

Dear Valued Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the impactful outcomes our programs have achieved and our significant progress together. Our commitment to excellence and transparency drives us to continuously assess and enhance our programs to meet the evolving needs of our community.

This year, we focused on several key strategies to address the challenges faced by our community members. Our initiatives led to increased participants obtaining employment and continuing their education and a rise in income tax returns through our VITA program. We also saw significant improvements in early childhood outcomes and family engagement rates through our Head Start program. Additionally, in partnership with Ogden CAN and Weber State University interns, we launched our innovative housing website and chatbot, "Eviction Evie."



As we move forward, we are excited to explore new opportunities for growth and enhancement. We will continue to invest in capacity-building efforts to ensure our programs remain effective and sustainable.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can create meaningful change and improve the lives of those we serve.

*Christine Ipsen*  
Executive Director

## Community Support

### LANDLORD/TENANT MEDIATION

- 22 Community Housing Education Workshops
- 230 Individuals received housing education
- 46 Households received landlord/tenant mediation services

### EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- 32 Received education assistance
- 166 Received employment assistance
- 101 Unemployed individuals obtained employment
- 106 Individuals increased their income



Circles is an initiative that works with families and individuals who are motivated to move out of poverty, and empowers them to achieve long-term financial stability

- 19 Individuals completed a Circles cohort
- 1,677 Meals provided at Circles Meetings
- 1,032 Volunteer hours
- 2 Circle Leaders moved to stability

### MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

- 12 Individuals referred for mental health services

### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

- 1,076 Tax returns completed
- 134 EITC Tax returns completed
- \$1,144,838 In tax returns in Weber County

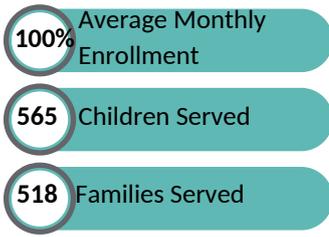
OWCAP elevates individuals, families, and communities of Weber County by improving self-sufficiency through services and collaboration.

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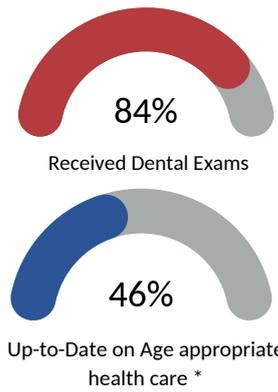


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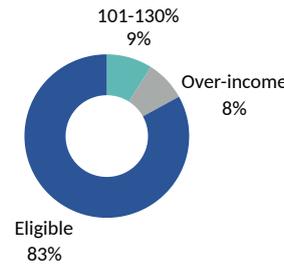
# Head Start



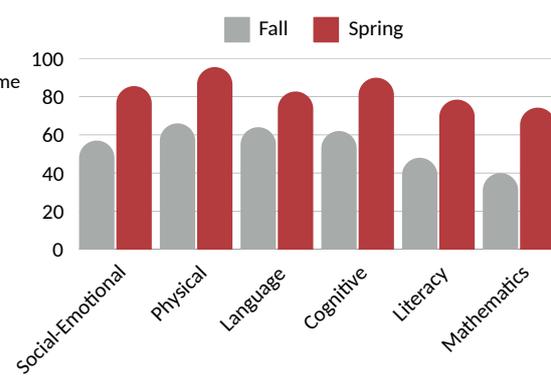
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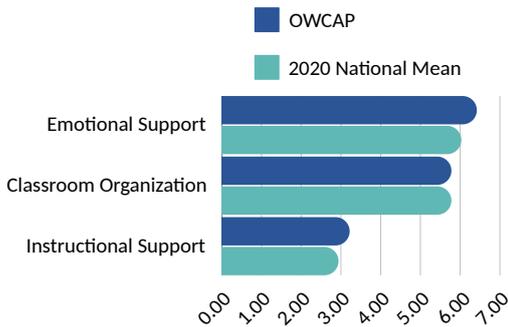
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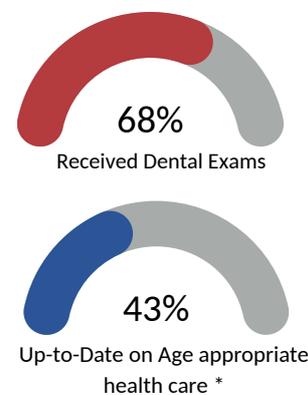


