St. Lawrence County Community Development Program, Inc.

2018-2019 IMPACT REPORT

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OUR FOCUS

CDP's mission is to encourage and assist individuals and families to attain self-reliance, dignity, and self-sufficiency through education, guidance, and services. We do this with the following programs & services:

1. Head Start
2. Housing Choice Voucher Program
3. Neighborhood Centers
4. Weatherization

OUR WORK

In 2018-2019 CDP provided several valuable services to St. Lawrence County residents.

1,924 individuals & families received food assistance through the Neighborhood Centers.

Housing Choice Voucher Program administered **879 Housing Vouchers**

Head Start provided early childhood education services to **401 children and families.**

76 families received Weatherization services.

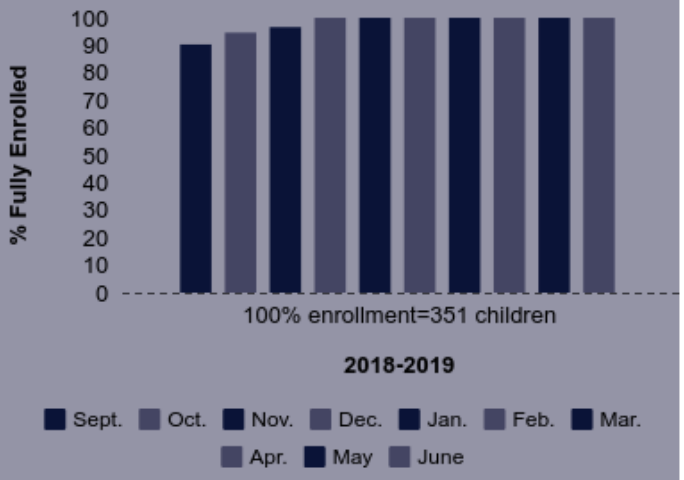
2018-2019 HEAD START HIGHLIGHTS

" My son is in the Head Start program this year and last year. He has had a wonderful experience. The staff are amazing. I have spent many days in the class with him. He has learned so much and tried new foods. Head Start is truly an amazing program!"

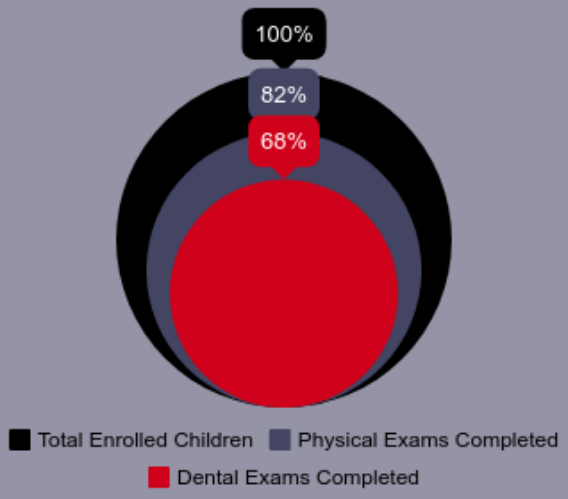
- Kayla LaLonde, Head Start mother

Head Start was fully enrolled, serving 351 children and their families, for 7 out of 10 months of the 2018-2019 school year.

