

# 2024-2025 Annual Report

# 60 Years

Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership est. 1965



Dear Valued Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year, I am honored to share our organization's achievements and express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Together, we have made significant progress, driven by our shared commitment to excellence, service, and transparency.

This year, we celebrated 60 years of serving our community, highlighting our ongoing mission and team's hard work. We reached the goals of our five-year plan, including our school-readiness plan, which has helped prepare children for school and meet community needs. Our careful planning has made our programs stronger and helped us reach more people.

Additionally, we have focused our efforts on wage comparability, aligning our compensation with market rates to attract and retain top talent. These accomplishments are a testament to our collective resolve and the trust you place in us.

Thank you for being part of the OWCAP family and for your belief in our mission. As we look to the future, we remain steadfast in our dedication to advancing our goals and creating lasting, positive change in our community.

*Christine Ipsen*  
Executive Director

## Community Support

### LANDLORD/TENANT MEDIATION & EDUCATION

- 14 Community housing events
- 211 Attendees at community housing events
- 63 Households received landlord-tenant mediation services
- 51 Households prevented lease termination or an eviction on their record

### VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

- 1,862 Tax returns completed
- 122 EITC returns completed

### MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE

- 13 Individuals referred for mental health services



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

- 16 Individuals completed a Circles cohort
- 1,549 Meals provided at Circles meetings
- 1,256 Volunteer hours
- 3 Circle Leaders moved to stability

### EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

- 16 new participants enrolled in adult education or a certification program
- 6 participants completed a GED, ESL or other certification
- 77 new participants received employment assistance
- 50 unemployed adults obtained employment



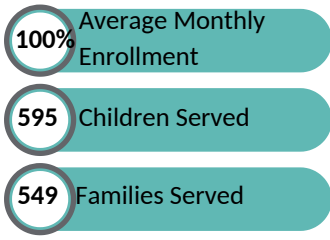
OWCAP elevates individuals, families, and communities of Weber County by improving self-sufficiency through services and collaboration.

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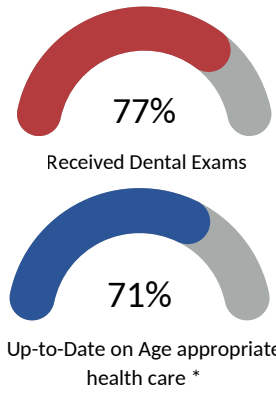


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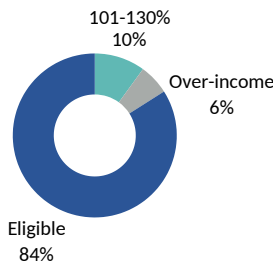
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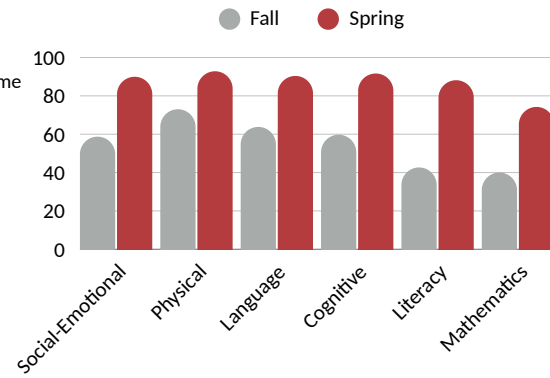
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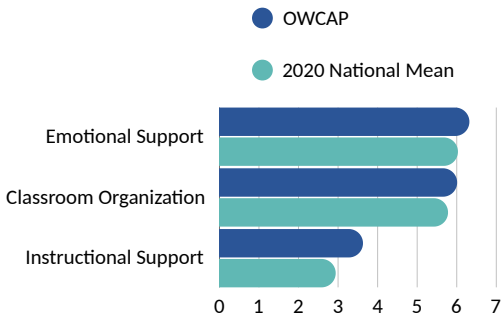
## ELIGIBILITY



