



# HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021



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**Statement:**  
***End poverty in Central West Virginia***

**Mission Statement:**  
***To provide pathways to economic independence for all families by leading community initiatives that address the root causes of poverty.***

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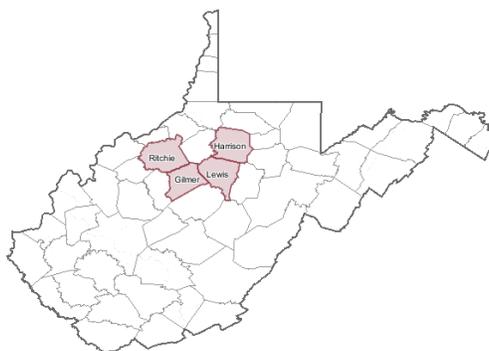
**Introduction and Overview:**

Community Action agencies around the nation have waged war on poverty since their inception in the 1960s. Community Action employees are uniquely qualified to discuss the needs of the communities they serve because they work directly with individuals and families as they strive to rise out of poverty. In most cases, Community Action agencies provide a wide variety of services to individuals and families struggling with a vast array of problems associated with poverty.

Central WV Community Action Inc. is one of 16 Community Action Agencies in Mountain State. It is a private, non-profit corporation that provides a wide range of services to low-income families and individuals. Central WV Community Action Inc.'s employees and volunteers strive to make the communities they serve a better place to live. The agency offers Head Start, Community Transportation, Community Services, VITA, and Housing: Emergency Repair and Replacement.

Central WV Community Action Inc. Head Start Service Areas:

**Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, and Ritchie**



**Head Start:**

Central WV Community Action Inc. was incorporated on August 22, 1968 and began services for Head Start families in 1969. Central's Head Start program serves 353 eligible children from their third birthday to kindergarten eligible five. These enrollees are recruited from Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, and Ritchie Counties.

Head Start provides the following comprehensive services to eligible families to ensure the children enrolled are ready to start school.

**Education:**

Children's readiness for school and beyond is fostered through individualized learning experiences. Through relationships with adults, planned play, or spontaneous instruction, children grow in many development aspects. Children progress in social skills and emotional well-being, along with language and literacy learning and concept development.

**Special Needs:**

A child with special needs can often learn more readily in a group with other children than in a separate group of children who have a disability. Head Start has successfully carried out a 1972 Congressional mandate requiring that at least 10% of its enrollment be available for children with disabilities.

**Health:**

Each child's perceptual, motor, and physical development is fully supported to explore and function in their environment. All children receive health and development screenings, nutritious meals, oral health, and mental health support. Programs connect families with medical, dental, and mental health services to ensure that children receive the services they need.

**Family Engagement:**

Families play a critical role in helping children prepare for school and a lifetime of academic success. Head Start programs partner with families in this endeavor, providing parents and families with the necessary support and empowerment for successful developmental and educational outcomes.

The goal is to engage families in partnerships that support the [healthy](#) growth and development of children, parents, and the community as a whole. This begins with developing relationships and focusing on goals families [create](#) with program staff and engaged community partners.

Parents are an integral part of the program's success. Families have leadership opportunities in all service areas because successful parent engagement requires positive, ongoing, and goal-oriented activities.

**Social Services:**

The social services aspect of Head Start represents an organized method of assisting families in assessing their needs and then providing those services that build upon the individual strengths of families to meet their own needs.

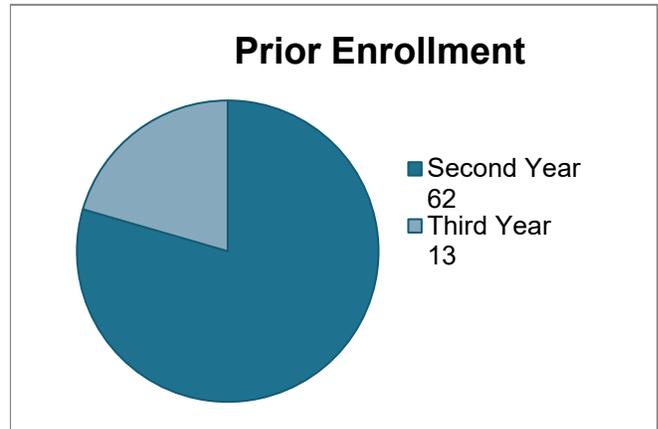
**Transportation:**

Transportation needs and services are provided in all our Head Start locations. Parents can also use this service to attend training, meetings, or volunteer in their child's classroom.

# Enrollment:

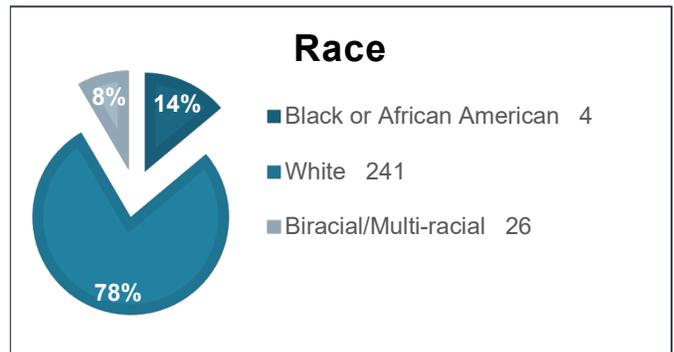
During the 2020-2021 school year, a total of 271 children were served. Central Head Start elected to follow the CDC guidelines on Coronavirus and reduced the number of children in a classroom to allow social distancing. By reducing enrollment, the program did not reach full enrollment of 353.

Central WV Community Action Inc. Head Start collaborates with Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, and Ritchie County Boards of Education to provide services. All classrooms are full-day, center-based, and four days a week. Additionally, families were offered to enroll in the Family Distance Learning virtual format.