Monthly Head Start Enrollment



% Head Start Children Receiving Medical and Dental Exams



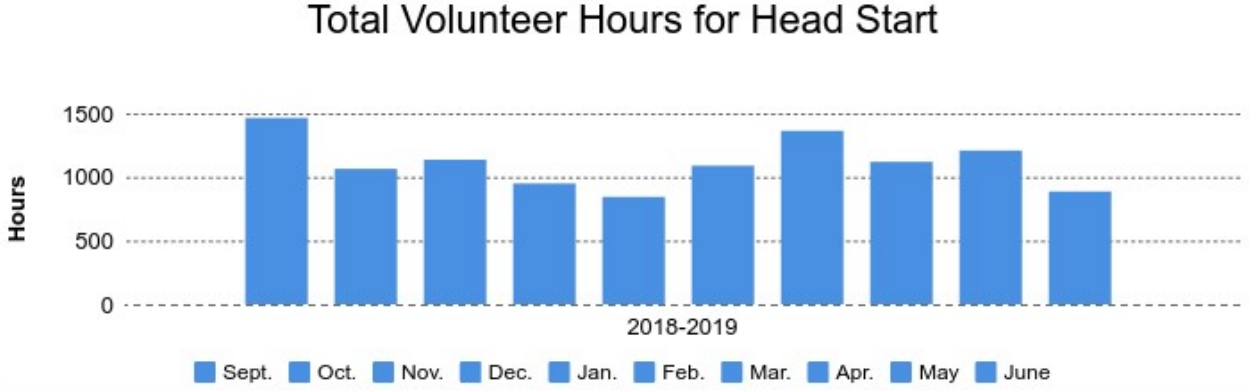
Parent Involvement Activities

- Head Start Policy Council
- Classroom Volunteers
- Kitchen Volunteers
- Parent Appreciation Recognition Events
- Home Safety Parent Workshop
- Olympic Game Family Night
- Muffins with Mom
- Family Fun Nights
- Poison Prevention Workshop
- Field Trips
- Dad's Day
- Parent Meetings
- Family Conferences
- Dental Bingo
- Family Literacy Nights
- Fun with Food Workshops

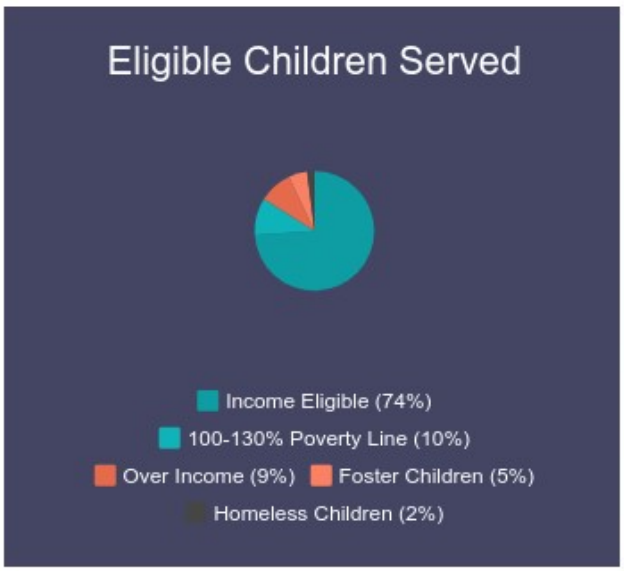
2018-2019 HEAD START HIGHLIGHTS

Kindergarten Readiness

The transition from Head Start to Kindergarten is a focus throughout the year. Head Start children participate with children in UPK and kindergarten in joint activities. Families are given information about available resources. A collaborative approach is used by Head Start and school districts to begin a seamless transition to a child's next placement. With parent permission, Head Start staff meets with school staff to exchange information about any needs of children who will enter school in the fall. Families are referred to community resources for summer activities which continue school readiness. Many activities occur throughout the program year which facilitates smooth transitions for all involved.



Over 11,000 Total Hours of Volunteer Time Donated to Head Start in 2018-2019!



2018-2019 HEAD START HIGHLIGHTS

Head Start Program Review Results

Head Start Performance Standards Review

St. Lawrence County Community Development Program's Head Start Program received were in compliance with no concerns in the following focus areas:

- Program Governance,
- Alignment with School Readiness
- Effective & Intentional Teaching Practices
- Supporting Teachers in Promoting School Readiness
- Home-based Program Services
- Child Health Status & Care
- Mental Health
- Oral Health & Nutrition
- Safety Practices
- Family Well-Being
- Strengthening Parenting & Parent-Child Supports
- Family Engagement in Education & Child Development Services
- Budget Planning & Development
- Ongoing Fiscal Capacity
- Budget Execution
- Facilities & Equipment
- Determining, Verifying & Documenting Eligibility
- Attendance
- Enrollment

One area of noncompliance was found during the review. A secondary follow-up review has been conducted and a plan of correction has been implemented. That area of noncompliance was under Program Management and stated "data were not aggregated, analyzed, and compared to inform strategies for continuous improvement of all service areas and to identify risk", particularly in the retention of staff.