## CLASS SCORES



# Early Head Start

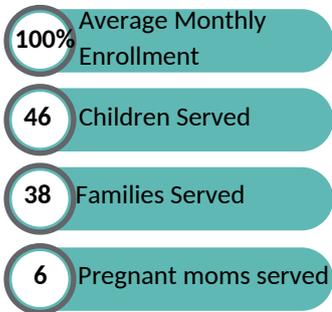
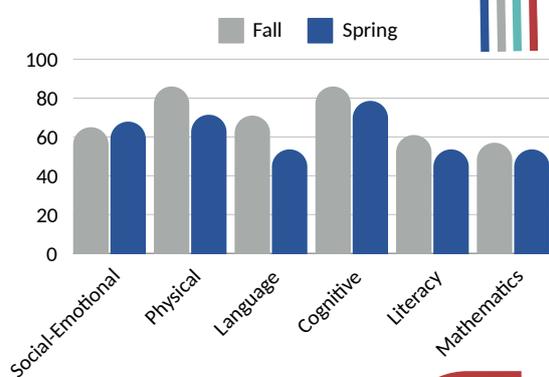
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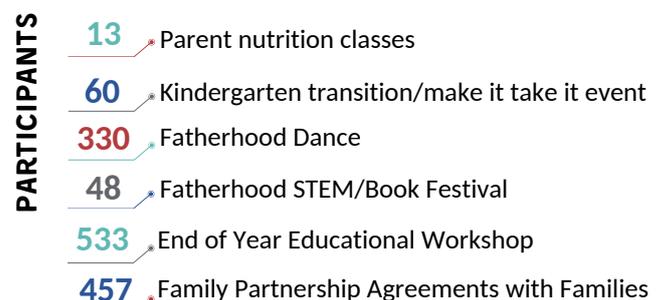
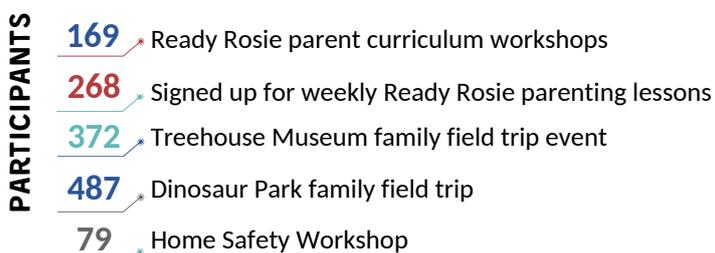


## SCHOOL READINESS



# Head Start Family Engagement

Family engagement is a collaborative and strengths-based process through which OWCAP Head Start staff, families, and children build positive and goal-oriented relationships.



\*Lead testing recalls and parent declinations resulted in decreased complete health care records

## ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

### GOALS

- Increase Community Collaboration
- Reduce Youth Substance Abuse

### CTC COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Weber Human Services
- Weber Morgan Health Dept.
- Roy Connections
- Parents Empowered
- Roy Cone Schools
  - 1 High School
  - 2 Jr. High Schools
  - 8 Elementary Schools
  - 1 Charter School
- Roy City Police Dept.
- Roy City Council
- Other CTCs
- Hope Squad
- LIA (Latinos In Action)
- Grand Families
- Weber School District
- Roy Cone PTA

- **Roy Cone Parent Night** - An event for parents to connect with their students. Content focused on Bullying, Harassment, and suicide prevention.
- **National Take Back Day** (twice annually) - The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)'s National Take Back Day provides an opportunity to prevent drug addiction and overdose deaths caused by access to prescription drugs commonly found in home medicine cabinets.
- **Family Dinner Night** - Promotes the importance of family dinners for youth and families. Building a protective factor for reducing substance misuse in young youth.
- **Youth Prevention Event** - For Roy High and Jr. High students to engage their peers in pro social behaviors. Students received resource cards that displayed the Suicide Hotline number 988 and the Way to Quit website as resources for students to utilize.
- **Training** - Roy CTC leadership and coalition members attended various training sessions during the year to support the program. These included the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) leadership forum, Utah Winter prevention Conference, Bryce Canyon, and CADCA Mid-Year conference.