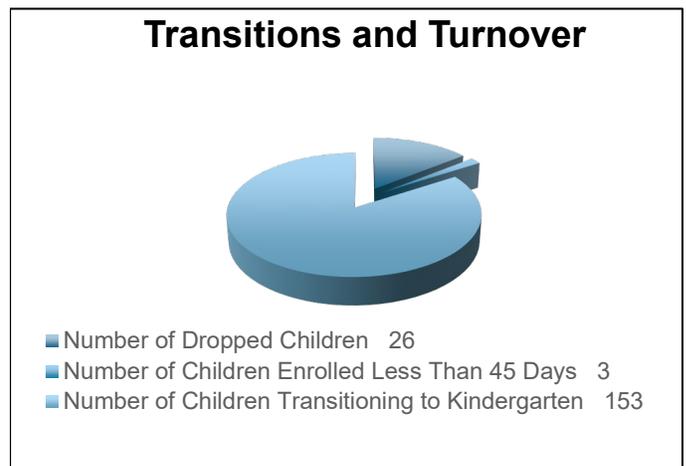
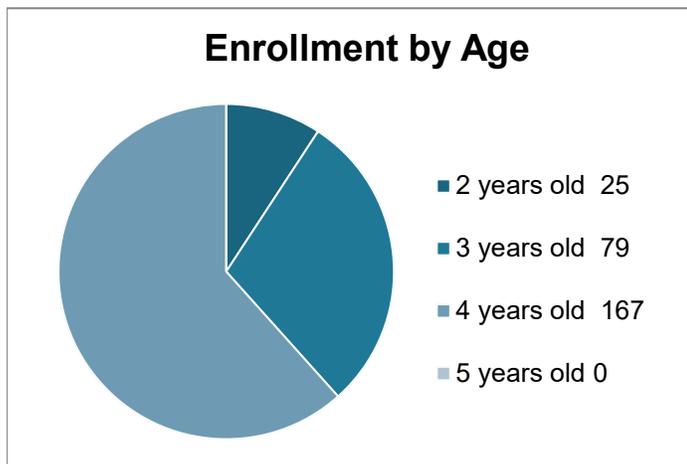


## Head Start Sites 2020- 2021

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adamstown Elementary     | North View Elementary   |
| Anmoore Head Start       | Nutter Fort Elementary  |
| Big Elm Elementary       | Peterson Elementary     |
| Clarksburg Head Start    | Roanoke Elementary      |
| Creed Collins Elementary | Salem Elementary        |
| Glen Elk Head Start      | Shinnston Head Start    |
| Gilmer County Elementary | West Milford Elementary |
| Harrisville Elementary   | West Milford Head Start |
| Jane Lew Elementary      | Weston Head Start       |
| Lumberport Elementary    | Wilsonburg Elementary   |
|                          | Smithville Elementary   |



Funded enrollment: 353  
Cumulative Enrollment: 271



## Monthly Enrollment

Funded enrollment 353

September	180 or 51% of funded enrollment
October	212 or 60% of funded enrollment
November	216 or 61% of funded enrollment
December	224 or 63% of funded enrollment
January	239 or 68% of funded enrollment
February	243 or 69% of funded enrollment
March	247 or 70% of funded enrollment
April	248 or 70% of funded enrollment
*May	248 or 70% of funded enrollment
**June	208 or 59% of funded enrollment

\*Some sites closed for summer break before the end of the month

\*\*Not all classrooms were opened, and all remaining classrooms closed before the end of the month

August	97%
September	95%
October	95%
November	92%
December	96%
January	96%
February	89%
March	92%*
April	93%*
May	80%*
June	100%*

\*Children that had to be quarantined due to Coronavirus were not counted absent. Teachers provided activities virtually for them to complete.

## Enrollment by Eligibility:

Primary Type of Eligibility	# of Children
Income below 100% of the federal poverty line	121
Receipt of public assistance such as TANF, SSI	59
Status of Foster Child	25
Status of Homeless	13
Over Income	19
Number of children between 100% and 130% of the federal poverty line	34



## Health Services:

Head Start Performance Standards require children to obtain a Physical and dental exam while enrolled in the Head Start Program. Central Head Start works with each family to ensure that they have an ongoing continuous health care source.

Head Start provides funds to cover the cost of a physical or dental exam if a family cannot obtain health care coverage for their child.

\*Due to Coronavirus, some screenings were unable to be completed within the forty-five days requirement because children/families need to quarantine.

## Attendance:

Head Start Performance Standards states that when the daily average attendance rate in a center-based program falls below 85 percent,

Head Start must analyze the causes of absenteeism. Central West Virginia Community Action Inc., ERESA Specialist, adheres to this regulation by reviewing all absences and obtaining proper documentation.

Attendance Plans are created with families whose children are considered to have severe or chronic absenteeism. These plans educate the parents on why good attendance is essential, identify and remove any barriers for poor attendance, and decrease absenteeism.

The most common reasons for absenteeism are illnesses, no transportation, weather, hospitalization, or family situations. All families receive a home visit if their child misses two unexcused/unaccounted absences.

## Health Insurance:

Type of Insurance	# of children at enrollment	# of children at the end of the enrollment year
Total number of children with insurance	269	270
Number enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP	245	247
Number with private insurance, state-only funded, or other health insurance	24	23
Number of children without insurance	2	1

## Attendance Percentage per Month

## Medical Home

	# of children at enrollment	# of at the end of the enrollment year
Number of children with medical homes	271	271



## Medical Services

	# of children at enrollment	# of children at the end of the enrollment year
# of children up-to-date on schedule age-appropriate preventive and primary health care according to the state's EPSDT	180	236
# of children diagnosed with a chronic medical condition needing treatment		13
# of children who needed medical treatment and received it		10
# of children being treated for the following chronic conditions		
Asthma		2
Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder		2
Autism spectrum disorder		1
Vision Problems		15
Hearing		1

## Body Mass

Number of children in the following weight categories according to 2000 CDC BMI for age growth charts	# of children at enrollment
Underweight	15
Healthily Weight	154
Overweight	32
Obese	67

## Immunizations

	# of children at enrollment	# of children at the end of the enrollment year
# of children to be determined to be up-to-date	254	260
# of children who have been determined to have received all immunizations possible at this time but have not received all immunizations for their age	17	11
# of children who meet their state's guidelines for an exemption from immunizations	0	0

## Dental Services:

	# of children at enrollment	# of children at the end of the enrollment year
Number of children with continuous, accessible dental care by a dentist	271	271
Number of children who received preventive care since last year's PIR		241
Number of all children who have completed a professional dental examination since last year's PIR		251
Number of children diagnosed as needing treatment		22
Number of children receiving treatment		16

## Mental Health Services

Central WV Community Action Inc., Head Start, works with various mental health professionals to provide our children and families services. These professionals are private practice psychologists and the Board of Education Behavioral Health Specialists. Due to Coronavirus, some services were delivered virtually.

## Family Services

Central WV Community Action Inc., Head Start, supports parents as the primary educators, nurturers, and advocates for their children. Head Start is a firm believer that parent engagement is an essential key to a successful program.

