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JACKSON COUNTY CIVIC ACTION
COMMITTEE, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

Mission

It is the mission of Jackson County Civic Action Committee, Inc. to serve the need of Jackson County by developing and delivering quality services that focus on HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

We will accomplish this mission by:

Providing services that meet the needs of the elderly, children and families;

Being fiscally and programmatically accountable for the grants and programs we administer;

Developing and recognizing employees for good performance;

Providing a safe workplace for our employees and a receptive and professional environment for the community and clients.

Vision

JCCAC will be the standard of excellence in developing, providing and delivering quality, responsive service to the elderly, children and families.

JCCAC will be a model agency that provides quality services that meet the individual needs of clients.

JCCAC employees will be dedicated to continuous improvement in service delivery to clients.

JCCAC Board of Directors, Policy Council and Management will ensure that we have a participative work environment that fosters teamwork, mutual respect, dedication, and opportunities for personal growth and development of all employees.

Philosophy

JCCAC's child development philosophy is based on three cornerstones.

We believe that the child's parents are the first and most important teacher of that child, and our curriculum design and daily implementation is only as strong as the meaningful involvement of parents in that process.

Children learn optimally when their health, nutrition and mental health needs are first met. Therefore, a comprehensive service program for all children must be a baseline against which all program operations are compared.

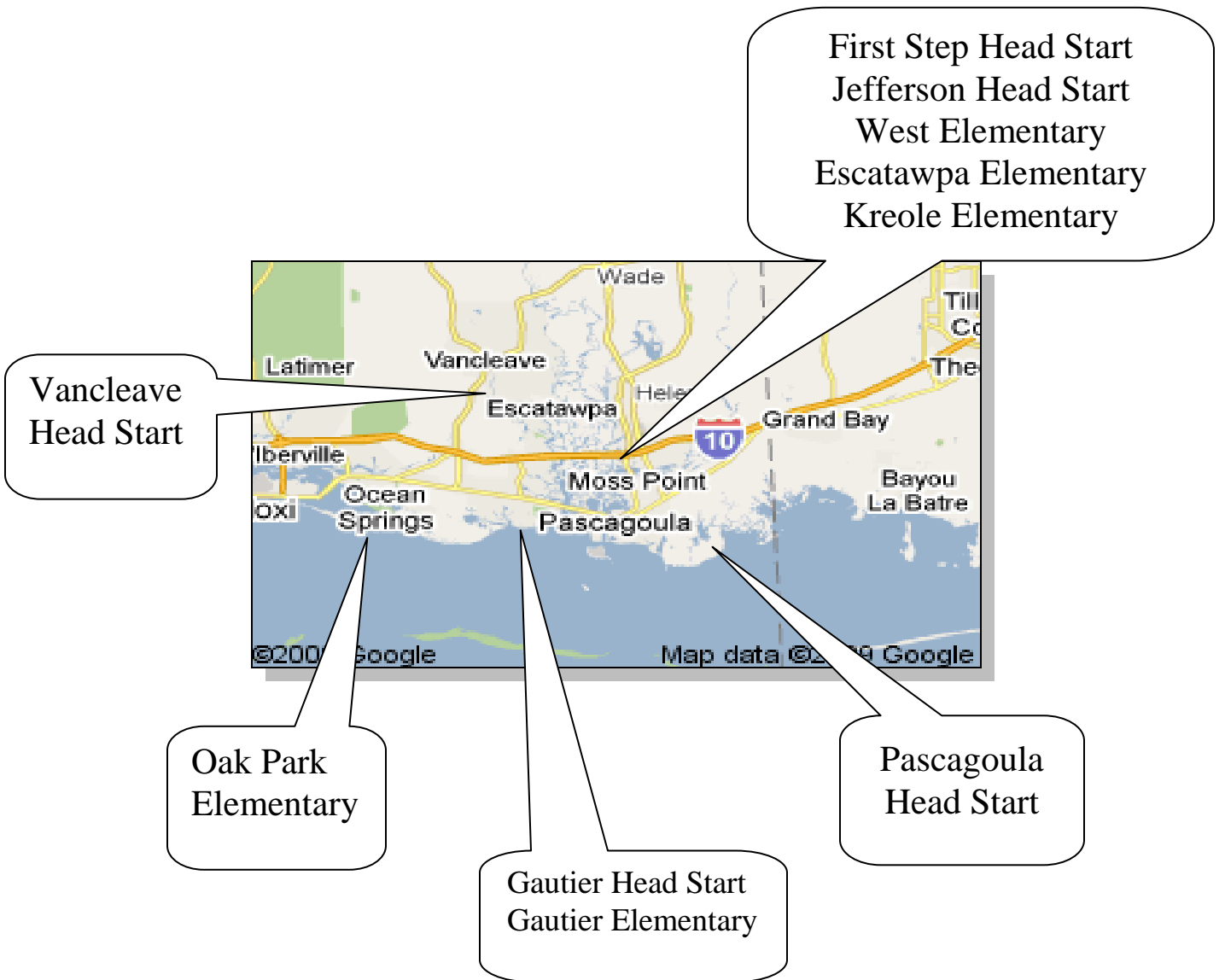
Children are creative and curious seekers and constructors of knowledge, with tremendous capacity to explore and to make sense out of their environment.

