



Annual Report

2024—2025

October 2025

OUR MISSION

The mission of Parent and Child Together (PACT) for West Central Illinois is to provide a high quality, comprehensive program of education, health, and social services to children and their families, developing life-long learners.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

PACT believes that parents are their children's first and most important teacher.



From the Director

This year was a special one—Head Start celebrated its 60th birthday, reminding us of the legacy PACT has contributed to: decades of empowering families and giving children the chance to thrive.

This year also reminded us that progress is built one day at a time. Some days stretched us, some days lifted us, but every single one brought growth—growth in children’s learning, in families’ confidence, and in our staff’s ability to adapt and rise to challenges. Together, those everyday moments create meaningful change.

One of the year’s biggest highlights was opening our new Quincy center at John Wood Community College, creating an early childhood education workforce pathway and removing childcare barriers for parents attending JWCC. Through this partnership, Early Head Start enrollment grew, reaching more children and families. Across both programs, families reading with their children increased by 29%, strengthening early literacy and family engagement. CLASS scores rose across all domains, reflecting stronger teaching practices and richer classroom environments, and while most areas of kindergarten readiness remained steady, we saw notable growth in both language and cognition, equipping children with skills for success.

As we close out this milestone year, I am proud of the progress we have made and excited for what’s ahead. I want to thank our dedicated staff, community partners, Policy Council members, and Board of Directors for their ongoing support of our mission. Together, we will continue building on Head Start’s 60-year legacy, celebrating milestones, and expanding opportunities for children and families.

Sara Mixer, Executive Director

60 YEARS OF THE HEAD START PROGRAM

From classrooms to communities, Head Start programs give children and families the tools to succeed in school and life.



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Head Start is



a nationwide program funded by the Administration for Children and Families. It is designed to provide learning experiences for families and children with limited incomes or disabilities, from prenatal and ages birth to 5 years. PACT receives one grant to provide Head Start and Early Head Start services to families in Adams, Brown, Cass, Hancock, McDonough, Pike, Schuyler, and Scott counties in Illinois.

Head Start serves three- and four-year old children in center-based classes. Early Head Start serves prenatal women and children up to 3 years old in a home-based program (90 minute weekly visits) or full-day services for children 6 weeks to three years-old in center-based classes, with priority for parents that work or are in school/training.

PACT has a collaborative agreement with Western Illinois University and John Wood Community College to provide EHS/HS program services to eligible WIU and JWCC students and staff, as well as eligible Adams county and McDonough county families.

Four of PACT's centers are participants in the ExceleRate Illinois quality rating system and maintain the Silver Circle of Quality.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

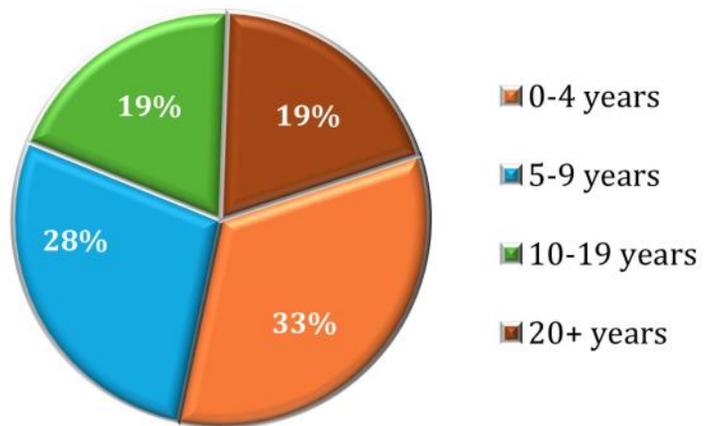
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- Jenni Winbigler – Secretary
- Lindsay Armstrong – PC Rep.
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POLICY COUNCIL OFFICERS

- Lindsay Armstrong – Chairperson
- Anna Wilson – Vice Chairperson
- Lindsey Vosse-Ochoa – Secretary

52% of the employees at PACT are current or former parents in our program.

