



NORTHERN MONTANA CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Annual Report

June 2023

Northern Montana Child Development Center (NMCDC) offers three different program options to best meet the needs of the children and families we serve from Blaine, Hill and Liberty counties. Early Head Start (ages 0-3) provides a center-based option, Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-5:30pm, as well as a home-based option. The EHS center based option is a licensed infant/toddler child care center. This option is for parents who are working, attending school, or completing a TANF plan and have a need for child care for 20 or more hours per week. Head Start (ages 3-5) provides center-based education, with the option of a 4-hour class or a 7-hour class. The 7 hour (duration) classes are filled with families who have a need for childcare. While the duration classrooms do not have transportation, the 4 hour classes do. All Head Start classrooms are licensed child care centers.

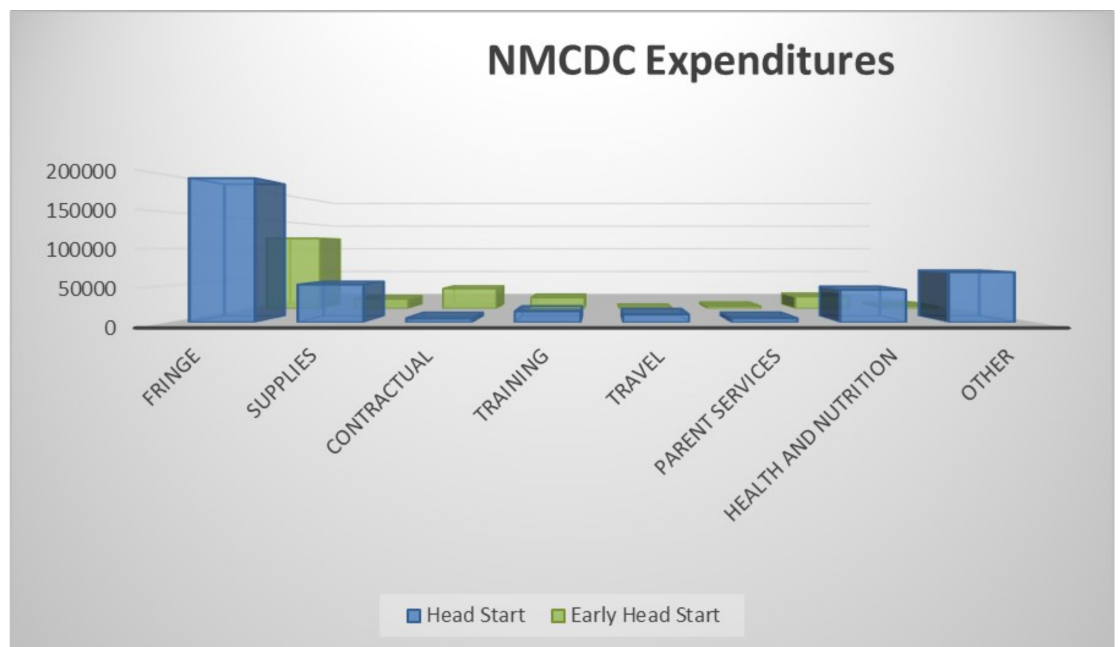
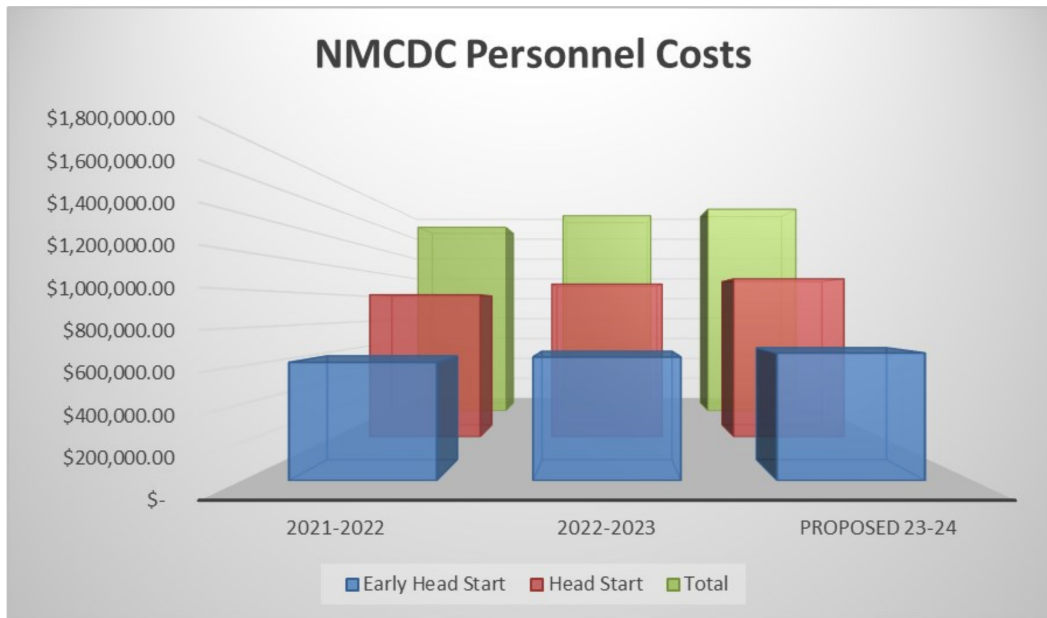
Additionally, the Early Head Start prenatal option serves pregnant mothers. While we do not provide direct medical services, we do assist mothers (and fathers, as well as other family members) to assess their needs and plan for a healthy delivery. This includes home visits, prenatal educational materials and case management. Once the baby is born, he/she will be enrolled in either the home based option or the center based option depending on the family's needs and the availability of slots.

