

DELTA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022-2023

A YEAR OF CHANGE



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Delta Community Action Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors, with representation from East Carroll, Madison, Richland Parishes representatives from the private sector and representatives of local elected officials. The Board of Directors lead the strategic direction of operations. They also serve as strong stewards of our valuable resources. Below is our leadership, which includes our Executive Director.

The Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council is an integral part of the operations of the corporations particularly the Head Start programs and provides an opportunity to have clientele of Delta CAA's programs directly involved in the decision-making processes about those programs.

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OUR MISSION

Continue waging the war on poverty by mobilizing resources that are used to provide services that enrich the growth and development of children, families and our communities.

Emphasis is placed on empowering individuals and families to make life-choices which build capacity.

OUR VISION

To remove all barriers (internal and external) that hinder low-income individuals and families from moving toward self-sufficiency and achieving their potential.



THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes Northeast Louisiana a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board and staff have continued to emphasize the “Vision” of the agency, which is to create opportunities for all citizens to realize their potential to become self-sufficient.

Delta CAA operates programs that address needs of low-income individuals determined by a community needs assessment. All the while, we continued to deliver services to residents throughout Madison, Richland, East Carroll, Franklin, Tensas and West Carroll Parishes.

We thank our Board of Directors, Policy Council, and staff for helping us complete another successful year. We also extend gratitude and applaud the communities and funders for the sustenance and resources that contributed to a fruitful yet challenging year.

We will continue to develop strategies to broaden our impact and services to the residents of Madison, Richland, East Carroll, Franklin, Tensas and West Carroll Parishes. Delta CAA asks that you continue your partnership(s) with us. Together we are improving the quality of life and sustainability for citizens of Northeast Louisiana. We are “changing lives” and “changing communities.”

Delta CAA continues to evolve and advance its values of excellence, integrity, sustainability and leadership, we look forward to meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

We remain committed to our work with the Office of Head Start and the Louisiana Department of Education- Louisiana Believes- an initiative to ensure that all children are ready for school.

It is a pleasure to share the results of a dedicated team. This report will reflect on the impact of Delta CAA and the thousands of citizens whose lives we touched and improved. Once again, we thank all community members, funders and supporters who ensure that we continue to excel as we advance our most important mission.

Respectfully,

M. E. DuZac III

**LIST OF AGENCY FUNDS AND SOURCE
(All Public & Private Funds)**

The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source

Program Year Funded Amount		
	2022-2023	2021-2022
Head Start	\$ 3,611,730.00	\$ 3,578,601.00
Early Head Start	\$ 1,507,733.00	\$ 969,933.00
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$ 169,817.00	\$ 171,839.00
USDA Child & Adult Care Food Program	\$ 350,163.00	\$ 359,357.00
USDA Family Day Care Homes Program	\$ 788,253.00	\$ 728,965.00
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$ 940,969.00	\$ 508,888.00
Food For Seniors	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
LA. Department of Education – Early Childhood Network	\$ 809,075.00	\$ 693,044.00
Total Funds Received	\$ 8,177,740.00	\$ 7,010,627.00

DELTA COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC.

- **HEAD START**

A federal program that promotes school readiness for low-income children 3-5 years old. The entire family is encouraged to be involved with the child's education. Disability services are offered to children with special needs. Head Start is based on a "whole child" model, and provides comprehensive services that include preschool education, medical, dental, mental health care, and nutrition services. Head Start services are designed to be responsive to each child's and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.

- **EARLY HEAD START**

A federal program that provides family-centered services to pregnant women and families with children under age 3.

- **COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)**

Supports efforts to identify and eliminate causes and conditions of poverty. The funds are appropriated to enable low-income individuals to achieve self-sufficiency, enhance family stability, and revitalize their community.

- **USDA CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP)**

Reimburse agency at a specified rate for meals served to Head Start/Early Head Start children. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are served each day.

- **USDA FAMILY DAY CARE HOME PROGRAM (FDCH)**

Reimburse childcare providers for meals served to children in their home. Each provider can keep up to six children from birth to 12 years of age in their home. Providers can serve breakfast, lunch, dinner, and P.M. snack.