About Us

Jackson County Civic Action Committee, Inc. (JCCAC), a non-profit tax-exempt community action agency, was incorporated in Mississippi on August 31, 1965.

Service Area	Jackson County	
Funded Enrollment	717	
Program Type Program Option	Head Start Center based	
Address:	5343 Jefferson Street Moss Point, MS 39563-6242	
Phone Number	(228) 769-3292	
Fax Number	(228) 769-3264	
Head Start Director	Vanessa Gibson	
Email Address	vgibson@jccac.com	
Web Site Address	www.jccivicaction.org	
Hours of Operation:	Monday – Friday, 8:00-2:00 p.m. August – May	
Public School Partnerships:	Moss Point School District Pascagoula School District Ocean Springs School District	
Employees	131	
Teaching staff credentials	Associates Degree	43
Teaching staff with a CDA		13

Locations



Center Information

Center	Address	Phone	# of Children
West Elementary	3524 Prentiss St. Moss Point MS 39563	(228) 475-4515	17
Escatawpa Elementary	4400 Jamestown Rd. Escatawpa MS 39562	(228) 474-3300	34
Kreole Elementary	6312 Martin Luther King Dr. Moss Point MS 39563	(228) 475-3719	34
Vancleave Head Start Center	13105 Head Start Rd. Vancleave MS 39565	(228) 826-1476	80
Gautier Head Start Center	1017 Hwy 90 Gautier MS 39553	(228) 497-1778	120
Gautier Elementary	Magnolia Tree Gautier, MS 39553	(228) 497-1778	20
Jefferson Street Head Start	5343 Jefferson St Moss Point MS 39563	(228) 769-3316	120
Oak Park Elementary Pre-K Program	Government St. Ocean Springs, MS	(228) 875-7705	54
First Step Head Start Center	5343 Jefferson St Moss Point MS 39563	(228) 769-3292	60
Pascagoula Head Start Center	3301 Spruce St. Pascagoula, MS 39581	(228) 471-1271	200

Health

Insurance

Children with health insurance	742	86%
Number enrolled in Medicaid	572	77%
Number enrolled in Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	24	3%
Number enrolled in a combined CHIP/Medicaid Program	4	1%
Number enrolled in state-only funded insurance	2	0%
Number with private health insurance	135	18%
Number with other health insurance (Military)	5	1%
Number of children with no health insurance	122	15%

Medical home (at End of Enrollment)

Number of children with an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care	784	91%
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Number of children who are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to Mississippi EPSDT schedule for well child care	711	82%
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Number of all children who received medical treatment for the following chronic health conditions:

Anemia	7	1%
Asthma	40	5%
Hearing Difficulties	4	0%
Overweight	6	1%
Vision Problems	7	1%
High Lead Levels	1	0%
Diabetes	1	0%

Number of children up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age	853	99%
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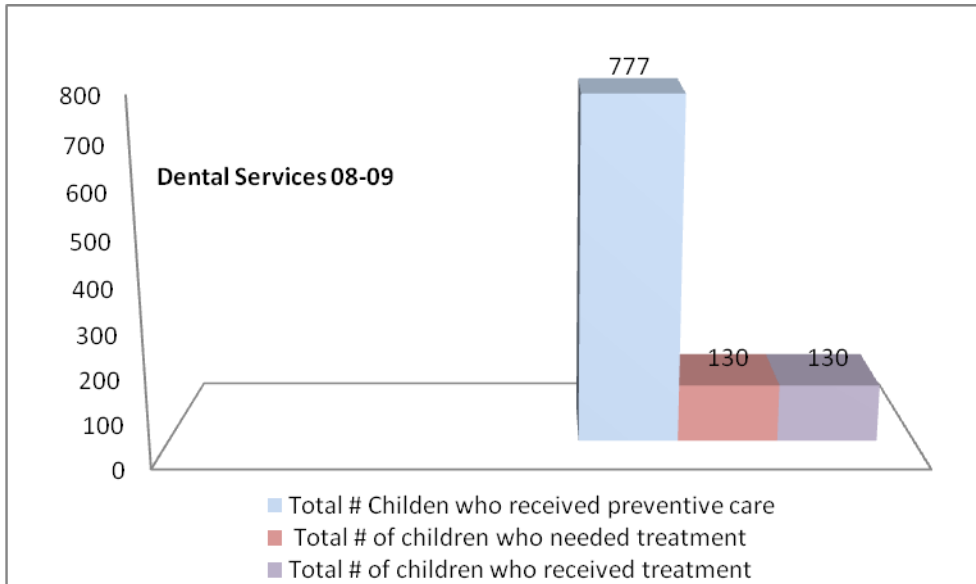
Mental Health