Head Start has a partnership with Havre Public Schools to provide services in regular classroom settings for children with special needs. We also work very closely with Part C services, Benchmark, which is located in Great Falls, approximately 110 miles away, to provide services to infants and toddlers with disabilities. Benchmark has one staff member located in Havre, who we work closely with to meet the needs of our children and their families. At least 10% of the enrolled children we serve have a disability.

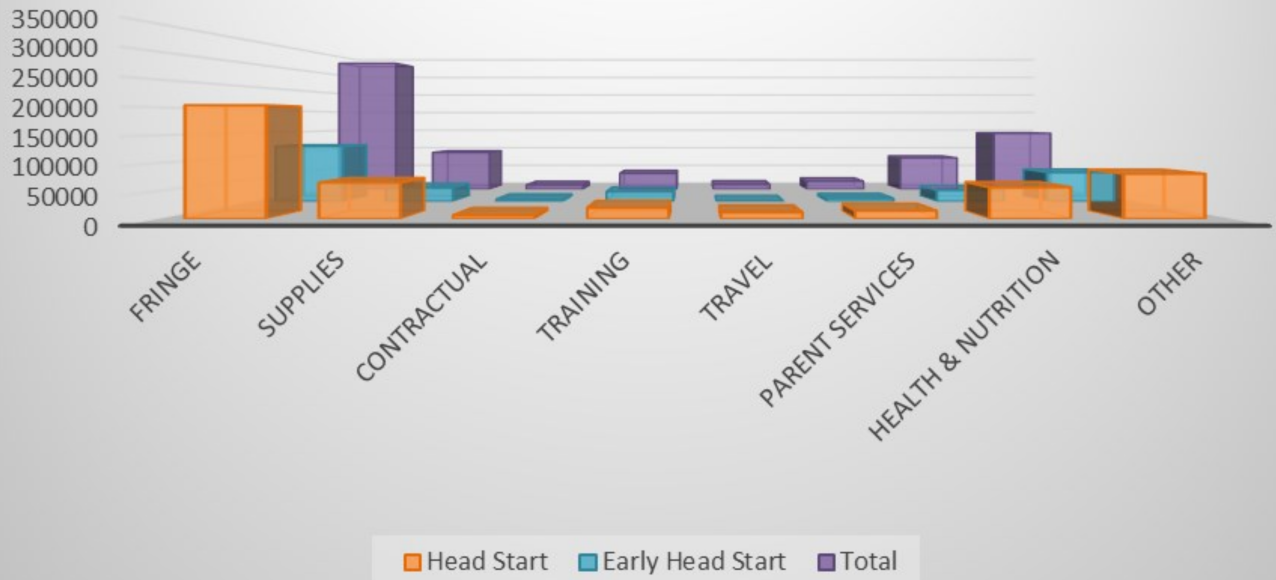


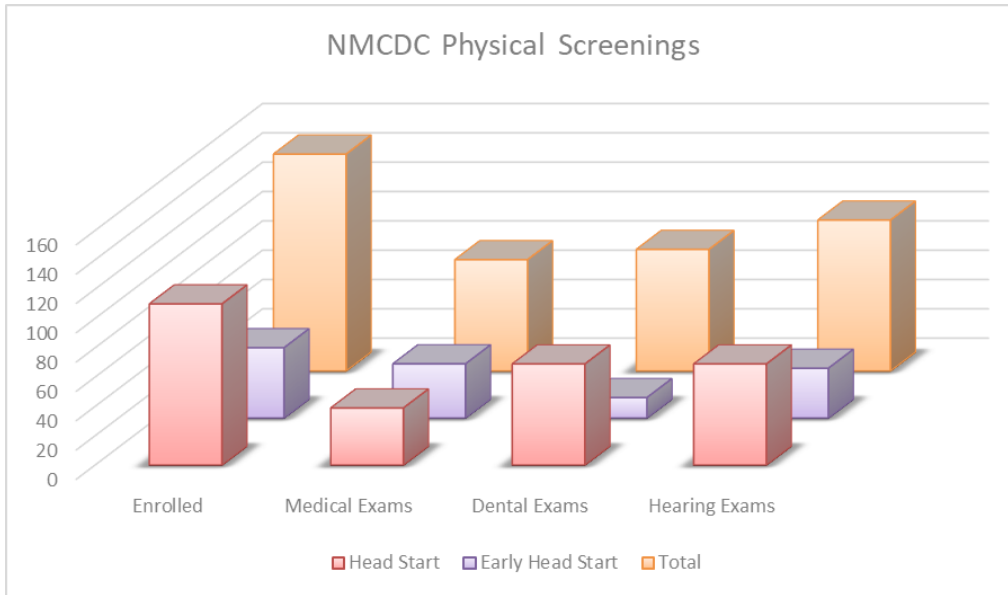
NMCDC Funding Sources 2022-2023

Program	Office of Head Start	CACFP	Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship	STARS to Quality	Johnson O'Malley