Central Head Start encourages parent involvement by promoting volunteerism in the classroom, field trips, parent committees, and special advisory committees. Due to Coronavirus, no field trips were taken, and most meetings were conducted virtually.

### Committees for the 2020-2021 programs

School Readiness Advisory (incorporates Health Advisory)

Parent Committee      Policy Council      Board of Directors

Each Head Start center has a Parent Committee, which is made up of currently enrolled parents. These committees conduct business about their center or classroom where their child attends. In addition, they elect parent representative(s) to the agency's various special committees.

## Parent Activities and Trainings

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Creative Curriculum         | Building a Bond            |
| Active Parenting Curriculum | Kindergarten Transitioning |
| Children Are Special People | Caring for the Caregiver   |
| Mindful Moments             | Parenting Style            |
| The Method of Choice        | Stress Management          |
| Open House                  | VITA                       |
| Scholastic Book Fair        | STEAM                      |
| Cradle to Classroom         | Cincinnati Zoo Night       |
| Cosmic Kids Yoga            | Seed Program               |

Due to Coronavirus activities and trainings for parents were limited and were Conducted via ZOOM.

\*Additional training information was sent home through newsletters and flyers.

The School Readiness Advisory, which incorporates Health Advisory, met throughout the school year to review program data, developed or revised policies, participated in Self-Assessment, and provided technical support for staff members.

Policy Council met throughout the year with Administrative Staff.

Policy Council shares governance responsibility with the agency Board of Directors regarding program goals, planning, annual grant/budget, agency's policies, and personnel functions.

## Policy Council Trainings

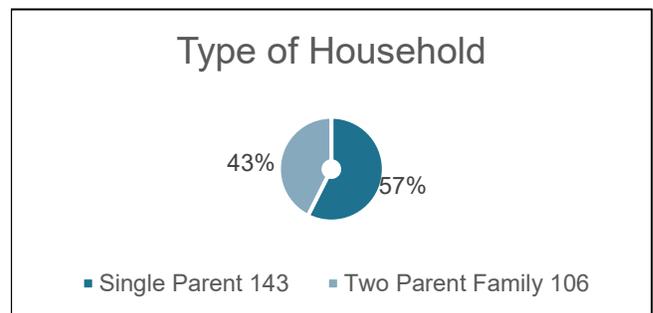
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| Eligibility and Recruitment | IMIL                       |
| Officers Training           | Reading HS Budget          |
| Transition to Kindergarten  | Roles and Responsibilities |
| School Readiness            | Family Outcomes            |
| Self Assessment             | WVHSA Trainings            |

A total of 159 parents volunteered during the 2020-2021 school year.

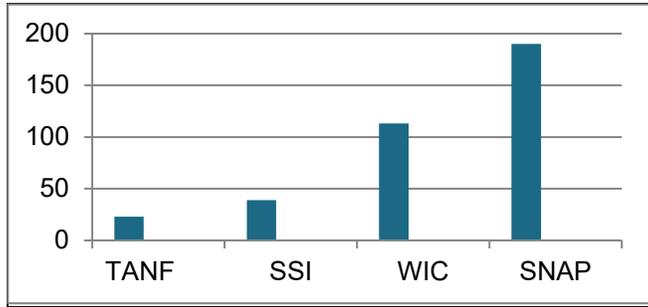


## Family Demographics

During 2020 - 2021, Head Start served 249 families.

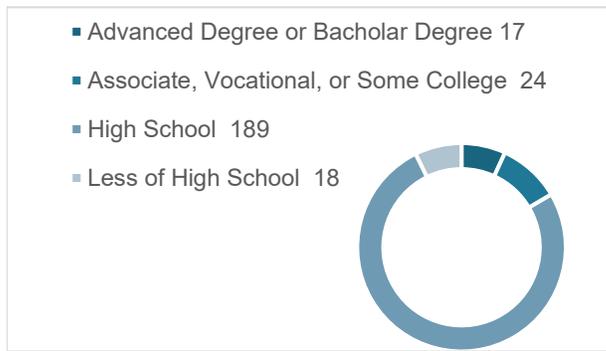


## Federal or Other Assistances



Children are screened on developmental and social-emotional skills within the first forty-five days of enrollment. Central WV Community Action Inc., Head Start, utilizes the Brigance Preschool Screen II as the developmental screening tool. Parents are encouraged to share information by completing the Brigance Self-Help/Social-Emotional and the Brigance Rating Form. Teachers complete daily observations as part of their ongoing assessment of children. Observations are assigned a level using West Virginia Early Learning Standards. Based on the assessment information and ongoing monitoring, School Readiness Goals are established. Assessment reports are reviewed three times during the school year by the Early Childhood Coordinators, and reports are given to the Policy Council and Board of Directors

## Educational Background of Families



## Screenings:

Number of all newly enrolled children who completed the required screening within 45 days for developmental, sensory, and behavioral concerns since last year's PIR	150
Of these, the number identified as needing follow-up assessment or formal evaluation to determine if the child has a disability	11

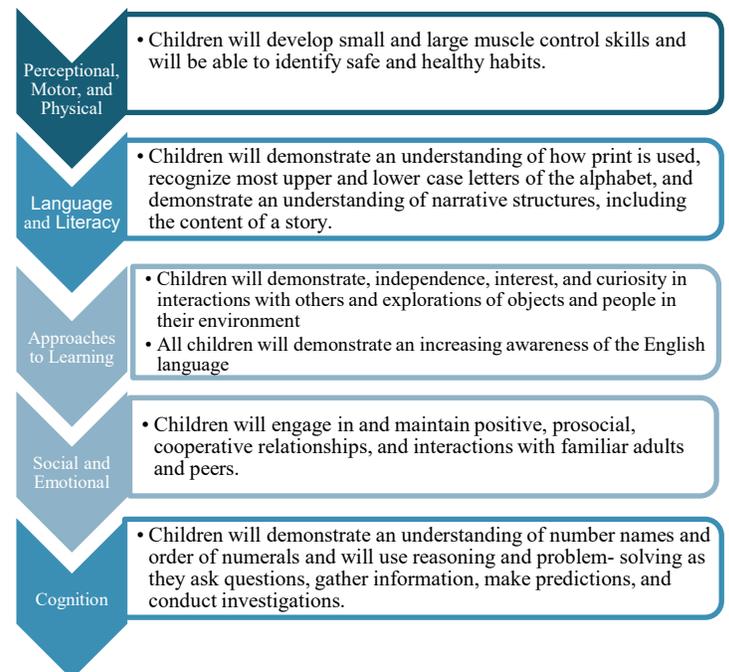
## Early Childhood Education

Central WV Community Action Inc., Head Start utilizes the Creative Curriculum as the framework to provide experiences for children. This curriculum aligns with the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework and West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework. The Creative Curriculum guides teachers in setting up the environment to help children develop needed skills that ensure future educational success.