- **LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

Provides direct payments to home energy suppliers on behalf of eligible households, particularly the elderly and disabled. To be eligible, an individual must be within an income guideline developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- **LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANT PROGRAM (LIHWAP)**

This is a one-time funding received to provide direct payments to water/sewer suppliers on behalf of eligible households, particularly the elderly and disabled. To be eligible, an individual must be within the income guidelines developed by the Department of Health and Human Services.

- **FOOD FOR SENIORS**

Food boxes are provided every other month to eligible seniors ages sixty and above.

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK**

A program that seeks to bring all publicly funded early childhood programs into one network. The initiative is intended to better serve birth to age five children and improve preschoolers' readiness for kindergarten by providing access to quality Pre-K for at-risk 4-year-olds according to the Louisiana Department of Education.

- **ATMOS ENERGY SHARE THE WARMTH**

Provide bill paying assistance to low-income customers of ATMOS Energy.



Head Start & Early Head Start

WHAT IS HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

Head Start is a federal program that promotes school readiness of low-income children 3-5 years old by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development in a learning environment that supports children’s growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, social and emotional functioning, creative arts, physical skills, and approaches to learning. Head Start also provides low-income children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services that are determined based on family needs assessments. Early Head Start is also a federal program that provides family-centered services for low-income families with very young children designed to promote the development of the children, and to enable their parents to fulfill their roles as parents and to move toward self-sufficiency. Persons who may participate in Early Head Start are pregnant women and families with children under age 3 who meet eligibility criteria specified in the Head Start Act.

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

To meet the goal and objectives to serve 360 preschool age children, 97 infants/toddlers and their families, Delta CAA was awarded contracts of \$3,611,730 for Head Start and \$1,507,733 for Early Head Start which includes the required 20% local match. Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Delta CAA requested a waiver for the required 20% local match. These funds were to support the cost of staff, age-appropriate classroom supplies/furnishings, curriculum, food supplies, facilities occupancy cost, facilities upgrade, vehicles replacement, health/dental/mental health services and age-appropriate playground and shade structures. The charts below list the funds spent to date.

HEAD START PROGRAM		
	2022-2023 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Expenditures
Personnel	\$ 2,103,978.00	\$ 1,802,485.00
Fringe Benefits	\$ 561,731.00	\$ 494,564.00
Travel	\$ 10,152.00	\$ 125.00
Equipment	\$ 314,200.00	\$ 314,200.00
Supplies	\$ 126,003.00	\$ 237,421.00
Contractual	\$ 30,050.00	\$ 7,810.00
Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 440,869.00	\$ 730,378.00
T/TA	\$ 24,747.00	\$ 24,747.00
In-Kind	\$ 909,707.00	\$ 350,734.03
Total	\$4,521,437.00	\$ 3,962,464.03

EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM		
	2022-2023 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Expenditures
Personnel	\$ 940,278.00	\$ 728,454.00
Fringe Benefits	\$ 255,059.00	\$ 142,950.00
Travel	\$ 19,624.00	\$ 381.00
Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Supplies	\$ 88,826.00	\$ 242,863.00
Contractual	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,673.00
Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 158,655.00	\$ 289,120.00
T/TA	\$ 36,292.00	\$ 36,292.00
In-Kind	\$ 227,427.00	\$ 123,230.87
Total	\$ 1,735,161.00	\$ 1,576,963.87

Note: One bus was obligated in the amount of \$102,099 and received an obligated extension to September 2024.

Delta Head Start/Early Head Start also was approved a non-federal waiver for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Annual Audit - The annual audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, was presented by Mr. Travis Morehart, CPA from Cook & Morehart, CPA Firm. An unqualified opinion was given which is the highest possible opinion. The Audit is available for review at 611 North Cedar, Tallulah, Louisiana 71282.