Head Start	\$1,506,152				
Early Head Start	\$873,588		\$3768		
Total	\$2,379,740	\$42,682.45	\$3768	\$40,000	\$3271
Non-Federal Share	\$594,935				



NMCDC Proposed Budget 2023-2024

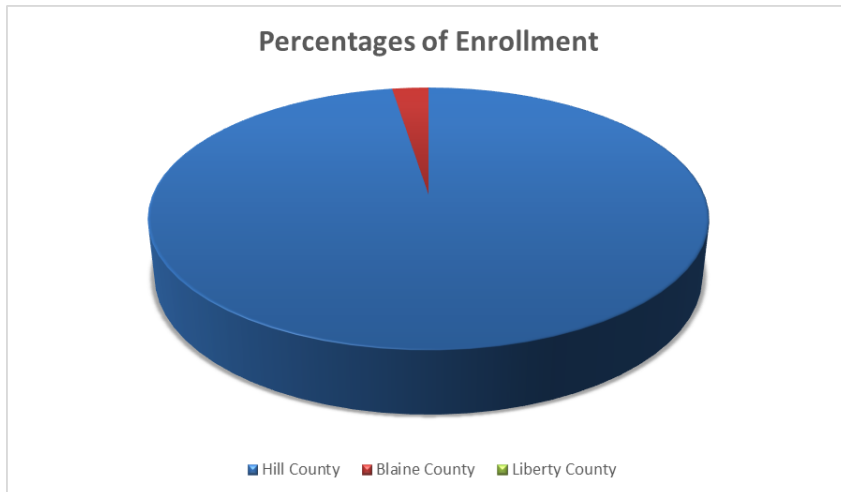
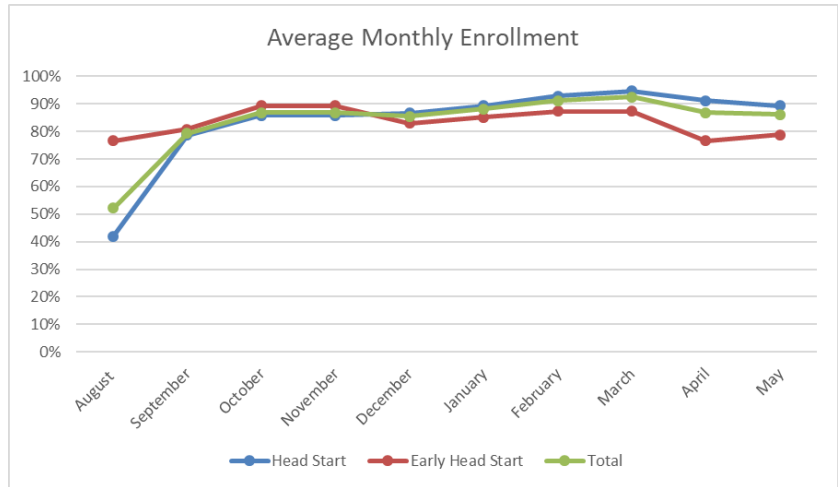




Dental Exams:
84%

Medical Exams:
85%

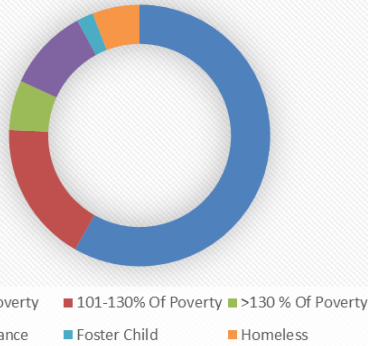
For the 2022-2023 year NMCDC's enrollment was low, with many factors playing into it. NMCDC Leadership, Policy Council and Board of Directors continue a conversation to better recruit and enroll students to our program. NMCDC served a total of 161 children, families, and prenatal mothers throughout the 2022-2023 school year.



