,451
Other	\$459,219
Indirect	\$483,993
Training & Technical Assistance	\$42,854
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,344,491</b>



EHS FY20 11/01/2019 - 10/31/2020	
Personnel	\$258,050
Fringe Benefits	\$94,739
Supplies	\$8,137
Contractual	\$21,951
Other	\$45,405
Indirect	\$54,965
Training & Technical Assistance	\$10,212
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$493,459</b>



EHS - CCP FY19 07/01/19 - 06/30/20	
Personnel	\$312,497
Fringe Benefits	\$113,229
Supplies	\$20,332
Contractual	\$112,158
Other	\$49,044
Indirect	\$67,185
Training & Technical Assistance	\$15,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$690,150</b>