Due to Coronavirus, the program was unable to monitor Classrooms onsite. Typically, throughout a program year, Child Development Coordinators evaluate teachers using CLASS and The Creative Curriculum Fidelity. CLASS is designed to observe a teacher's interactions, while Creative Curriculum Fidelity ensures that the curriculum is being adhered to.

The child Development Coordinator, however, continue to review lessons plans, ELRS scores, developmental screenings, home visits, and parent-teacher conferences to provide feedback to teachers.

## School Readiness Goals





## ELS Scores 2020-2021

\*Children scoring 3-5 are considered kindergarten ready

The Early Learning Rating Scale (ELRS) data shows the average scores. Teachers analyzed classroom observations and parent observations from activities sent home to support learning during COVID-19 distant learning. The program average is above a 3 for all areas for the Spring Checkpoint.

### Mathematics and Science

	Results
Number and Numerical Operations	3.22
Classification and Algebraic Thinking	3.47
Geometry and Measurement	3.14
Scientific Inquiry	3.16

### Social-Emotional and Social Studies

	Results
Self-Regulation	3.96
Play	4.06

### Language Art and Literacy

	Results
Oral Language	3.74
Phonological Awareness	3.01
Print Awareness	3.35
Writing	3.1

### Physical Health and Development

	Results
Fine Motor	4.07
Gross Motor	4.27
Health Development	4.13
Safety Practices	4.13

## CLASS

Classroom Assessment Scoring System is an observational tool that focuses on classroom interaction that boosts children learning. Data from CLASS assist the program in providing professional development for teachers.

CLASS:

- focuses on effective teaching
- helps teachers recognize and understand the power of their interactions with children
- align with professional development
- works across age levels and subjects

### The Average CLASS Scores

	Emotional Support	Classroom Organization	Instructional Support
Agency Average 2019-2020	6.3	5.8	4.15
Triennial Review 2018	6.04	5.87	3.23
National Average 2020	6.03	5.78	2.94

\*Due to Coronavirus CLASS was not conducted in any classrooms during the 2020-2021 school year.

### Classroom Staff Qualifications

- **98%** of preschool classroom teachers that meet the degree/credentials requirements of Section 648A (2) (A) (BA or higher - ECE/related) will become effective in September 2013.
- **100%** of preschool classes in which at least one teacher meets the teacher degree/credentials requirements of Section 648A (3) (B) (AA degree or higher-ECE/related) that became effective October 2011.
- **100%** of preschool classroom assistant teachers with a CDA/equivalent or higher or are enrolled in CDA or ECE degree program.

# Disabilities

Seventy children enrolled in the program had an Individualized Education Program Plan, indicating they have been determined eligible by the LEA to receive special education and related services. Sixteen children qualified under speech/language, and forty-nine qualified under non-categorical /developmental delays, and one child qualified under visual impairments. All services were provided to children with an IEP.

Food	26,296.11
Training and Technical Assistance	49,868.79
Rent	71,020.00
Utilities and Phone	75,059.38
Insurance Building and Child Insurance	12,286.93
Building Maintenance	64,482.46
Travel	10,684.95
Mental Health Consultant	1,800.00
Parent Services	2,821.51
Legal Services	6,792.96
Publications and Printing	10,935.64
Bus Expenses	86,227.06
Children's Expenses	5,017.83
Employee's Expenses	18,297.28
In-Direct	254,603.86
*Non-Federal	427,679.00

\*Central HS was granted a \$350,000 waiver for Non-Federal Share

## Covid Relief Grant

Personnel	\$ 16,162.13
Equipment	24,541.36
Office Supplies	8,607.60
Children and Disabilities Supplies	51,538.71
Janitorial and Health Supplies	49,400.52
Food Expenses	1,178.78
IT Consultant	18,185.40
Training	784.07
Parent Services	5,637.34
Utilities and Phone	120.00
Building Maintenance	29,958.16
Bus Expenses	2,705.00
Employee Screenings	750.00

## Proposed Budget for 2021-2022

Personnel	\$1,725,409.00
Insurance	315,800.00
Taxes and Unemployment	174,348.00
Retirement	37,200.00
Equipment	22,651.00
Office Supplies	26,000.00
Classroom and Disabilities Supplies	26,000.00
Food Service Supplies	3,000.00
Janitorial Supplies	17,349.00
Health and COVID Supplies	9,000.00
Staff Shirts and Jackets Supplies	7,500.00
Contractual (ChildPlus, IT, Parent Gauge, and See Saw)	18,794.00
Rent	101,400.00
Utilities and Telephone	77,000.00
Building and Child Liability Insurance	13,000.00
Building Maintenance	70,000.00
Travel	10,000.00
Child Services Consultants	8,640.00
Parent Services	14,000.00
Publications, Advertising, and Printing	8,000.00
Training and Technical Assistance	37,283.00
Bus Expenses	100,000.00
Children's Physicals or Dentals	1,000.00
Employee's Physicals	2,940.00
Employment Screenings	3,600.00
Children's Field Trips and T-shirts	12,455.00
In-Direct	299,841.00



# Budget Summary

Central WV Community Action., Head Start received funds from the Department of Health and Human Resources, in the amount pf \$3,110,714 for program year 2020-2021 which includes, \$37,283 for Training and Technical Assistance, 2% cost-of-living increase of \$58,422, and Quality Improvement of \$93,898.

Central Head Start also received One-Time COVID Relief Funding from the Department of Health and Human Resource in the about of \$310,219.

Head Start received meal reimbursement from Child and Adult Feeding Program for \$46,381.48 and thru agreements with Lewis and Harrison County Boards of Education from their USDA reimbursement of \$18,335.90.

Head Start has requested permission to carry over \$200,462 from the continuation grant and permission to carry-over of \$95,818 from the One-Time COVID Relief Funding into 2021–2022 school year. The agency is awaiting the approval or denial of this request.