Eligibility

County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percentage of Children in Poverty
Hill	961	21.6%
Blaine	492	24%
Liberty	80	21.7%

Percent of Children Enrolled in Each Eligibility Category



Parent Involvement at NMCDC

Parent involvement has always played an important part within NMCDC. NMCDC has been able to start our monthly Family Fun Nights, that second as Parent Committee Meetings. The evenings involve dinner, a fun activity the families can complete together and a discussion with the families on any

News, changes, Policy Council, policies and procedures, etc.

NMCDC continues to engage families with monthly goal sheets, strengthening the parent's spot as their child's first teacher. Many classrooms have conducted

Individual family engagement activities that have included a child's art exhibit, a fashion show and a luau. NMCDC is more than excited to engage our families in a safe, but normal way.

NMCDC currently has 6 staff with a Bachelor's degree, 9 with an Associate's degree and 12 with a CDA. There are 3 staff working on a B.S, and 10 working on their CDA.



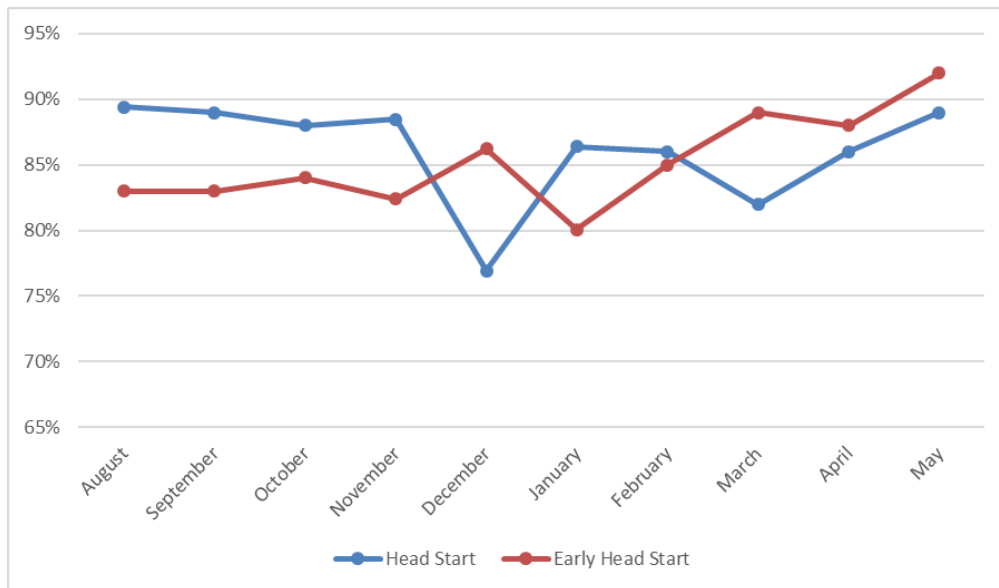
NMCDC and Kindergarten Readiness

NMCDC staff use a variety of strategies to promote and support children’s learning and developmental progress to prepare them for kindergarten. Each child has an Individual Child Development Plan based on individual observations and ongoing assessment. Kindergarten readiness is ongoing as we learn more about the expectations from Head Start to implement school readiness goals. We have critically looked over our existing systems of collecting data and brainstormed ways to improve our methods used to reach our school readiness goals. Our school readiness goals are to support all areas of children’s growth and development including social and emotional development, approaches to learning, development of cognition and general knowledge, development of language and literacy skills and development of physical well-being and motor development.

NMCDC has a strong professional relationship with the Havre Public Schools (HPS) which allows for regular communication between NMCD C and HPS. NMCDC and HPS host kindergarten transition nights towards the end of the school year which allows for the children and families to meet the kindergarten staff, as well as become acquainted with their new school.

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NMCDC 2022-2023 Attendance



The most recent agency audit was conducted June 30th, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. The federal program audited was Head Start. There were no material weaknesses or findings.

Northern Montana Child Development Center was reviewed by the Office of Head Start in March 2023, using the FA 2 Monitoring Protocol. The report stated there were no findings.