For a full description of the Head Start Performance Standards and a copy of the most recent review results, visit slccdp.org

Pre-K Classroom Assessment & Scoring System Observation & Review

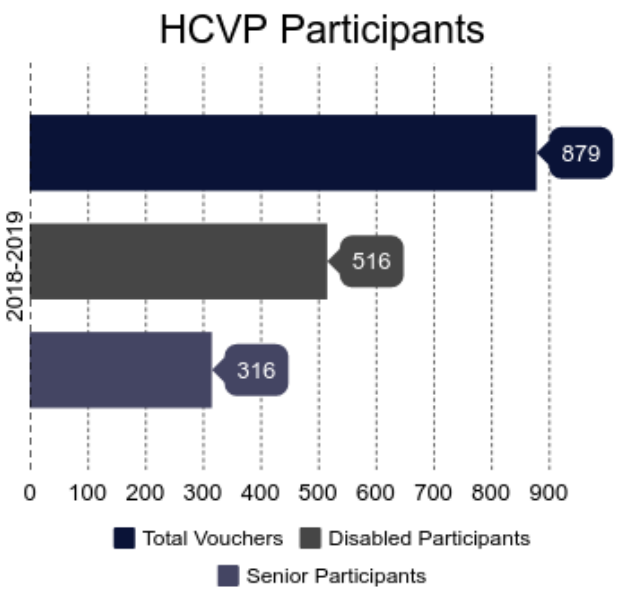
St. Lawrence County Community Development Program's Head Start Program scored passed in all the domains.

- Emotional Support: Scored 5.84 out of 7. This is considered a middle range score. A score of 6 or higher is a high range score.
- Classroom Organization: Scored 5.69 out of 7. This is considered a middle range score. A score of 6 or higher is a high range score.
- Instructional Support: Scored 3.13 out of 7. This is considered a middle range score. A score of 6 or higher is a high range score.

For a full description of the CLASS Observation & Review and a copy of the most recent review results, visit slccdp.org

CDP's Head Start Program scored well on both of the federal reviews conducted in 2018-2019.

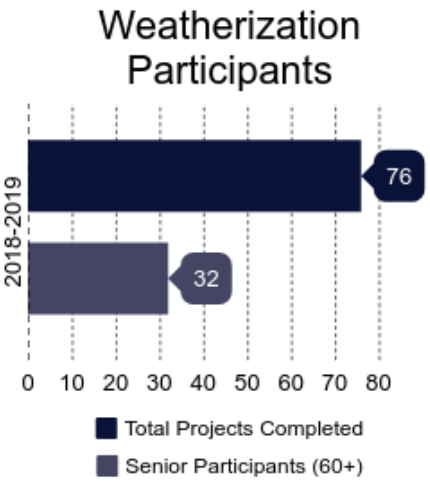
2018-2019 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



HCVP Home Ownership Program

Has assisted 16 participants in purchasing a home!

2018-2019 WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



42% of 2018-2019 Weatherization participants were seniors.

"I'd like to thank the workers for their politeness and being courteous. They answered all questions. Special thanks to the ones that helped me up and into my van when I fell. They were leaving and they must have seen me fall because the next thing I know they were helping me up. Thank you so much, great work, great program, and God Bless you all."

