



15-16 Programs & Impact

HEAD START prepares low-income pre-school children, ages 3 to 5, for success in school and life, including children with special needs. **EARLY HEAD START** promotes physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and language development of infants and toddlers and supports positive parent-child relationships.

- **1,018** children gained a solid educational foundation by participating in Community Action's Head Start programs for children from birth to 5 years old.

CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL provides access to quality, affordable child care for working families and strengthens the local child care network by providing training for providers and businesses.

- **518** Parents, (341 with incomes below \$25,000 per year), were able to work because they could access child care that met their needs.
- The quality of local child care resources improved as **1,513** providers participated in **11,227** hours of training in early childhood development.

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT provides phone based assessment and assistance connecting to resources and home visiting case management to help families meet their goals, increase housing and income stability, improve family functioning and parenting skills.

- With access to appropriate pre-natal services, **152** low-income pregnant women were better equipped for a healthy birth.
- **758** new parents were provided with information about early child development and parenting resources.
- **86** at-risk families received parenting support to prevent child abuse and neglect.
- **277** families participated in home-visiting support services to set and achieve goals to help avoid or recover from homelessness and maintain a stable home.

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICES provides shelter for families experiencing homelessness, assists them in achieving housing stability and advocates for their children to ensure school success.

- **150** homeless children and parents had the chance to get back on their feet by staying at Community Action's Hillsboro Family Shelter.
- **1,055** families experiencing homelessness or at eminent risk of homelessness were assessed for eligibility for the continuum of housing programs in Washington County.
- **126** families experiencing homelessness were re-housed with short-term rent assistance.

ENERGY & EMERGENCY RENT ASSISTANCE prevents homelessness and assures that families can remain safe and warm in their homes by providing financial assistance for those facing eviction or termination of heat and electricity services.

- **6,953** families stayed warm and safe in their homes with heat and electricity bill paying assistance from Community Action.
- **423** families facing eviction remained in their homes because of rent assistance provided by Community Action.

ENERGY CONSERVATION helps families reduce energy bills by assessing home energy use, recommending cost saving measures and connecting with resources to improve energy efficiency.

- **211** families had lower heating costs and warmer, safer, healthier homes because Community Action provided comprehensive weatherization services.
- **510** households reduced energy costs, improved home safety and increased energy efficiency by receiving energy education and conservation services.

INFORMATION & REFERRAL Community Action is the Washington County partner for **211 Info** providing information and referral to critical health and human services.

- By dialing 211, **11,459** callers were connected with vital health and social services because of Community Action's comprehensive data base of Washington County resources.

FINANCIAL LITERACY helps families take charge of their finances and plan for their future by providing financial literacy classes and Individual Development Accounts.

- **6 new** families began the process of saving funds to increase their education or start a business through Community Action's Individual Development Account program. **28** Families in total are currently saving towards their asset goal.
- **78** individuals learned skills to take control of their financial future through Community Action's financial education classes.