## Continuation Grant

Personnel	\$1,541,546.02
Taxes and Unemployment	156,543.72
Health Insurance	209,864.69
Retirement	22,325.00
Equipment	132,171.25
Office Supplies	47,826.28
Classroom/Disabilities Supplies	58,319.09
Janitorial/Health Supplies	29,468.73

One-Time American Rescue Grant 4/2021 -3/2023

Equipment – HVAC	120,000.00
Equipment – Bus	80,000.00
Equipment- Playground	120,000.00
Supplies – Janitorial, Cell Phones, and Computers	22,000.00
Professional Development and Wellnesses Program/Supplies	80,356.00

Response to COVID-19 Grant 4/4021 – 3/2023

Equipment-Playground	25,000.00
Professional Development	2,242.00
Building Maintenance – Vinyl Flooring	79,000.00

**Audit**

John Burdette & Associates, Certified Public Accountants of Buckhannon, West Virginia, conducted the annual independent audit. This audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and stood applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Following Government Auditing Standards, the report dated June 2021 stated no reportable conditions or material weaknesses noted the audit for the fiscal year ending December 2020.

**Federal Review Results**

The Focus 2 Federal On-site Monitoring Review was conducted the week of 4/30/17 to 5/4/17; by the Administration for Children and Families. Central West Virginia Community Action Inc., Head Start had no areas of non-compliance found during the review; no corrective action is required.

CLASS scores received during the review:

Domain	Score
<b>Emotional Support</b>	<b>6.0474</b>
Positive Climate	6.03
Negative Climate	1.02
Teacher Sensitivity	5.64
Regards for Students Perspectives	5.53
<b>Classroom Organization</b>	<b>5.8736</b>
Behavior Management	6.03
Productivity	6.31
Instructional Learning Formats	5.28
<b>Instructional Support</b>	<b>3.2356</b>
Concepts Development	2.84
Quality of Feedback	2.95
Language Modeling	3.91

**2020-2021 Board of Directors Officers**

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**2020 -2021 Policy Council Officers**

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**Community Assessment Summary**

A community needs assessment is drafted to help develop strategies to move people out of poverty. The report is used to help formulate an action plan for the agency. The report is an overview of Lewis, Harrison, Gilmer, and Ritchie counties' current conditions. The Community Assessment was conducted in the late summer and early autumn and finalized in November and December of 2019. The assessment was updated annually.

**Population**

The overall population in all four counties has not changed much in the last few years, and Caucasians remain the dominant race. Harrison, Gilmer, Ritchie Counties have decreased in population. While Lewis County has both increased and decreased over the last several years.

County	2017-2018	2018-2019	April 2020
Harrison	69,554	67,256	65,921
Lewis	16,372	15,907	17,033
Gilmer	8,695	7,823	7,408
Ritchie	10,488	9,554	8,444

**Race – White Alone**

	2017-2019	July 2019
Harrison	95.6%	95.5%
Lewis	97.4%	97.1%
Gilmer	85.4%	85.7%
Ritchie	98.1%	98.1%

## Race and Hispanic Origin

	Gilmer	Harrison	Lewis	Ritchie
Black or African American	10.8%	1.9%	.7%	.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	.9%	.2%	.3%	.2%
Asian	.8%	.6%	.6%	.2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	.1%	.0%	.0%	.0%
Two or More Races	1.7%	1.7%	1.3%	1.0%
Hispanic or Latino	5.5%	1.7%	1.2%	.8%

## Poverty

Region	Median Income 2011-2016	Median Income 2013-2017	Median Income 2015-2019
Harrison	\$44,845	\$48,315	\$53,022
Lewis	\$37,827	\$39,793	\$39,908
Gilmer	\$37,286	\$37,175	\$42,636
Ritchie	\$40,850	\$41,497	\$43,577

Geographic Area	Poverty Rate for 0-5-year-olds 2012-2017	Poverty Rate for 0-5 year olds 2013 -2018	Poverty Rate for 0 -5-year-olds 2014-2019
Gilmer	41.6%	40.1%	20.8%
Harrison	20.8%	21.8%	16.5%
Lewis	44.5%	43.5%	25.8%
Ritchie	23%	22.9%	25.8%

Geographic Area	Person Living in Poverty 2015-2019
Gilmer	25.5%
Harrison	11.1%
Lewis	19.5%
Ritchie	17.9%

## Employment

Top 3 as of March 2020 employers by county:

### Harrison

- U.S Federal Bureau of Investigation
- WVU Medicine
- Harrison County Board of Education

### Lewis

- Lewis County Board of Education
- Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital
- William R. Sharp, Jr. Hospital

### Gilmer

- Glenville State College
- Federal Prison System
- Gilmer County Board of Education

### Ritchie

- Simonton Industries, Inc
- Hall Drilling, LLC
- Ritchie County Board of Education

## Unemployment

In 2020, the average unemployment rate in West Virginia was at **8.3 percent and July 2020 9.3%**. This is a significant increase from the previous year when the unemployment rate stood at 4.9 percent but is down from a high of 11.2 percent in 1992.

### Unemployment Rate

Geographic Area	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021
Harrison County	4.0%	8.9%	4.3%
Lewis County	5.5%	12.4%	6.1%
Gilmer County	6.0%	11.8%	6.3%
Ritchie County	4.5%	11.8%	4.7%

The federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 provides a temporary emergency increase in unemployment compensation benefits, referred to as the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program. This program provides an eligible individual with \$600 per week on top of the weekly benefit amount they receive from certain other unemployment benefit programs. An individual must first be eligible for unemployment compensation benefits to qualify for the additional \$600 per week in benefits. Individuals don't need to do anything extra to receive the \$600. Continue to file biweekly claims, and benefits will be automatically updated.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act creates a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA).

In general, PUA provides up to 39 weeks of unemployment benefits to individuals not eligible for regular unemployment compensation or extended benefits, including those who have exhausted all rights to such benefits.

Individuals covered under PUA include the self-employed (e.g., independent contractors, gig economy workers, and workers for certain religious entities), those seeking part-time employment, individuals lacking sufficient work history, and those who otherwise do not qualify for regular unemployment compensation or extended benefits.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act creates a new temporary federal program called Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).

PEUC provides up to 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits to individuals who previously collected state or federal unemployment compensation but exhausted those benefits.