**HEAD START PROGRAM
ENROLLMENT**

MONTH	2022/2023	2021/2022
July	Not Operational	Not Operational
August	328	331
September	344	346
October	339	354
November	341	359
December	348	367
January	353	372
February	354	373
March	354	376
April	352	379
May	348	378
June	Not Operational	Not Operational

**EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM
ENROLLMENT**

MONTH	2022/2023	2021/2022
July	71 Transition	72
August	96	76
September	108	66
October	107	63
November	104	75
December	97	71
January	101	71
February	95	69
March	97	67
April	97	70
May	97	68
June	96	70

Average Monthly Enrollment Head Start As a percentage of Funded Enrollment:	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
	96%	88%
Total Number of Children and Families served:	390	354
Percent of Eligible Children Served:	96%	100%
Average Monthly Enrollment Early Head Start As a percentage of Funded Enrollment:	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2021/2022</u>
	100%	100%
Total Number of Children and Families served:	121	94
Percent of Eligible Children Served:	100%	100%
Services	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>
Children that received medical exams – Head Start:	390	491
Children that received medical exams – Early Head Start:	121	
Number of All Enrolled Children with an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute medical care:	511	500
Number of Enrolled Children in Head Start received dental exams:	385	422
Number of Enrolled Children in Early Head Start received dental exams:	121	91

DELTA HS/EHS PREPARES PRE-SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Delta Head Start utilizes the Creative Curriculum which is a high quality, systematic and pre-school curriculum that combines teacher directed instruction with child centered explorations. The curriculum fosters children’s cognitive and social/emotional development and brings together the Pre-Kindergarten academic standards designed to promote explicit instruction in all domains of learning. The Creative Curriculum combines three main areas, including effective curriculum, relevant professional development and strong family connection and support.

In the classroom, teachers use the Teaching Strategic GOLD (TS GOLD), a valid and reliable assessment tool that is aligned with Head Start and Louisiana Outcomes Framework. This tool is used to measure growth in skill development in children ages 3-5. Knowing where each pre-school child is in relation to their individual plan and curriculum objectives enables staff and parents to meet and support each child’s development and learning.

Agency Effort to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

1. Participation in Louisiana Early Childhood Network for East Carroll, Madison and Richland Parishes.
2. Joint Professional Development between Delta Head Start/Early Head Start, Local Education Agencies and Child Care Partners.
3. Establish school readiness goals for children.
4. Monitor children’s progress toward attaining goals.
5. Align curricula and assessment tool with Madison, East Carroll and Richland Education Agency.
6. Strengthen Family and Community Engagement Plan.
7. Tour of schools for children who will enter Kindergarten.
8. Transition packet for parents.
9. Specialized field trips (museums, theatres, etc.).
10. More individualized instruction.

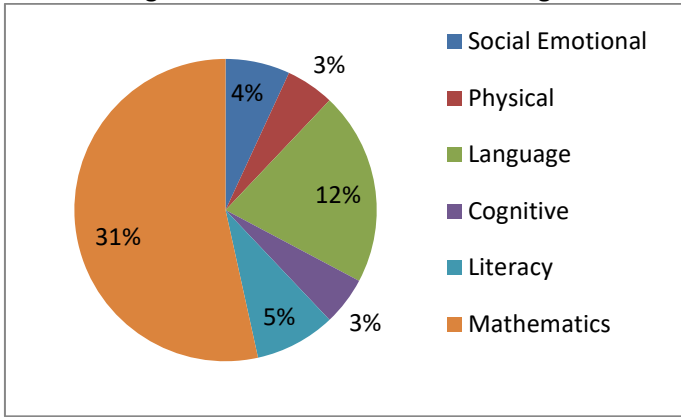
Investment in young people at the beginning of their lives reaps huge social rewards down through the years. Head Start graduates are more likely to graduate from high school, less likely to be incarcerated and less likely to get a divorce. Other findings show more of Head Start’s impact:

Children completing Early Head Start achieved gains on standardized tests of cognitive and language development, may need fewer special learning interventions later on, and performed better on critical social-emotional tasks, such as relating to their parents, paying attention and behaving appropriately, according to a seven-year DHS evaluation.