Number of children who received a professional consultation about behavior	25	3%
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Of these, the number who received three or more consultations	9	36%
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Number of children for whom the MH professional provided an individual mental health assessment	822	95%
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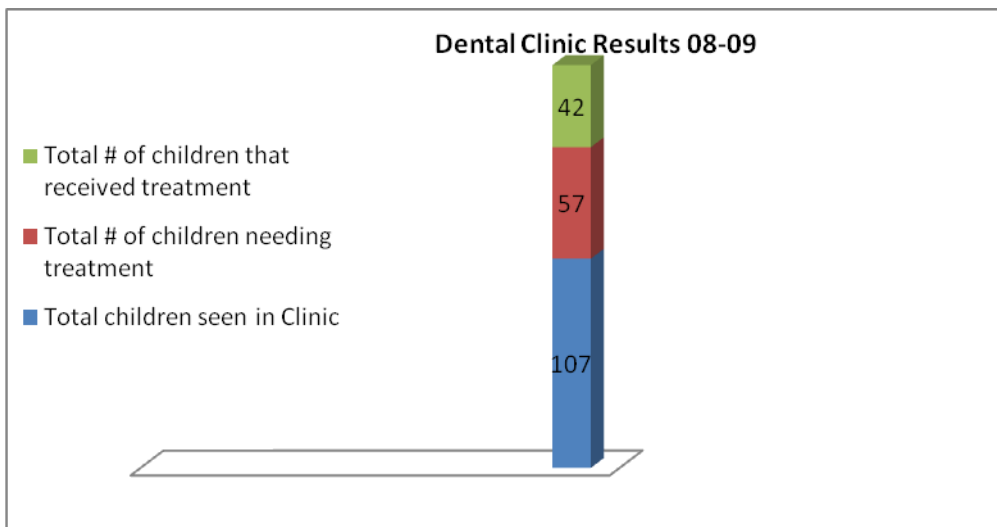
Dental



Jackson County Civic Action currently operates an on-site dental clinic at the Jackson County Services Complex in Moss Point.

Thanks to the cooperation of county officials and a grant from Americares, the facility is currently serving Head Start children who do not have dental insurance or a dental home.

We plan to extend dental care to other uninsured family members, agency clients and staff.



Parent Involvement

- Parents volunteer on monthly field trips, classroom routine duties, bulletin board, monthly unit theme, and clerical duties.
- Parents provide input in weekly lesson plans, monthly Banner Day Menu, and child weekly reviews.
- Each parent committee has officers that conduct monthly meetings.
- Parent committee officers develop the agenda, recruit guest speakers, and encourage parent participation.
- Parent trips included visits to the Audubon Zoo & Aquarium, the Rosa Parks Museum and Bellingrath Gardens.
- Grandparents participated in the grandparent community support group.
- Parents decorated the Annual Sweetheart Ball, coordinated the Annual Fall & Spring Festival, teacher appreciation events, and chaperoned the 2009 Spring Dance.
- Dads attended a fatherhood breakfast and received training on the “Seven Secrets of Effective Fatherhood Curriculum”.
- Parents attended healthy marriage & relationship seminars, and parenting classes.
- Parent Projects: Education on the Move take home Kits, Cars & Hats Parade, Gardening, Turkey Art Contest, canned food drive, Latin Cultural Awareness Day, Christmas & Veteran’s Day Parades.
- Parents substituted in the classroom and kitchen.

Head Start Statistics

ETHNICITY AND RACE

Hispanic or Latino origin	108	12%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3	
Asian	10	1%
Black or African American	572	66%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	1	
White	243	28%
Biracial/Multi-racial	35	4%

FAMILY INFORMATION

Total number of families served	810	
The number of two-parent families	218	27%
The number of single-parent families	592	73%

An advanced degree or baccalaureate degree	32	4%
An associate degree, vocational school, or some college		31%
A high school graduate or GED		21%
Less than high school graduate		42%

Two-parent families

Both parents/guardians are employed		19%
One parent/guardian is employed		72%
Both parents/guardians are not working (unemployed, retired, or disabled)	20	9%

Single-parent families

Parent/guardian is employed		48%
Parent/guardian is not working		52%

Federal or Other Assistance

Total number of families receiving (TANF)		12%
Total number of families receiving (SSI)		7%
Total number of families receiving (WIC)		29%

Services to Homeless Families

Total number of homeless families	13	2%
Total number of homeless families that acquired housing during the year	3	23%

Child Outcomes

Jackson County Civic Action Committee Inc. Head Start utilizes the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum to assess all children three times during the school term (September, January, April).