PACT Employee Years of Service



Hiring program parents and former program parents is a goal of Parent and Child Together (PACT) for West Central Illinois. During the 2024/2025 program year, the agency hired five new employees that were current or former parents in the PACT program, as well as multiple substitute staff.

PACT provides...



Education: Learning activities that lead to development in areas of approaches to learning, social and emotional, language and literacy, cognition, and perceptual, motor, and physical. Staff use The Creative Curriculum and Parents As Teachers (PAT) curriculums in the classrooms and home visits, respectively.

Social Services: Staff connect families with community services, and assist families to achieve personal, educational and individual family goals.

Parent Engagement: Parents receive education through home visits, family events, parent committees, parent initiated activities, and workshops. Parents are responsible for the direction of the programs through the Policy Council, an elected group of parents that works cooperatively with the Board of Directors.

Health: PACT assists with physical examinations, other age appropriate health screenings, and oral health and nutritional assessments.

Special Services: At least 10% of all enrollment is reserved for children with diagnosed disabilities. Services can be provided based on the needs of the child and the wishes of the family. Foster children and homeless children also receive priority for enrollment.

PACT does not deny enrollment based on a disability or a chronic health condition or its severity.

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For more information about PACT or for information about our employment opportunities, follow us on Facebook or check out our website.
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Our Service Area

PACT provides Head Start and Early Head Start services throughout eight counties in West Central Illinois, covering **27** school districts.



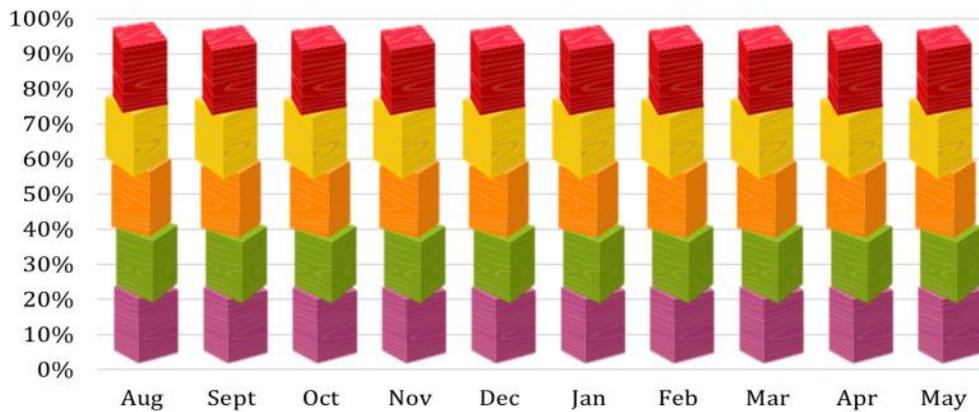
- Adams**
- Brown**
- Cass**
- Hancock**
- McDonough**
- Pike**
- Schuyler**
- Scott**

Who We Serve

Head Start:

Funded Enrollment: **105** Total # of children served during the year: **120**
 Percentage of children whose families met income guidelines for Head Start: **10%**
 Percentage of children eligible through Public Assistance: **68%**
 Percentage of children eligible through Foster/ Homelessness: **16%**
 Percentage of children served with disabilities: **23%**

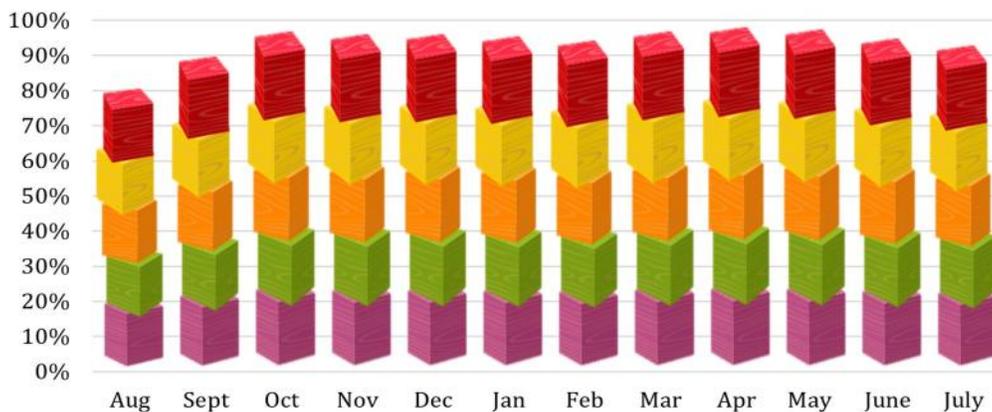
**Average Funded Enrollment
Head Start 2024-2025**