## Income

Lewis County	ACS Estimates 2015-2019
Total Households	6,574
With Social Security	37.9%
Mean Social Security income	\$18,417
With retirement income	24.2%
Mean Retirement Income (dollars)	\$19,847
With Supplemental Security Income	8.0%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	\$9,059
With Public Cash Assistance Income	2.2%
Mean Public Cash Assistance Income(dollars)	\$2,837
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	18.9%

Gilmer County	ACF Estimates 2015-2019
Total Households	2,587
With Social Security	38.8%
Mean Social Security income	\$20,652
With retirement income	28.2%
Mean Retirement Income (dollars)	\$22,222
With Supplemental Security Income	9.6%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	\$8,095
With Public Cash Assistance Income	1.1%
Mean Public Cash Assistance Income(dollars)	\$1,164
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	16.2%

Harrison County	ACS Estimates 2015-2019
Total Households	27,098
With Social Security	39.1 %
Mean Social Security income (dollars)	\$18,775
With retirement income	26%
Mean Retirement Income (dollars)	\$19,416
With Supplemental Security Income	8%
Mean Supplemental Security Income (dollars)	\$9,308
With Cash Public Assistance Income	2%
Mean Cash Public Assistance Income(dollars)	\$2,463
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	13.6%



Ritchie County	ACS Estimates 2015-2019
Total Households	4,069
With Social Security	45.1%
Mean Social Security income	\$18,683
With retirement income	31.1%
Mean Retirement Income (dollars)	\$18,526
With Supplemental Security Income	9.8%
Mean Supplemental Security Income	\$8,635
With Public Cash Assistance	2.2%
Mean Public Cash Assistance Income (dollars)	\$2,084
With Food Stamp/SNAP benefits in the past 12 months	15.9%

## Education

West Virginia is a leader in early childhood education and Head Start is key to its success. In 2002, the West Virginia legislature passed an education provision requiring all four-year-old children to have Pre-K access by the 2012-2013 school year. The law mixed existing Pre-K funds into the state public school funding formula and required county school systems to coordinate Pre-K contracts and programs. At least half of all Pre-K classrooms must be in community-based settings by the fall of 2012 unless there are insufficient providers that meet the Pre-K standards. (Pre-K Now, 2009)

Annual county contracts and budgets must be written by collaborating partners and submit to the State. Pre-K quality requirements must align with the Head Start Performance Standards and the state's childcare licensing requirements. While the goal is to serve four-year-old's, the state's funding is limited to four-year-old's and three-year-old with an Individualized Education Plan.

All Head Start Pre-K classrooms are collaborative except one classroom in West Milford and at the Lost Creek Elementary School. Head Start services for families living in the Lost Creek area are offered at our West Milford center. Once the new Lost Creek Elementary School is open; Head Start services will be provided there.

Due to Coraovirus, educational services for some children were completed virtually. Also, Head Start stand-alone centers elected to reduce enrollment to allow for social distancing.

## Pre-K Enrollment

County	Enrollment 2018	Enrollment 2019 *Virtual after March 2020	Enrollment 2020 *Virtual and In-person
Harrison	561	732	520
Lewis	156	180	118
Gilmer	50	60	33
Ritchie	84	100	73

## Child Care Centers

	# License Child Care Centers	# License Family Child Care Center
Gilmer	2	0
Harrison	15	17
Lewis	1	12
Ritchie	1	1

## Education Attainment

	2018-2019	2019-2020
West Virginia	91.4%	92.1%
Gilmer	91.94%	90.38%
Harrison	92.53%	97.94%
Lewis	94.08%	87.5%
Ritchie	93.62%	88.46%

Literacy and General Education Diploma program are available for adults seeking better reading skills and their GED.

## Housing

Attainable housing is defined as housing in a safe and acceptable condition and does not financially burden a family. Federal government guidelines, primarily those developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), define attainable housing as housing that costs a homeowner or renter no more than 30% of the household's gross monthly income.

This figure includes mortgage payments, home insurance, taxes, homeowner association and/or condominium fees, and utilities.

## Gilmer

This FMR rate applies to Shock, WV, Alum Bridge, WV, Cocks Mills, WV, Linn, WV, Sand Fork, WV, Troy, WV, Normantown, WV, Glenville, WV, and other cities within the region.

Gilmer County, WV (2022):

Studio / Efficiency	\$551
1-Bedroom	\$554
2-Bedroom	\$705
3-Bedroom	\$871
4-Bedroom	\$1028

Fair Market Rent area is less expensive than 91% of other FMR areas

## Harrison

This FMR rate applies to Wyatt, WV, Meadowbrook, WV, Gypsy, WV, Reynoldsville, WV, Haywood, WV, Hepzibah, WV, Spelter, WV, Enterprise, WV, Anmoore, WV, West Milford, WV, and other cities in the county

Harrison County, WV (2022):

Studio / Efficiency	\$643
1-Bedroom	\$647
2-Bedroom	\$820
3-Bedroom	\$1047
4-Bedroom	\$1212

Fair Market Rent area is more expensive than 65% of other FMR areas

## Lewis

This FMR rate applies to Crawford, WV, Camden, WV, Horner WV, French Creek, WV, Weston, and WV.

Lewis County, WV (2022):

Studio / Efficiency	\$586
1-Bedroom	\$590
2-Bedroom	\$732
3-Bedroom	\$905
Bedroom	\$1068

Fair Market Rent area is less expensive than 74% of other FMR

areas.

## Ritchie

This FMR rate applies to Macfarlan, WV, Petroleum, WV, Pullman, Auburn, WV, Berea, WV, Smithville, Cairo, WV, and Walker WV Harrisville, WV, and other cities within the region.

Ritchie County, WV (2022):

Studio / Efficiency	\$573
1-Bedroom	\$576
2-Bedroom	\$705
3-Bedroom	\$875
4-Bedroom	\$956

Fair Market Rent area is less expensive than 92% of other FMR areas.

Governor Jim Justice and the state Housing Development Fund Announced the creation of a new program that helped renters and landlords impacted by COVID-19.

The Mountaineer Rental Assistance Program offered direct Financial assistance to renters who have lost their job had their income reduced or suffered a significant cost or financial hardship because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

## Homelessness

As of January 2020, West Virginia had an estimated 1,341 experiencing homelessness on any given day, as reported by Continuums of Care to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). of that total, 58 were family households, 104 were Veterans, 112 were unaccompanied young adults (18 -24) and 174 were individuals experiencing chronic homelessness.

Public school data reported to the U.S. Department of Education during the 2018-2019 school year shows that an estimated 10,522 public school students experienced homelessness over the year. Of that total, 279 students were unsheltered, 834 were in shelters, 259 were in hotels/motels, and 9,150 were doubled up.

Harrison County is the only county in our service area that has a homeless shelter. The Clarksburg Mission is located in Glen Elk. The Mission provides emergency shelter and food.