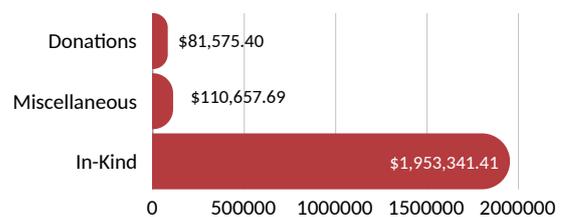
TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING A HEALTHIER, SAFER COMMUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

## Financial Reporting

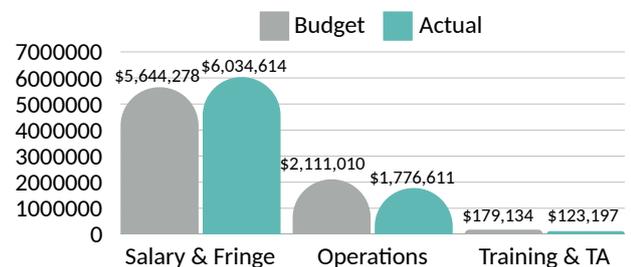
### PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED



### PRIVATE FUNDS RECEIVED



### HEAD START BUDGET & EXPENDITURES



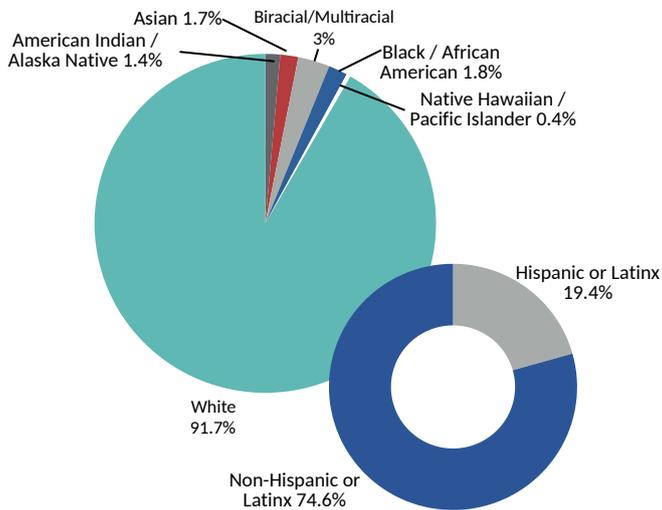
### FY 2023 FINANCIAL AUDIT

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## DEMOGRAPHICS

- 271,926 Total County population
- 8.5% Poverty Rate in Weber County
- 12.1% Poverty Rate in Ogden City
- 17,844 Head Start eligible age 0-5 and expectant mothers
- 2,052 or 11.5% of children under age 5 live in poverty
- 376 Foster Care Children age 0-5
- 14.4% of individuals speak a language other than English in the home
- 900 children experiencing homelessness in collaboration with McKinney-Vento Local Education Agency Liaisons

## RACE & ETHNICITY OF WEBER COUNTY CHILDREN



## SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Weber County is identified as an area with significant Intergenerational Poverty (IGP). 26.3% of children experiencing IGP are at risk of remaining in poverty as adults.
- The 2023 Utah Homelessness Report shared that homelessness in Weber County is 2,417 individuals, an increase of 540 compared to the previous year.
- 23.55% of pregnant mothers are reported as not receiving prenatal care.
- 6.6% of children under the age of 19 are uninsured
- Fair Market rent for a 2-bedroom apartment in Weber County is \$1,261/month in 2023, an increase of 14.12%. The average wage needed to afford this is \$24.25/hour.
- At the Utah minimum wage of \$7.25/hour, an individual needs 3.3 full time jobs to afford a 2-bedroom rental.
- Families with young children lack access to high-quality, affordable child care. In Weber County, an estimated 65% of children under age six need care, however only 38% of that need is met.

## DISABILITIES

- 1,026 Children had an IEP or IFSP
- Common disabilities include speech, developmental delay, autism, deafness, and visual impairment
- Local Education Agencies (LEA's) and the Utah School for the Deaf and Blind provide testing and services

Early Childhood Services available in Weber County	Enrollment Opportunities
OWCAP Head Start	466
Weber School District Special Education Preschool	500
Ogden City School District Special Education Preschool	175
Weber School District Preschool	240
Ogden School District Preschool	350
YMCA Preschool - Sliding Scale	160
Waterford UPSTART	500
Private Preschools - Fee Based	8 Programs
Birth to Three Services in Weber County	
United Way Welcome Baby	280
OWCAP Early Head Start	30
Weber County Early Intervention	351
Parents as Teachers - Home-based	140

## STRENGTHS

- Known for access to a variety of outdoor recreation activities.
- Diverse Population
- The largest employment sector in Weber County is the government, which provides 19% of the total jobs. Trade, transportation, utilities, and manufacturing are the largest sectors.
- Weber County saw job growth across most industry sectors during 2023, showing a 4% job growth rate in 2023, gaining 4,754 jobs.
- The County's unemployment rate stayed low at 3% in December 2023.
- Gross taxable sales revenue growth is slowing from the high rates seen in 2022.