Early Head Start:

Funded Enrollment: **150** Total # of children served during the year: **196**
 Total # of pregnant women served during the year: **22**
 Percentage of participants whose families met income guidelines for EHS: **17%**
 Percentage of participants eligible through Public Assistance: **62%**
 Percentage of participants eligible through Foster/ Homelessness: **20%**
 Percentage of children served with disabilities: **13%**

**Average Funded Enrollment
Early Head Start 2024-2025**



Total Number of Families
253



Head Start Children Transported
78



Nutritional Meals Served
57,651



Average Classroom Attendance
84%

Family Engagement

Parent Engagement - An annual satisfaction survey is distributed to all PACT parents. For the 24-25 program year, 96% stated they were fully satisfied with the services offered and would strongly recommend the PACT program to others.

Transportation - PACT had 3 buses during the 24/25 program year that transported approximately 78 children to and from classrooms.

Volunteerism - The majority of our volunteers came from parents/guardians who complete parent and child activities in the home. There were 476 total volunteers for 2024-2025. 302 of these were parents or former parents. 31 of the 476 volunteered at more than one PACT site.



Family Participation - Parent Committees are made up of program parents and meet together throughout the year to plan and coordinate program family events and activities at each site. Family events were held during the 24-25 program year, with total attendance coming to 472 across all events. Parents in the Home-Based program also had the opportunity to participate in socializations throughout the program

FAMILY OUTCOMES

Our family engagement goals focus on three things families can do to make a big impact on their child's education.

77% of all children met the goal for completing at home activities with their families (home work).

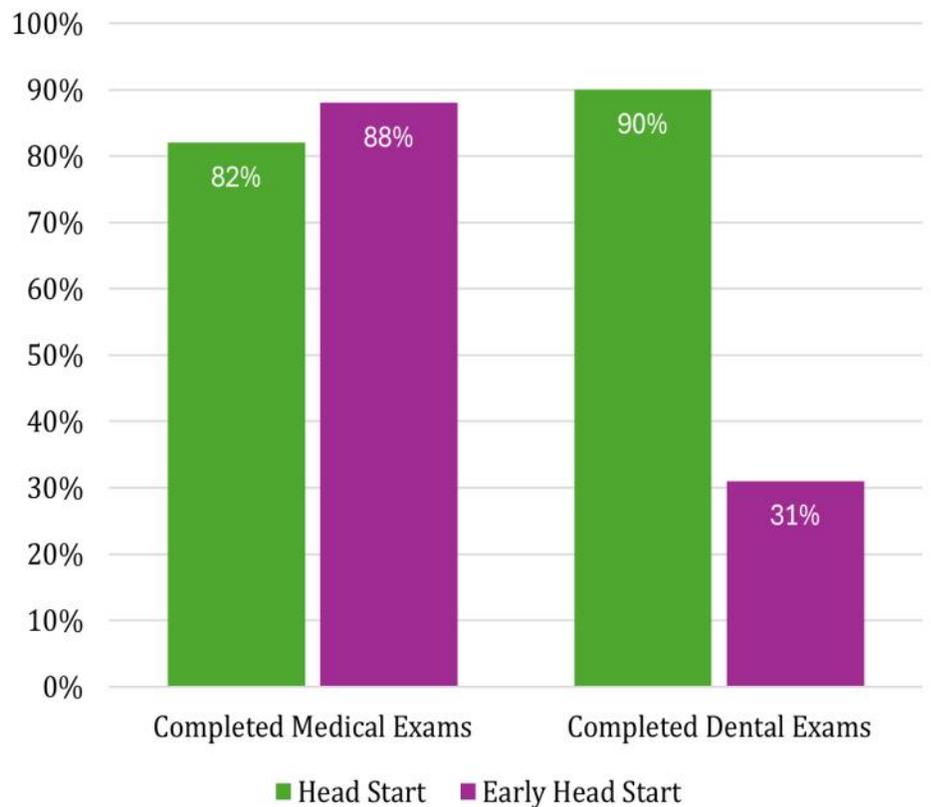


65% of all children met the goal for reading with their families 1 hour a week.