## SCHOOL READINESS

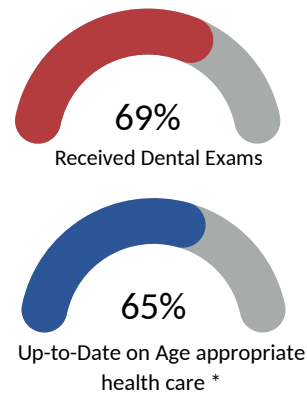


## CLASS SCORES

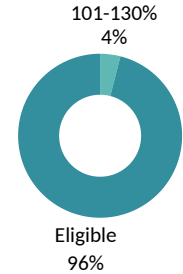


# Early Head Start

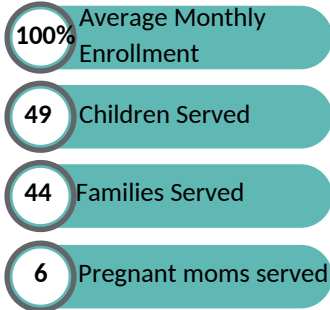
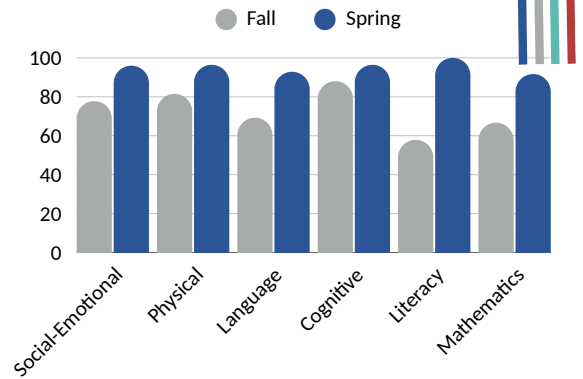
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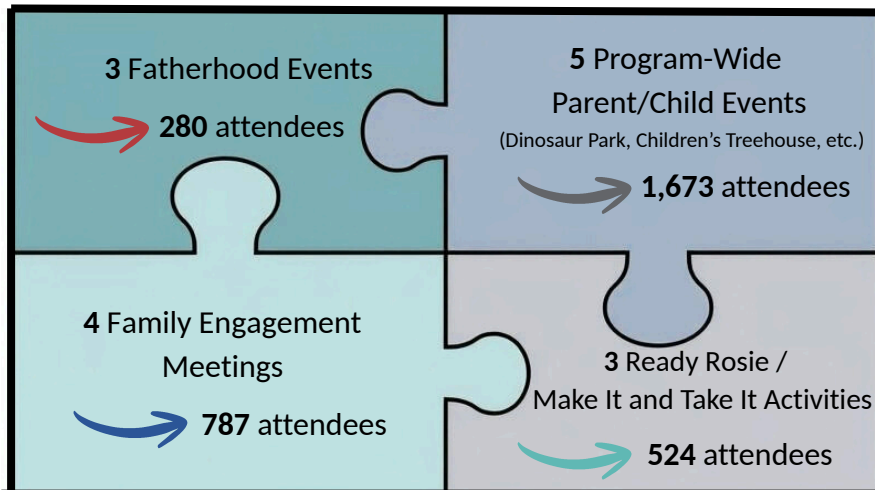
## ELIGIBILITY



## SCHOOL READINESS



# Head Start Family Engagement



Family engagement is a collaborative, strengths-based approach that builds goal-oriented relationships among staff, families, and children. Families participate through visits, events, and education, and help direct the program through the Policy Council, in cooperation with the Board of Trustees.

- 94% Parents were very satisfied (282 survey respondents)
- 86% of families received services supporting positive family outcomes
- 2,684 Ready Rosie videos watched
- 665 family goals created
- 64% Completed

## ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

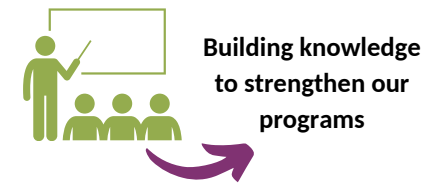
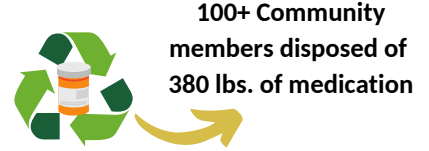
### GOALS