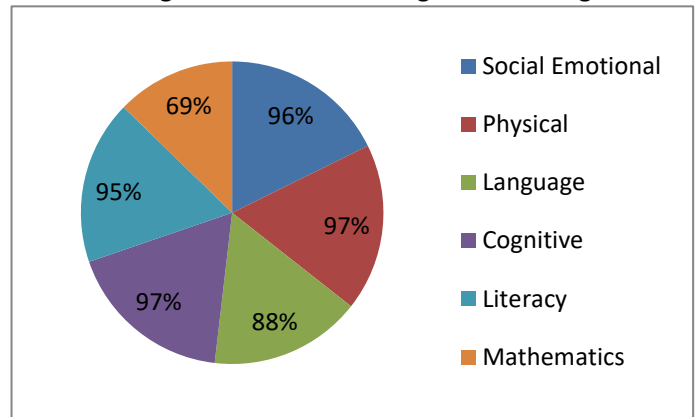
**CHILD OUTCOMES
All Domains 2022-2023**

Growth Report - All Sites 3 Year Olds					
2022-2023 TS GOLD Assessment Fall	Number of Children	Number of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Number of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Social Emotional	292	53	51%	239	49%
Physical	292	59	20%	233	80%
Language	292	75	26%	217	74%
Cognitive	292	49	17%	243	83%
Literacy	292	74	25%	218	75%
Mathematics	292	63	22%	229	78%

Percentage of Children Below Growth Range



Percentage of Children Meeting Growth Range

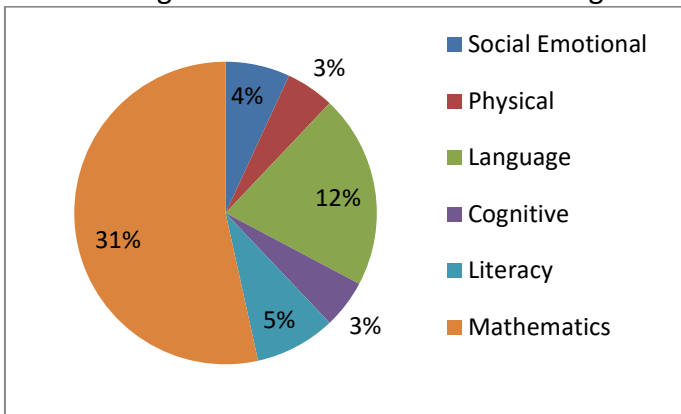


During the 2022-2023 program year, there was a 33% average increase in all areas (Social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics).

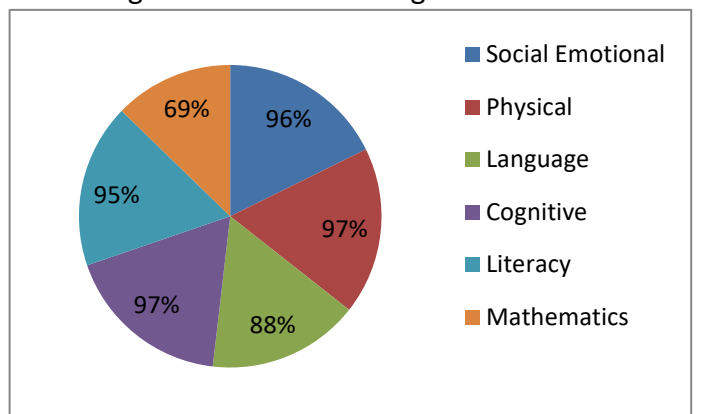
Growth Report - All Sites 4 Year Olds

2022-2023 TS GOLD Assessment Spring	Number of Children	Number of Children Below Growth Range	Percentage of Children Below Growth Range	Number of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range	Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range
Social Emotional	115	4	4%	111	
Physical	115	3	3%	112	97%
Language	115	14	12%	101	88%
Cognitive	115	3	3%	112	97%
Literacy	115	6	5%	109	95%
Mathematics	115	36	31%	79	69%

Percentage of Children Below Growth Range



Percentage of Children Meeting or Above Growth Range



The data for 2022-2023 for 4-year-old children shows scoring results in the areas of Social Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, and Mathematics. The data shows there was a 93% of children meeting or above the growth range in all areas (Social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and mathematics) for the 4-year-olds.