48% of all children met the attendance goal for home visits or classroom attendance. 27% of home based families attended at least one socialization.



Child Health Statistics 2024 - 2025



Completed Medical Exams: Exams may not have been up to date but they had one throughout the year.

School Readiness

The Office of Head Start uses the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) during its on-site reviews of grantees. The CLASS tool has 10 dimensions of teacher-child interactions rated on a 7 point scale, from low to high. The CLASS dimensions are organized into 3 domains:



Emotional Support assesses the degree to which teachers establish and promote a positive climate in their classroom through every day interactions.

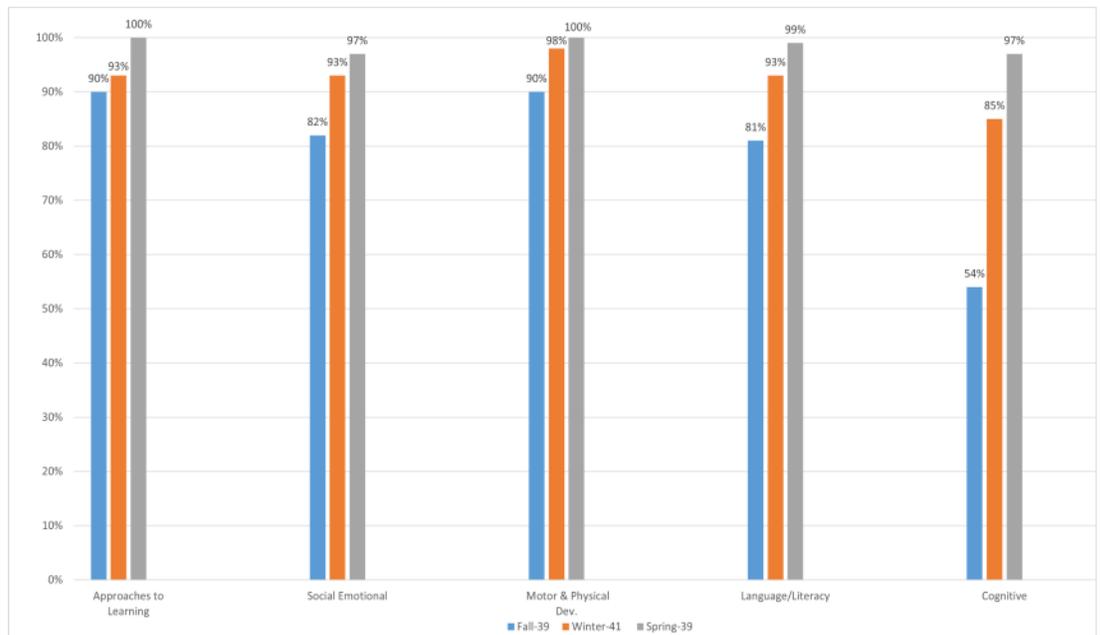
Classroom Organization assesses classroom routines and procedures related to the organization and management of children's behavior, time and attention in the classroom.

Instructional Support assesses the ways in which teachers implement the curriculum to effectively promote cognitive and language development.

In the 2024/2025 program year, PACT assessed about 80 children per reporting period. About 40 of these children were kindergarten bound.

This graph shows the percentage of assessed kindergarten bound children at the end of the Fall, Winter and Spring reporting periods who met or exceeded expectations for that period in each learning domain, which are aligned with the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework.

Kindergarten Bound 4 yr. olds—Head Start



*This data does not include children with IEP's.