- Increase Community Collaboration
- Reduce Youth Substance Abuse

### CTC COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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

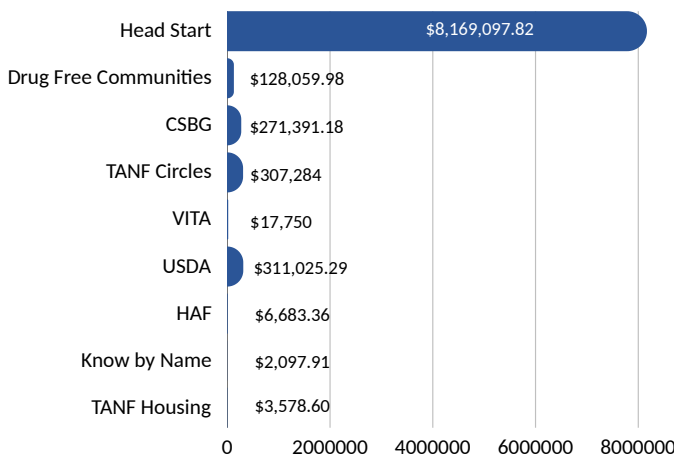
- **Roy Cone Parent Night** - This event helped educate parents about the science of addiction and emerging drug trends. Students in 6th-12th grade were invited to attend with their parents for an informative evening.
- **National Take Back Day** (twice annually) - The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)'s 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, and promote safe disposal of unused, expired medications.
- **Family Dinner Night** - Promoted the importance of family dinners for youth and families. Building a protective factor to reduce substance misuse among our youth.
- **Youth Prevention Event** - Roy Cone students took part in pro-social activities and partnered with "See Through the Vape" to promote anti-vaping awareness in the High School and Jr. Highs.
- **Youth Capitol Hill Day** - Roy CTC youth met with local legislators at the Utah State Capitol to share experiences, concerns, and meaningful conversations.
- **Training** - Roy CTC leadership and coalition members attended several trainings during the year, including the Utah Winter Summit Prevention Conference and Bryce Canyon Summit, to further support the CTC program.



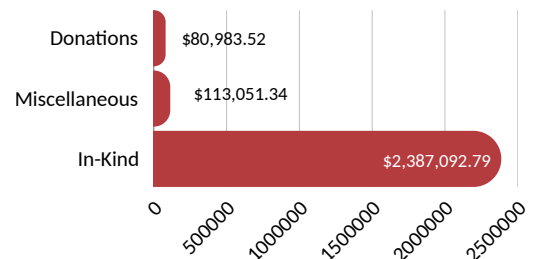
TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING A HEALTHIER, SAFER COMMUNITY FOR OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

## Financial Reporting

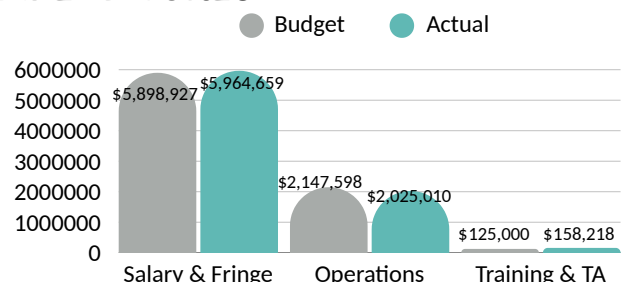
### PUBLIC FUNDS RECEIVED



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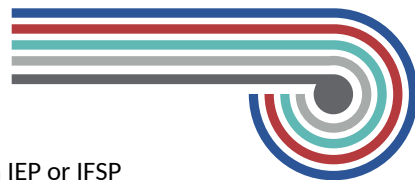