## Homelessness Population Under 18 Years Old

	WV Kids Count 2019-2020	WV Kids Count 2020-2021
<b>Gilmer</b>	Population 1,224 1.2%	Population 1,208 0.1%
<b>Harrison</b>	Population 14,665 2.8%	Population 14,545 20.6%
<b>Lewis</b>	Population 3,502 1.1%	Population 3,428 7.3%
<b>Ritchie</b>	Population 1,981 5.8%	Population 1,984 4.4%

## Health

The top health concerns in Harrison County are heart disease, cancer, drug addiction, and diabetes. Residents can access health care through WVU United Hospital Center, Inc., Louis Johnson Veteran Hospital, and numerous urgent care.

Harrison County has 28 dental services, two oral and maxillofacial surgery offices, and two orthodontists. Residents also have access to 14 vision services. Mental Health services are provided at 9 locations, which include family and marital counseling.

Highland Hospital has 225-bed units that service the Mental Health community. The facility provides services from 5 years old to adulthood. It also houses an adult and detox unit. Additionally, WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Center, formerly United Summit Center offers treatment of mental health and addiction for adults, adolescence, and children.

Lewis County residents' most significant health issues are heart disease, obesity, addiction, and diabetes. Residents can access health care at Stonewall Jackson Memorial Hospital, located in Weston.

Gilmer County residents' most significant health issues are obesity, heart disease, addiction, and diabetes. There are no hospitals in Gilmer County. Residents can access health care through Minnie Hamilton Health Systems in Glenville and Dr. Hilary Miller. Mental health services are provided at the WVU United Summit Center. Gilmer County only has one dentist and three vision centers for county residents. Gilmer County residents can access family and marriage counseling services at WVU United Summit Center and Minnie Hamilton Clinic. WVU Hospital POTS is located on the campus of Glenville State College for students.

The most significant health issues for residents in Ritchie County are obesity, heart disease, and cancer. There are no hospitals located in Ritchie County. Residents have access to healthcare at Pennsburg Medical Center and Ritchie County Regional Health Care Association. Mental health services are provided at Spaulding Psychological Services. Ritchie County also has one dental service and two vision services. Residents can access family

and marriage counseling services at Ritchie County Integrated Family Services is located in Harrisville.

The County Health Departments in each county provide various services, including health information, immunizations, family planning, prenatal clinics, environmental services, TB testing, HIV testing, and health-related information.

## Drug Addiction

In the most recent Survey, 8.4 percent of West Virginia residents reported using illicit drugs in the past month. The national average was 8.82 percent. Additionally, 4.18 percent of West Virginia residents reported using an illicit drug other than marijuana in the past month (the national average was 3.6 percent).

### Top 10 US States with Drug Overdose Deaths

- West Virginia: 41.5 per 100,000 people.
- New Hampshire: 34.3 per 100,000 people.
- Kentucky: 29.9 per 100,000 people.
- Ohio: 29.9 per 100,000 people.
- Rhode Island: 28.2 per 100,000 people.
- Pennsylvania: 26.3 per 100,000 people.
- Massachusetts: 25.7 per 100,000 people

The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) released preliminary data regarding 2020 fatal drug overdoses in the state, indicating an increase in overdose deaths.

There have been 1,275 confirmed overdoses reported in 2020, increasing from 878 reported in 2019. Data are preliminary and will change as death certificates are processed.

An increase in overdose deaths has been seen nationwide and according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the recent increase began in 2019 and continued into 2020 before the pandemic. However, the CDC reported increases in overdose deaths appeared to have accelerated during the pandemic.

## Coronavirus Disease

In West Virginia, 864,110 people or 48% have received at least one dose of the vaccine. Overall, 724,901 people or 40% of West Virginia's population has been fully vaccinated. Governor Jim Justin has implemented an incentive plan to entice people to get vaccinated.

As of October 7, 2021, the total number of cases is 249,331 and 3,866 Deaths in West Virginia



## Coronavirus Cases and Deaths

	Cases	Deaths
Harrison	9,650	119
Gilmer	1,228	8
Lewis	2,621	36
Ritchie	1,321	16

## Vaccination Rate

	People Fully Vaccinated	People Vaccinated With One Dose
Harrison	14,028 20.57%	17,518 25.68%
Gilmer	3,155 38.45%	3,608 43.97%
Lewis	4,695 28.85%	5,413 33.26%
Ritchie	1,826 18.39%	2,340 23.56%

## Low Birth Rate

	2019-2020 WV Kid Counts	2020-2021 WV Kids Count
Harrison	9.9%	7.7%
Gilmer	7.9%	5%
Lewis	11.1%	8%
Ritchie	8.1%	9.9%

## Children Death Rates

	2019-2020 WV Kids Count Per 100,000	2020-2021 WV Kids Count Per 100,000
Harrison	39.8%	26.8%
Lewis	0	0
Gilmer	0	0
Ritchie	0	0

## Teen Births

	2019-2020 WV Kids Count Per 1,000	2020-2021 WV Kids Count Per 1,000
Harrison	38.4%	21.8%
Lewis	23%	35.2%
Gilmer	20.8%	17.5%
Ritchie	41.6%	36.3%

## Children Insurance

According to the Center for children and families, an estimated 13,000 West Virginia children were uninsured in 2019. This represents an increase of approximately 44% since 2016. Over the three years, the state has seen a statistically significant increase in uninsured children's number and rate. The percentage of children under the age of 6 years old is 2.7% in 2019. The percentage for 2020 Harrison, and Gilmer Counties 3%, Lewis County 3.3% and Ritchie County 4%.

## Child Abuse and Neglect

During the pandemic, the percentage of child abuse and neglect cases reported was lower due to children not attending school. Now that schools have reopened, more cases are being reported.

West Virginia had 5,235 of these cases in its circuit courts in 2020. There were 5,975 in 2019; 5,659 in 2018 and 5,770 in 2017. All of those numbers were well above the 3,391 in 2011 or 3,561 in 2012.

To put that into perspective, West Virginia had about 65 abuse-and-neglect cases per county 10 years ago; that's up to about 95 per county now — an increase of 30 a year per county. And many of these cases involve more than one child.

## Child Abuse and Neglect Population Under 18

	Court Cases
Harrison	Population of 14,546 1.5%
Lewis	Population of 3,428 2.2%
Gilmer	Population of 1,208 1.9%
Ritchie	Population of 1,984 1.6%

# Nutrition

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), during the past 20 years, there has been a dramatic increase in obesity in the United States and rates remain high. In 2019, it was 37.7%, and in 2020 39.7%, which is next to the highest in the nation.