DELTA HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Delta Head Start/Early Head Start utilizes various methods for educating parents on the important role they play in the growth and development of their children. Parents are encouraged to participate in daily program operations and they are trained through orientations, workshops, and conferences. They are encouraged to volunteer and assist in the on-going planning and monitoring of the program. During the enrollment process, parents are empowered to ensure that their children continue to receive high quality education after their child exits Delta Head Start.

Although the 2022-2023 program year provided unique challenges, Delta CAA was able to implement unique strategies to engage families. Before in-person closure, we were able to provide many exciting opportunities for families to participate in, both by themselves and with their children, including:

- Decision making and leadership activities, through Parent Center Committees, Executive Board, Policy Council, Health Advisory Committee, and other committees.
- Access to Mental Health Services.
- Referral and linkage to local educational and work training institutions, which may lead to self-enrichment and gainful employment.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Training on available community services to promote awareness and utilization of available resources.

Parent Engagement Activities:

1. Dad's Day—make and take workshop for dads in classroom.
2. Mom's Day—make and take workshop for moms in classroom.
3. Grandparent's Day—opportunity for grandparents to interact with children.
4. Dads' and Daughters' Day—Planned activities for dads and daughters at centers.
5. Moms' and Sons' Day—planned activities for moms and sons at center.
6. Literacy Night—Head Start and Local Education Agency held literacy night for parents and children.
7. Ready Rosie- Parenting Program.
8. Read Together/Talk Together—training and activities for parents.
9. Donuts for Dads—a day of activities with dads and children.
10. Muffins for Moms—a day of activities with moms and children.
11. Parent Meetings.
12. Field Trips.
13. Men and Children Hanging Out—MACHO Day.
14. Activity Sheets—weekly activities sent home to parents to reinforce classroom teaching.
15. Professional Development for parents.
16. Health Advisory Committee.
17. Policy Council.
18. Center Committees.
19. Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner.
20. Fashion Show.
21. Black History Program.
22. End of Year Celebration.

HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM ON-SITE MONITORING REVIEW RESULTS

Delta Head Start/Early Head Start last federal review Focus One was from January 10-14, 2022. Based on the result of the review, it was determined that Delta HS/EHS was in compliance with all applicable Head Start program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements and no deficiencies were found. The report identified that Delta HS/EHS implements a process for monitoring and maintaining healthy and safe environments. Delta HS/EHS is scheduled for a Focus 2 Federal review this upcoming program session.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY UPDATE

The program utilized the Community Assessment process to ensure the program meets the criteria set forth in the new Head Start Program Performance Standards 1302.11 (a) (1)(i-ii) (2), 1302.11(b)(1)(i-A-C), 1302.11 (ii-vi) 1302(b)(2-3) *Determining Community Strengths, Needs and Resources*. The following are significant changes or updates in the Community Assessment (CA):

- Revised State Licensing Regulations
- Louisiana Early Learning and Development Standards
- State Mandated Coordinated Enrollment

The Community Assessment process serves as a foundation for effectively designing program services for eligible children and their families. Through this process, children's needs are addressed to the extent by which families can support their development. The process includes an assessment of program strengths, needs, and resources available in each service area through an analysis of a variety of data sources acquired through different methods of collection. The program uses the center-based program option to serve the eligible children. Through this option, a greater number of eligible children are able to be served while the parents are engaged in training or work.

Delta HS/EHS programs continue to work vigorously with the Board of Directors, Policy Council, staff, community partners, parents and community at large to ensure the long-range/short-range program and financial objectives are met and are appropriate by using the data that is obtained in the Community Assessment. The following are the preliminary changes of the 2020-2021 Community Wide Assessment:

The 2022 U.S. Census update report estimated nearly 899,687 of Louisiana's 4.5 plus million residents lived below the Head Start poverty line. The official 100% poverty level in 2022 was \$27,756 for a family of two adults and two children.