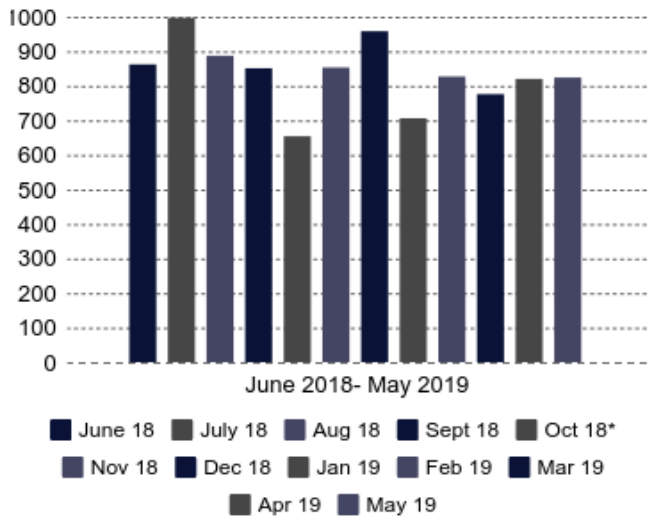
- Weatherization Client

Other Department Projects

- 4 Projects completed with Development Authority of the North Country Funding
- 133 A/C units installed for medically eligible participants
- 11 Furnaces installed for eligible HEAP recipients
- 7 Empower Projects completed to increase energy efficiency

2018-2019 NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER HIGHLIGHTS

Households Assisted with Food Each Month



"We're thankful for groceries as we're seniors and it helps stretch a small budget. Thank you."

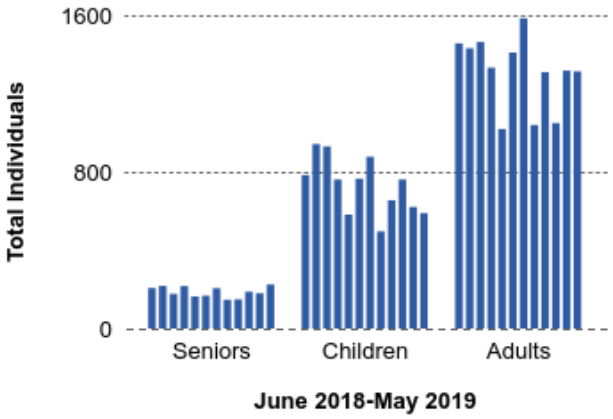
"I use this service a lot. It has helped me out with feeding my children."

- Neighborhood Center Food Pantry Customers

The Neighborhood Center Food Pantries feed an average of 851 households per month.

Over 350,000 pounds of food have been distributed this year!

Demographics of Food Pantry Customers Served Per Month



The Neighborhood Center Food Pantries feed an average of 189 Seniors, 744 Children, and 1337 Adults per month.

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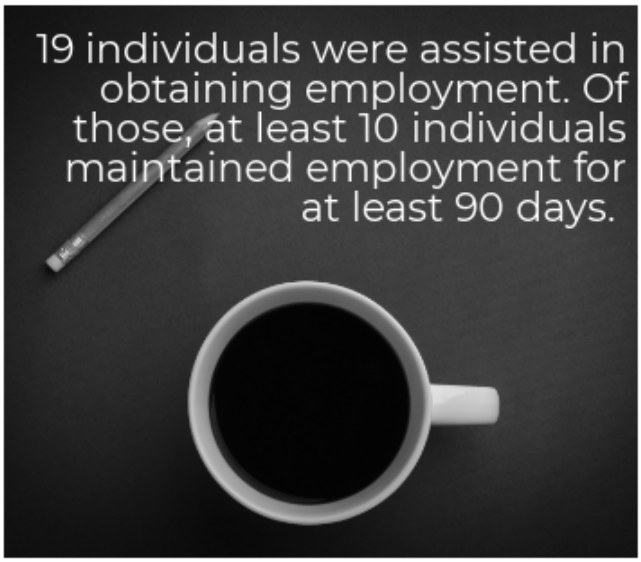


"Goes above and beyond to help. Very friendly staff."

"I think the service is great. I appreciate everything very much. Thank you."

"A very valuable place for me to come for assistance."