Assessments are completed to determine the children’s present level of performance and to develop the best individual learning plan for each child.

Teachers plan individual activities to help children master skills they need to reach the next level of performance indicated in the Creative Curriculum Developmental Continuum.

The chart below indicates outcomes for the 2008-09 school year.

Eight Domains Of Learning	September PRE	January MID	April POST	Overall Improvement
Language Development	74%	83%	88%	18%
Literacy	57%	75%	87%	30%
Mathematics	37%	50%	73%	43%
Science	77%	90%	93%	16%
Creative Art	63%	71%	87%	24%
Social And Emotional Developmental	65%	75%	81%	16%
Approaches to Learning	47%	53%	79%	32%
Physical Development	77%	90%	93%	16%

TRANSITION

Orientation

Parent Orientation occurs during a two-day period at the beginning of each school year. Each classroom schedules five families in the morning and five families in the afternoon. The children are allowed to explore the room while teachers, family service workers, and parents interact. A developmental screener is administered to each child so that early intervention strategies and the referral process can begin.

Parent Meetings

Center-based Parent Committees meet monthly to discuss relevant topics. These include parenting, child development, age-appropriate skills, curriculum, monthly themes, health issues, nutrition, healthy relationships,

Kindergarten

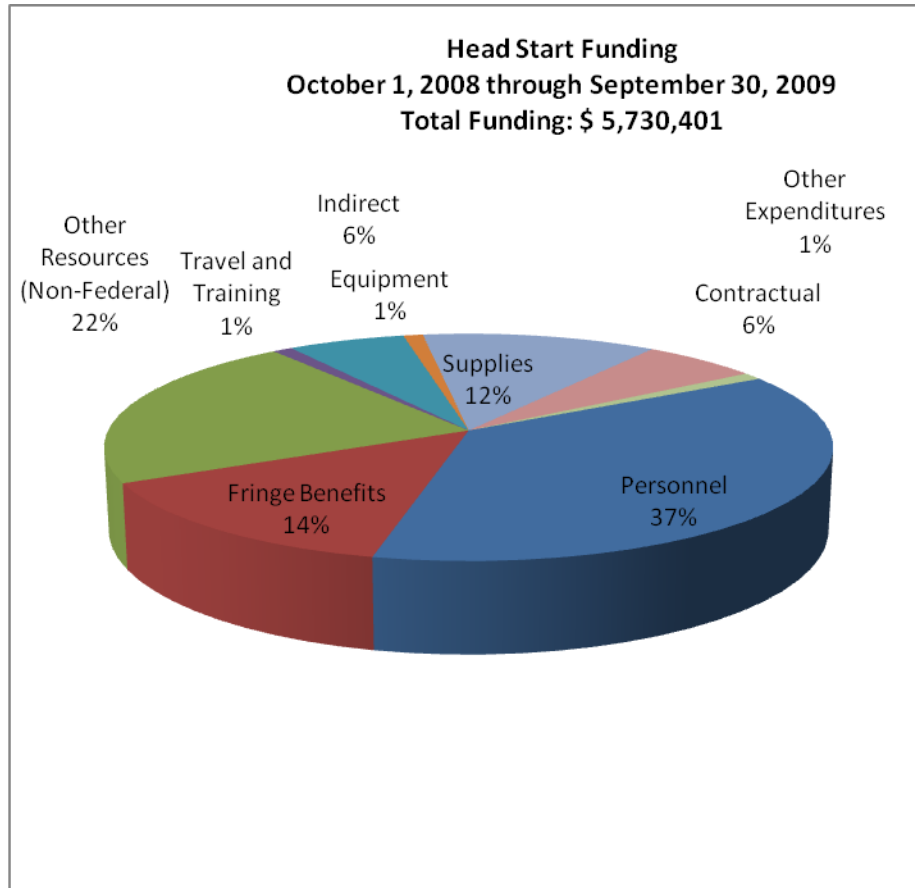
The Education Transition Advisory Team meets quarterly during the school term. Kindergarten teachers, child care providers, Head Start parents and staff discuss readiness skills needed for successful transition into kindergarten.

All kindergarten eligible children are assessed during the Fall and Spring using the MS Pre K-Benchmark Checklist.

April and May transition activities include visiting the kindergarten classrooms, eating cafeteria style, pre-registration and transition information is distributed to parents, final home visits.

In May 2008, 426 children transitioned to kindergarten.

Fiscal and OHS Monitoring



Jackson County Civic Action was monitored by the Office of Head Start in 2007. The team’s final report indicated no deficiencies. Auditors issued an “unqualified opinion on the agency’s financial statements.