As of July 2022, Delta HS/EHS service area has two parishes with more than 33% of their population living in poverty: East Carroll 39.9%, Madison 35.3% and Richland 25%. Poverty is also disproportionately concentrated along the Mississippi River's rural communities and among African Americans. Child poverty, particularly among very young children, is also significantly higher in Louisiana than in the nation as a whole. According to Kids Count Data Center 2022 report, Louisiana ranks:

- 50 in the nation in its percentage of children living in poverty,
- 50 in the nation overall child economic well-being,
- 48 in the nation Education
 - 49% young children ages 3 and 4 not in school,
 - 74% fourth graders not proficient in reading,
 - 77% eighth graders not proficient in math, and
 - 20% High School students not graduating on time.

- 49 in the nation in its percentage of families with children living in single-parent households, and
- 49 children’s health well-being.

Furthermore, Louisiana is tied with 11 other states for 6th place for the percentage of children without health insurance.

LOUISIANA

2022 U.S. Census Bureau, “Quick Facts”	Louisiana	Madison	Richland	East Carroll
Population 2021 estimates	4,590,241	9,799	19,805	7,220
Under age 5	6.2%	6.6%	6.3%	4.9%
Under age 18	23.4%	23.5%	23.5%	22.3%
Age 65 or older	16.5%	15.5%	18.3%	16.0%
White	57.9%	33.1%	60.6%	27.8%
Black or African American	33.0%	62.9%	35.6%	68.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	0.8%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
Asian	1.9%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0%	0.0%	0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	5.6%	2.6%	2.3%	2.9%
Two or more races	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	1.2%

Note: Percent does not add to 100 since Hispanics may be of any race

1. The service area is the boundaries of East Carroll, Madison and Richland Parishes and the recruitment area remains the same for families in East Carroll, Madison and Richland parishes. The Program Recruitment process is utilized to maximize the recruitment efforts for income eligible children in the service areas. A coordinated enrollment effort with the LEAs, Charter Schools and public-funded day-cares is implemented prior to the commencement of center operations and is used in an ongoing basis for the duration of the program year.
2. Through the analysis of the data that was collected in the Community Assessment, the Eligibility and Selection Criteria is formulated to determine the children with the most need for the HS and EHS services. A point system has been established by the program with the engagement of staff and parents. This process ensures that the neediest children and families are enrolled into the program including foster children, children with disabilities, homeless children, and children receiving public assistance.
3. Based on the enrollment data, decrease in population, and emerging trends listed on item 7, Delta submitted and has received final approval of 56 HS slots conversion to 28 Early Head Start slots. Delta HS/EHS begin the transition process June 1, 2022, both staff and families stated that the transition process was smooth and that the needs of families were met.
4. Locations of centers remain unchanged in appropriate areas that meet the families’ needs. The merging of Rayville HS 1 with Rayville #2 was successful and better meets the needs of families in Rayville. The information that is in the Community Assessment indicates the centers are strategically placed in the areas where the eligible families are located. However, due to the condition of some of the buildings, playground space, classroom size, the location of restrooms for the children, and insufficient office space for support staff, new facilities are needed.
5. The program options and services provided reflect the expressed interests of families in East Carroll, Madison and Richland parishes. The following are the program options to serve the eligible infants/toddlers, pregnant women and their families:

Center Based - The HS program will operate a full day/part year center-based option for a total of 180 days, five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a total of 1080 hours from August through May. The center staff total of 196 days includes training days, preparation days, and holidays. The EHS

Program will provide a full day/full year center-based program option for a total of 240 days, five days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a total of 1440 hours from mid-July through June. The center staff total of 261 days includes training days, preparation days, and holidays.

This operation enables the Delta HS/EHS program to meet the Head Start Performance Standards and the 2007 Head Start Act.

Home-based Option - 9-infants/toddlers and their families are supported through weekly home visits and semi-monthly group socialization experiences. The home-based option promotes parent and child relationships and parent and child readiness for Head Start. This service is unparalleled because it offers an opportunity for hard-to-reach families to receive child development support in their own homes. Staff will support the child and family learning experiences. The Home Visitor will conduct two home visits per week, per family, for 1.5 hours each. The Child Health Manager will conduct one visit per month, per family. Also, the Home-Based Visitor will conduct two socializations per month with the home-based families.