- Neighborhood Center Customers

Partnerships

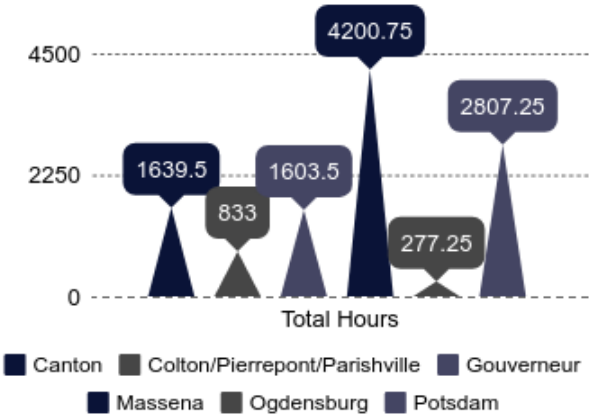
The assistance available through our Neighborhood Centers has been strengthened through the following partnerships:

- Food Bank of CNY
- United Way of Northern NY
- Northern NY Community Foundation
- Stewart's Shops
- SLC Health Initiative

38 families received emergency housing assistance to avoid evict and/or homelessness.

160 families received emergency utility assistance to avoid shutoff.

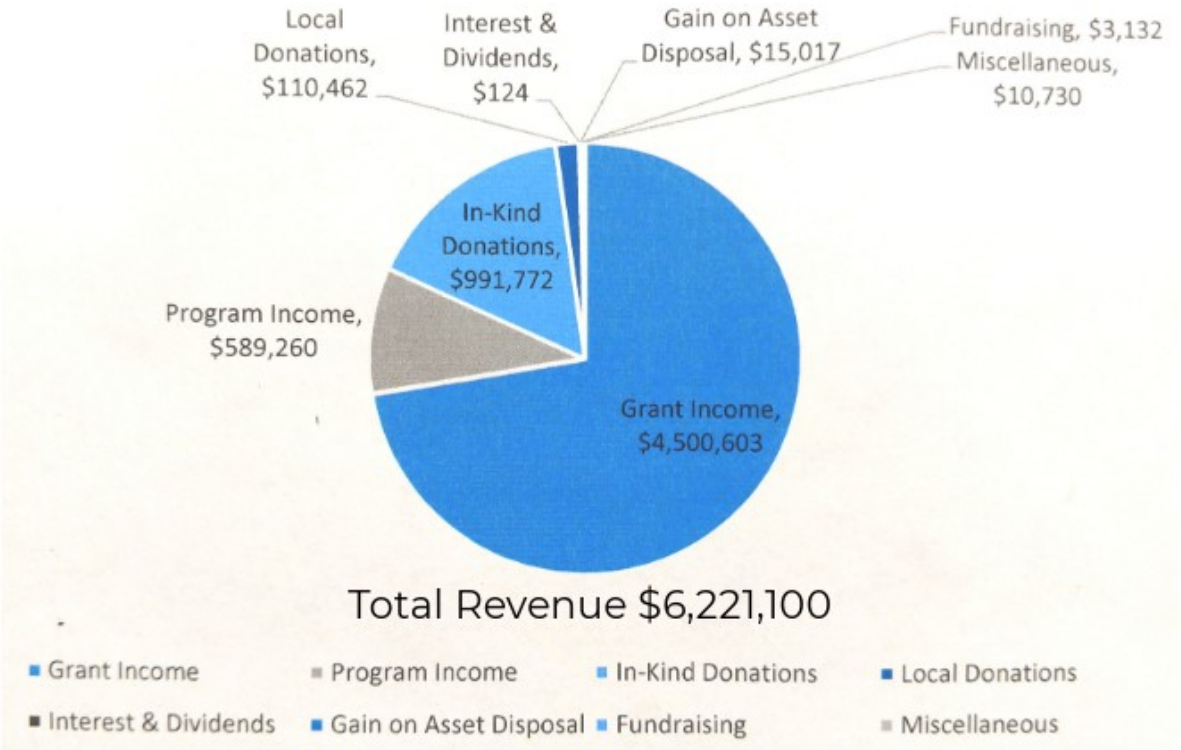
2018-2019 Volunteer Hours By Center



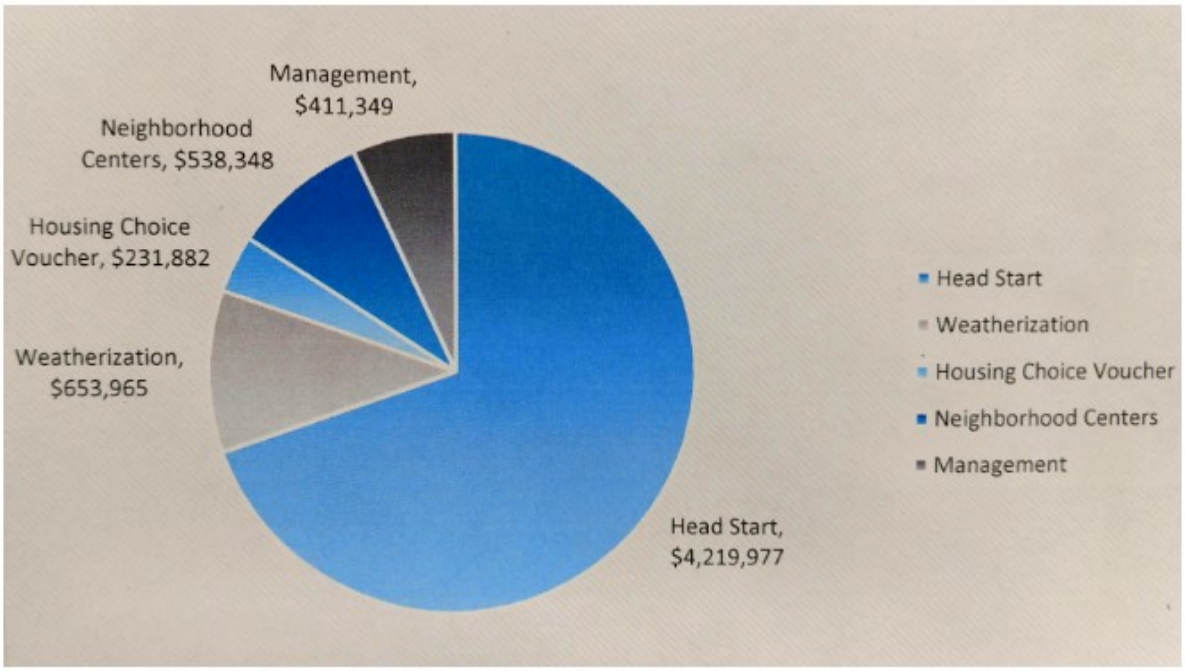
Over 11,300 hours of volunteer time were donated to the Neighborhood Centers!

2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

St. Lawrence County CDP 2018 Revenue



St. Lawrence County CDP 2018 Program Expense



CDP's 2018 financial statements were audited by EFPR Group and no major concerns were reported. For a copy of the complete audit, visit slccdp.org

OUR PLANS

Over the next year, we will continue to work in the communities of St. Lawrence County, providing quality services to income qualified participants.

Widening Our Reach & Impact

We aim to better serve our local communities through upcoming program opportunities.

A grant from the Adirondack Foundation has allowed us to partner with the Star Lake Food Pantry to assist in meeting the food needs of that community.

A grant from the Corning Foundation will allow us to purchase bed bug and lice kits for families who could not otherwise afford these treatments.

Discretionary funds through the Community Services Block Grant will allow us to assist 250 families with school supplies.

Informing the Community

Our goal for 2019-2020 is to better inform the community at large of the work of St. Lawrence County CDP and our programs.

We aim to improve communications through social media and traditional means. We intend to increase our partnerships and inform local officials of not only our impact in the community but also of the needs of the community members we serve.

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