





# Head Start

**Head Start is a child & family development program serving eligible pregnant women and families with children ages birth to 5 years old.**

**Capstone Head Start typically serves 375 children and their families in Lamoille, Orange and Washington Counties.**

**Head Start mandates:**

- ❖ 10 % children with disabilities
- ❖ vulnerable children, such as those experiencing homelessness and children in foster care

**Head Start provides comprehensive services that include:**

- child/family development
- health/nutrition
- mental health
- connection to social services

***Program Service Options:***

- ❖ Home Visiting
- ❖ Child Care Partnership
- ❖ Public School Collaboration
- ❖ Head Start/Early Head Start Centers

***Eligibility Criteria:***

Categorical Eligibility:	Income Eligibility:
SSI (Supplemental Security Income)	Up to 100% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
Homelessness	From 100%-130% of Federal Poverty Guidelines*
Foster Care	Over 130% of Federal Poverty Guidelines^
Public Assistance Cash Benefits (TANF)	*Up to 35% of enrollment after all lower incomes are served ^Up to 10% of enrollment based on additional needs after lower incomes are served



# Impacts of CCFAP Deficit for CAPSTONE Head Start



Capstone Head Start is federally funded through two primary grants:

Head Start /Early Head Start: **\$4,627,217.**

Early Head Start Child Care Partnership: **\$671,607.**

State funding typically received/budgeted is:

CCFAP: **\$847,277.**

Act 166: **\$227,307.**

This translates to a **5:1 ratio of federal dollars to state dollars**

## **CCFAP Funds Fiscal Impacts:**

- June 1 2020 - December 31, 2020 - \$200,000 less in CCFAP than budgeted/typical
- January 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021 - expected CCFAP budget shortfall \$237,000

## **Programmatic Impacts:**

- Leaving vacant positions unfilled
- Not hiring temporary staff needed to fill out staffing during COVID
  - *Increased staff vacancies due to strict health policies around staff participation*
  - *Staff home caring for their own children when in quarantine or schools are closed*
- Classroom closures due to staff shortages creating inability to maintain care ratio
- Inability to replace classroom materials shared with families during March-May 2020

Art supplies	Books
Puzzles	Manipulatives

- Inability to make typical purchases for classrooms such as **replacing worn/broken furnishings and equipment**, as those funds were diverted to cover extra PPE and cleaning costs.