### HEAD START BUDGET & EXPENDITURES



### FY 2024 FINANCIAL AUDIT

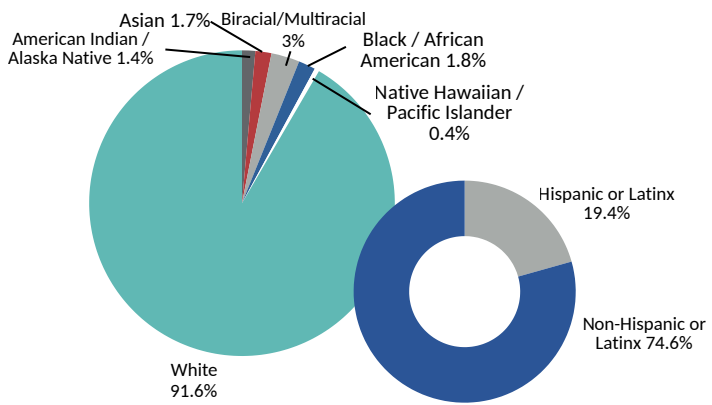
Email [info@owcap.org](mailto:info@owcap.org) for a copy of the full Financial Statements Audit



## DEMOGRAPHICS

- 274,392 Total County population
- 8.6% Poverty Rate in Weber County
- 12.7% Poverty Rate in Ogden City
- 17,964 Head Start eligible age 0-5 and expectant mothers
- 1,796 or 10% of children under age 5 live in poverty
- 376 Foster Care Children age 0-5
- 14.3% of individuals speak a language other than English in the home
- Homelessness increased in Weber County in 2024, according to the Utah Homelessness Data Dashboard.
- Weber County is among the top four counties with the highest mortality rates for people experiencing homelessness (Utah Homeless Mortality Report, 2024).

## RACE & ETHNICITY OF WEBER COUNTY CHILDREN



## SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Weber County has a significant intergenerational poverty population, with 12.7% of affected children at risk of remaining in poverty as adults.
- Working parents face persistent barriers, including infant care needs, limited part-time or non-traditional childcare options, and providers unable to serve multiple age groups.
- Affordable housing remains a critical concern. The average renter's wage is \$17.44 per hour, while \$25.96 per hour is needed to afford a two-bedroom apartment. Home sale prices have increased 6% since 2023 (Out of Reach Report, 2024).
- Health care access remains a major challenge for low-income individuals. Residents below 138% of the federal poverty level are more likely to be uninsured. Weber County's uninsured rate is 9.1%, with the highest rates among adults ages 45-54.
- Maternal and infant health indicators show ongoing need. In Weber County, 76.45% of pregnant mothers received first-trimester prenatal care, while 8.5% of infants were born at low birth weight and 11.3% of births were preterm.
- Rising living costs have made nutrition a secondary priority for many families. County data show that 16.2% of children are food-insecure, and 65% of Ogden School District students and 26% of Weber School District students qualify for free or reduced-price meals.
- Mental health remains a significant concern. 24.6% of adults have been diagnosed with depression, and the county's suicide rate exceeds state and national averages.
- Access to mental health services is limited, with shortages in providers, psychiatrists, emergency services, insurance coverage, and capacity within the local mental health authority.

## DISABILITIES

- 815 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	340
Ogden City School District Special Education Preschool	175
Weber School District Preschool - Fee Based	344
Ogden School District Preschool	217
YMCA Preschool - Sliding Scale	160
Waterford UPSTART - Internet-based program	500
Private Preschools - Fee Based	2 Programs
Birth to Three Services in Weber County	
United Way Welcome Baby	280
OWCAP Early Head Start	30
Weber County Early Intervention	475
Parents as Teachers - Home-based	140

## STRENGTHS

- Weber County's economy demonstrated steady growth in 2024, with a 1.4% increase in jobs, led by government and manufacturing. Taxable sales grew 3.5%, surpassing \$1 billion, while unemployment remained low at 3.6%, reflecting a tight labor market. Average monthly wages rose 4.25% to \$4,583, and per capita income reached \$51,183 (job.utah.gov).
- The county benefits from a vibrant arts and culture scene, offering music, theater, and community cultural events that enhance quality of life.
- Access to a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities supports physical well-being, tourism, and community engagement.
- Weber County is home to a broad range of residents with varied backgrounds, experiences, and needs, contributing to a resilient and dynamic community.