

## Preschool Program Monthly Summary October 2022

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### Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>Classrooms</b>	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Total Children Enrolled</b>	103	109	113								
<b>*Head Start</b>	64	77	79								
<b>NC PreK</b>	80	82	87								
<b>*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)</b>	15	15	13								

\*Children may be counted in more than one category

### Head Start Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>All Classrooms</b>	99%	93%	84%								
<b>Tryon Howald</b>	100%	95%	87%								
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	96%	94%	90%								
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	100%	96%	96%								
<b>Tryon, Scott</b>	100%	86%	83%								
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	100%	92%	87%								
<b>Polk Central Conner</b>	100%	98%	83%								
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	96%	96%	82%								
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	100%	93%	75%								
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	100%	89%	84%								

### All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

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### Family Services

- We continue to enroll students. This month we enrolled 4. We also had a child move out of the area.
- Amanda assisted on a field trip, conducting DIAL screenings, worked in classrooms with students, attended MTSS meetings and attended a homeless event.
- Assisted in PREK staff development.
- **The Early Childhood Homelessness Task Force (ECHTF)** was held at BRCC. The project aims to assist the region in developing communities that prioritize and support the resilience and development of young children and their families who experience homelessness held the kick off event. Linley Foster, Polk County Schools Social worker, attended with me. We have both committed to be involved with this group along with many community agencies for the next year.

## **Support Coach**

- During the month of October I was involved in orienting the new floater at Polk Central and Sunny View with her position and expectations in the classrooms.
- Numerous opportunities to assist in the classroom occurred. I helped in classrooms and ~~In addition~~, I accompanied Saluda on a field trip to Stepp's Orchard. At Polk Central I supported a child/teacher with the daily routine.
- The month also included meetings to help with at home strategies for a family.
- ~~In addition~~, I helped purchase materials for family engagement for Polk Central, the Fall Fun Day at Forbes, and other materials needed in the classroom and/or Central Office.

## **Health and Safety**

- In the month of October the pre-k nurse completed dental exams with the Blue Ridge Dental Bus. A high percentage of participation occurred and children hopped on and off the bus with a positive attitude and smiles!
- The pre-k nurse has been attending IEP meetings and care team meetings for pre-k students and children transitioning to the school system from CDSA.
- The pre-k nurse continues to do hearing and vision exams on newly enrolled children. We continue to assist families with resources to follow up on concerns identified during the exams.
- The pre-k nurse has been filling in some at schools due to illness and absence of regular school nurses.
- The pre-k nurse has helped with teaching several CPR classes for staff this month.

## **Education**

- DIAL developmental screenings were completed for all children enrolled at the beginning of the school year. The Education Manager began DIAL follow-up discussions with teachers to determine how to address children's potential delays. For some children, the referral process for further evaluation was started.
- PreK teachers attended a vertical team meeting with kindergarten and first grade teachers facilitated by Mrs. Crump. Transition from PreK to kindergarten was a focus of the discussion at this meeting.
- PreK teachers participated in an all day professional development offering planned and delivered by PreK office staff. Using the High Scope daily routine as the guide for the day, topics included curriculum fidelity, literacy and safety and sanitation reminders.
- One class went on a field trip to the apple orchard. PreK office staff attended with them as chaperones. All classes also received pumpkins - one large pumpkin per classroom and a smaller pie pumpkin for each child - to use for exploration and seasonal activities.
- PreK classes participated in ComMotion programs in their classrooms. These programs present interactive, developmentally appropriate multicultural dance and movement activities for students, as well as resources to support teachers in further learning activities after the program.
- Teachers completed their individual Transition Plans for the school year, outlining how they will support students and families who will be transitioning to kindergarten next year.
- The Education Manager attended three Care Team meetings for children who may require Exceptional Children's services but are not enrolled in PreK. She also continued to provide support to one classroom where the teacher is on maternity leave.

## **Program Management**

- This is the season for compliance monitoring visits from NC PreK and the NC Division of Education and Child Development. So far, the visits we have completed have gone very well.
- We have been working on budgets, especially the ones that were special COVID related and are expected to end March of 2023.