## Harrison County

There are eight grocery stores located in Harrison County. Some county residents that live in rural areas have to travel nearly 20 miles to the nearest grocery store. There are 16 food pantries located in the county.

## Lewis County

There are only two grocery stores located in Lewis County. All are located in Weston, which requires some county residents to travel nearly 30 miles to the grocery store. Two food pantries are also located in the county, and they include Our Neighbor and Lewis County Family Resource Network (FRN).

## Gilmer County

Glenville Foodland is the only grocery store located in the county. Some county residents have to travel up to 23 miles to the grocery store. There are two food pantries located in Gilmer County: Vision, Vessels, Victory, and Community Resources, Inc.

## Ritchie County

There are two grocery stores located in Ritchie County. The Harrisville IGA is located in Harrisville and Pennsboro IGA, located in Pennsboro. Some residents still have to travel up to 18 miles to reach a grocery store. The county residents have access to three food pantries in the county: First Assembly of God, Harrisville Baptist Church, and Community Resources, Inc.

The State of West Virginia has implemented the Community Eligibility Program. The Community Eligibility Program is a meal service option for schools and school districts in low income areas. A key provision of *The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act* (HHFKA, Public Law 111-296; December 13, 2010) and CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without the burden of collecting household applications. Instead, school that adopt CEP are reimbursed using a formula based on the percentage of students participating in other specific means tested programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Temporary Assistance Needy Families (TANF). Only four schools do not qualify to participate in this Program Simpson Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Bridgeport Middle School and High School.

According to Feeding America, more than 1 in 5 children in West Virginia live in a food-insecure household. Over 67% of school-aged children qualify for free or reduced-priced meals. That translates to over 183,000 children whose family household income is below or

nearly below the federal poverty level. Without adequate access to food, these children are at risk for health problems, obesity, nutrient deficiencies, and difficulties with learning and discipline that can echo throughout a lifetime.

During the pandemic, each county school system provided meals to families. Head Start worked with the counties to deliver food until food boxes could be mailed to families directly.

The COVID-19 relief [package](#) enacted in December 2020 included a 15 percent increase in SNAP's maximum benefit for January through June 2021; the American Rescue Plan Act, enacted in March 2021, extended that increase through September 2021. This increase applied in all states and territories participating in SNAP amount to about \$28 more in SNAP benefits per person per month, or just over \$100 per month in food assistance for a family of four.

The American Rescue Plan allows states to provide P-EBT benefits during the summer of 2021 and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. West Virginia was approved to issue benefits for children under age 6 for the 2020-2021 school year were approved to begin doing so in October 2020.

# Transportation

## Harrison County

Interstate 79, U.S. Highway 19 and 50, and WV Routes 20, 23, 57, 58, 66, and 98 serve as the main transportation arteries in Harrison County. Public transportation services are provided by the Central West Virginia Transit Authority (CENTRA), Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, Uber, Motown Taxi, and Central West Virginia Community Action.

CENTRA provides general public bus transportation for Harrison County and coordinates services with Fairmont-Marion County Transit Authority for trips into Clarksburg and Morgantown. A demand-responsive service is provided as well as a deviated route service. All WV WORKS participants needing transportation services in Harrison County are issued a "Quality of Life" pass by CENTRA.

## Lewis County

Interstate 79, U.S. Highways 19, 33, 119, and WV Route 4 serve as the main transportation arteries in Lewis County. There are no traditional forms of public transportation available in Lewis County. Transportation is available to seniors through the Lewis County Senior Citizens Center, Route 19 Taxi, and Uber.

## Gilmer County

The main routes through Gilmer County are US Highways 33, 119, and WV Routes 5, 18, 47, and 74. There are no public

transportation options in Gilmer County. The Council of Senior Citizens of Gilmer County, Inc. provides transportation services to senior citizens and disabled individuals, Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ritchie County

The main routes through Gilmer County are US Highway 50 and WV Routes 16, 31, 47, and 74. There are no public transportation options available to residents in Ritchie County. Ritchie County Integrated Family Services, Inc. provides transportation to senior citizens at the following locations: Pennsboro Senior Center, Harrisville Senior Center, and Cairo Senior Center.



Head Start Program Information Statistics

	*2019	**2020
<b>Ethnicity and Race</b>		
White	359	239
Black or African America	3	0
Bi-Racial	31	23
Asian	1	0
Hispanic or Latino Origin	14	5
<b>Primary Language</b>		
English	388	270
Spanish	0	1
Eastern Asian Language	1	0
Native Central American, South American, and Mexican Language	4	0
Middle Eastern and South Asian	1	0
<b>Dual Language Learners</b>	1	3
<b>Health Insurance</b>		
With Health Insurance	393	270
Without Health Insurance	1	1
<b>Health Conditions</b>		
Autism	0	1
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder	0	2
Asthma	2	2
Seizures	0	1
Vision	12	15
Hearing	1	0
Underweight	28	15
Overweight	57	32
Obese	73	67
<b>Disabilities</b>		
Children with an Individual Education Program	89	66
<b>Primary Disability</b>		
Speech and Language Impairments	25	16
Visual Impairment	0	1
Non-Categorical/Development Delay	64	49
<b>Number of Families/Type</b>		
Single Parent	151	106
Two Parent	219	143
Parent: Biological, Adoptive, Stepparents	319	212
Grandparents	12	19
Relative of than Grandparents	3	7
Foster Parent – Not Including Relatives	3	11
<b>Parent/Guardian Education</b>		
Advanced Degree or Baccalaureate	21	17
Associate Degree or Vocational School	31	24
High School Graduate or GED	264	189
Less than High School Degree	42	19
<b>Employment</b>		
Employed	256	167
Unemployed	114	82
Attending School	7	1
<b>Primary Type of Eligibility</b>		
Income at or below 100% of federal poverty guidelines	192	121
Income: TANF or SSI	62	59
Foster Care	20	25
Homelessness	16	13
Over Income	45	19
Income between 100% and 130% of the federal poverty guidelines	58	34
<b>Receiving Federal Assistance</b>		
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	24	23
Supplement Security Income	49	39
Women, Infant, Children	129	84
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance	191	134
<b>Homelessness (at anytime during the year)</b>	18	14
<b>Foster Care</b>	24	31

\*Total Number of Children 2019 -2020 394  
 Total of Families in 2019-2020 370  
 \*\*Total Number of Children in 2020 – 2021 271  
 Total of Families in 2020-221 249