Pregnant Women - A home-based option will be used to serve pregnant women. This option is an effective way to offer support, guidance, information, promote prenatal and breastfeeding education, post-partum health care, and child development services directly to pregnant women and families in their homes. The Health Manager, in collaboration with the Home Visitor and Family Services Workers, will conduct one visit per week per enrolled pregnant woman for 1.5 hours each.

6. The service delivery approach consists of a pro-family style, part year/full-day for HS and full/day full/year for EHS, center based comprehensive developmental program that promotes preventive care, early childhood education, and integrated services; and is sensitive to race, culture, gender and individuals with disabilities; and is responsive to the service needs of children and their families. The EHS has a home base option for children and pregnant women.
7. Trends – The following are common themes that continue to emerge across East Carroll, Madison and Richland Parishes:
 - Decrease in population (out-migration).
 - Increase of one Childcare Center in Tallulah, one Childcare Center in Delhi, and one childcare in Rayville.
 - Decrease in 3 & 4-year-old population in Madison and East Carroll.
 - Lack of transportation.
 - Lack of Jobs.
 - Decrease in number of individuals able to meet job requirements.
 - Declining retail establishments.

LIST OF CENTERS HEAD START PROGRAM	
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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



There were other notable accomplishments from 2022-2023 to share. First, Delta CAA could not have been so nimble in an ever-changing world without the help of so many partners who provided us with additional COVID-19 relief funds, reduced grant requirements to allow us to use funding where it was needed most, or distributed services earlier than scheduled.

Along with other accomplishments for the year, Delta CAA received Board approval for our updated risk assessment evaluation report, succession plan and agency-wide budget. In addition, we had another successful year by receiving an unmodified audit opinion with no findings.

Community Services Block Grant



The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program provides a range of services and activities having a measurable and potentially major impact on the causes of poverty in the community, or those areas of the community where poverty is a particularly acute problem.

CSBG is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The program is administered by the Louisiana Workforce Solution and by Delta Community Action Association for the Parishes of Madison and Richland.

With the support of CSBG funding, Summer Youth Program, the Emergency Assistance Program, Share the Warmth, Food for Seniors and local donations provide funds for emergency assistance. This assistance may include youth on the job experience, rental assistance, utility assistance and food.

Family Day Care Homes Program



Family Day Care Homes provides reimbursement for meals and snacks served to small groups of children receiving nonresidential day care in private homes (Provider) that are licensed, registered, or approved to provide family childcare in East Carroll, Franklin, Madison, Richland, Tensas and West Carroll Parishes.

The meals must meet the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) minimum meal pattern requirements, as well as standards for safety, sanitation and food quality.

The provider must care for no more than six children including the provider's own children and any other children living at the provider's residence who are under age 13, or age 13 through 17 if special needs.

105 Providers.

540 Children served.

\$63,173.13 Total of Provider Reimbursement.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program



The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program provides life-saving assistance for eligible households by helping to pay electricity and gas bills. Payments are generally made to the utility or fuel vendor directly to help ensure that utility service is not terminated. Also, the Low-Income Household Water Assistant Program (LIHWAP) provides a one-time funding for a direct payment to water/ sewer suppliers on behalf of eligible

households, particularly the elderly and disabled.

Madison Parish - 2022-2023 LIHEAP

- 567 Households received LIHEAP benefits.
- \$501.00 Average LIHEAP benefit per household.
- 27% Households including a disabled person.
- 33% Households including an elderly person.

Madison Parish - 2022-2023 LIHWAP

- 364 Households received LIHWAP-CAA benefits.
- \$160.97 Average LIHWAP-CAA benefit per household.
- 323 Households received LIHWAP-ARP benefits.
- \$150.00 Average LIHWAP-CAA benefit per household.

Richland Parish - 2022-2023 LIHEAP

- 558 Households received LIHEAP benefits.
- \$512.00 Average LIHEAP benefit per household.
- 23% Households including a disabled person.
- 35% Households including an elderly person.