2024-2025 School Readiness Goals

School Readiness Statement: Parent and Child Together (PACT) believes that relationships with families, schools and communities are the foundation for school readiness. Developing those relationships will assist us in creating safe and nurturing experiences which support young children to develop their individual interests, talents and goals to become successful lifelong learners.

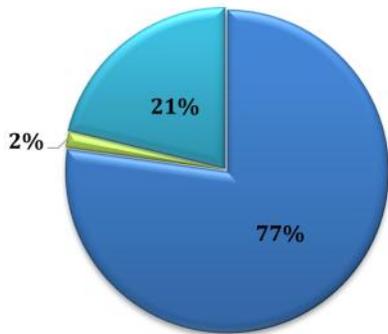
<p style="text-align: center;">Approaches to Learning</p> <p>Children will develop the ability to stay focused, interested and engaged in experiences.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Social Emotional</p> <p>Children will develop social relationships and self regulation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Perceptual, Motor and Physical Development</p> <p>Children will understand and maintain safe and healthy practices.</p> <p>Children will achieve control of large and small muscles for movement, balance, self care and exploration.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Language and Literacy</p> <p>Children will develop the ability to use and understand English and/or their home language.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cognitive</p> <p>Children will use logic and reasoning skills to understand math concepts, scientific exploration and their history, culture and environment.</p>
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The children will progress in meeting expectations of the objectives:

<p>Objectives</p> <p>1b. Follows limits and expectations</p> <p>11a. Attends and engages</p> <p>11d. Shows curiosity and motivation</p>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>1a. Manages feelings</p> <p>2a. Forms relationships with adults</p> <p>2c. Interacts with peers</p>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>4. Demonstrates traveling skills</p> <p>7a. Uses fingers and hands</p>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>9a. Uses an expanding expressive vocabulary</p> <p>10a. Engages in conversation</p> <p>15a. Notices and discriminates rhyme</p> <p>16a. Identifies and names letters</p> <p>18a. Interacts during reading experiences, book conversations, and text reflections</p> <p>19a. Writes name</p>	<p>Objectives</p> <p>13. Uses classification skills</p> <p>20a. Counts</p> <p>20b. Quantifies</p> <p>21b. Understanding shapes</p>
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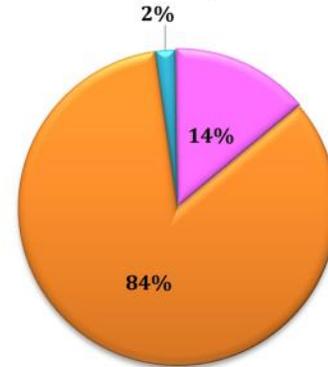
Budget & Expenditures

24/25 Head Start Expenditures
\$2,166,644



- Personnel & Fringes \$1,672,939
- Supplies & Equipment, \$34,111
- Travel & Other Expenses \$459,593

24/25 Early Head Start Expenditures
\$2,704,962



- Personnel & Fringes \$2,269,036
- Supplies & Equipment \$54,335
- Travel & Other Expenses \$381,591

Revenue Sources 2024/25			
Contributions/Revenue/Grant	Head Start	Early Head Start	Total
Health & Human Services Grant	\$ 2,250,335	\$ 2,970,098	\$ 5,220,433
US Dept. of Agriculture	\$ 102,178	\$ 76,046	\$ 178,224
Tracy Family Foundation	\$ 15,600		\$ 15,600
Latino Policy Forum	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000
NHSA	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
JWCC Internship	\$ -	\$ 5,422	\$ 5,422
Misc. Donations	\$ 450	\$ -	\$ 450
Totals	\$ 2,371,563	\$ 3,054,566	\$ 5,426,129

PACT's Annual Audit was conducted by R.W. Hickman

The audit report stated that there were no reportable conditions in internal control disclosed by the audit of financial statements.

There were no findings or questioned costs for Federal Awards or Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2025, nor were there any findings or questioned costs for the prior fiscal year.

25/26 Projected Budgets for Early Head Start \$2,970,098 & Head Start \$2,250,335