Richland Parish - 2022-2023 LIHWAP

- 382 Households received LIHWAP-CAA benefits.
- \$173.22 Average LIHWAP-CAA benefit per household.
- 250 Households received LIHWAP-ARP benefits.
- \$ 197.20 Average LIHWAP-CAA benefit per household.

Without LIHEAP and LIHWAP, households can experience disconnection of utility service, leading to lack of heat in the winter. This creates dangerous situations, especially for elders and young children. Households without adequate heat sometimes resort to unsafe heating methods, which can result in serious property damage, even loss of life. And many more families experience homelessness simply because their houses are not livable: unaffordable energy bills lead to dire choices.

Ready Start Early Childhood Network/Delta Connection



Act 3: Creates a statewide Early Childhood Care and Education Network to ensure children are ready for kindergarten.

Act 3 charges the BESE Board to unify the system and:

- Set high expectations across publicly funded providers;
- Align public funding with performance to support high-quality providers; and
- Provides clear information to empower parents to make informed choices.

Delta CAA has been selected by the Madison Early Childhood Community Network leadership to be the Lead Coordinating Agency based on their experience serving children birth to five, ability to work with the community and willingness to accept the responsibility.

Delta CAA has served as the Lead Agency for the Ready Start Early Childhood Network/Delta Connection in Madison Parish with the partnership of program partners; Madison Parish School Board, Delta Head Start/Early Head Start, Gultery Child-Care Learning Center, Kids Planet Learning Academy, Broadway’s Childcare Learning Center, and Gigi’s Loving Touch Academy since 2015 with documented results.

- 100% completion of CLASS observation.
- 100% TS GOLD assessment completion.
- Common Coordinated enrollment application.
- Coordinated enrollment Round-up.
- Partner’s meeting participation.
- Ready Start Advisory Board participation.

The CLASS observation report card issued by Louisiana Department of Education- Louisiana Believe reports Madison Parish Early Childhood Network ranking as a High Proficient Network with an overall score of 5.64. Delta HS/EHS program also ranks High Proficient Early Childhood learning centers with an overall CLASS score for East Carroll, Madison and Richland Parishes of 5.36.

Food For Seniors Program



Food boxes are provided every other month to eligible seniors ages sixty and above. In collaboration with the Catholic Charities of New Orleans, Delta Community Action has distributed over 5,968 food boxes in Madison and Richland Parishes.

Madison Parish

176 Individuals (average) in Madison Parish received nutritional food boxes.

1,696 Boxes distributed in Madison Parish.

Richland Parish

494 Individuals (average) in Richland Parish received nutritional food boxes.

4,272 Boxes distributed in Richland Parish.



COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS

In March 2020, the agency delivery of services was turned upside down in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that hit our nation. Delta Community Action quickly was able to secured over \$2,083,367 relief CARES Act Funds and American Rescue Plan Funds and Services from different funding stream.

Final CARES ACT Fund and Services

Funding Agency	Budget	Madison Service	Year to Date Expenditure	Richland Service	Year to Date Expenditure
Head Start/Early Head Start	\$ 426,222	468	East Carroll, Madison & Richland		\$ 426,222.80
CSBG CARES Act	\$ 220,452	372	\$ 68,400.00	306	\$ 220,452.00
LIHEAP	\$ 130,531	115	\$ 69,000.00	102	\$ 61,200.00
Early Childhood	\$ 50,000	3-Childcare	\$ 50,000.00		\$ 50,000.00

Final American Rescue Plan Funds and Services

Funding Agency	Budget	Madison Service	Year to Date Expenditure	Richland Service	Year to Date Expenditure
Head Start/Early Head Start	\$ 145,970		East Carroll, Madison & Richland		\$ 145,970.00
Head Start/Early Head Start	\$ 434,303		East Carroll, Madison & Richland		\$ 434,303.00
LIHEAP	\$ 453,343	514	\$ 158,175.53	441	\$ 112,698.97
2021 LIHWAP-CAA	\$ 124,767	364	\$ 58,596.52	383	\$ 66,170.48
2021 LIHWAP-ARP	\$ 97,779	323	\$ 48,450.00	250	\$ 49,300.00