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- 69% speak a language other than English at home
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- 97% of eligible children who sought enrollment were served
- 99% of enrollment capacity was maintained, on average, during the year
- 90% average annual attendance

**Our Services**
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- 144 cumulative enrollment
- 51 returned for their second year
- 68 3-4 year-olds served
- 75 4-5 year-olds served
- 11 homeless families served
- 70 children graduated to kindergarten at the end of the school year
- 23 children qualified for and received disability services. These included:
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- 18 children received professional dental health services
- 81 developmental and cognitive screenings conducted for newly enrolled children
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- 53% of children had annual well child visits
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**37% completion rate of Family Partnership Agreements**

**Family Engagement in Transitions**

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| 18 children received professional mental health services | 81 developmental and cognitive screenings conducted for newly enrolled children | 117 children received at least one dental exam and cleaning from on-site dental services in partnership with Adventure Dental | 134 social-emotional screenings conducted for all enrolled children | 85% of children had annual well-child visits | 73% completion rate of Family Partnership Agreements |
Expanding Our Services

Boulder County Head Start is constantly adapting to ensure our services are responsive to community needs and requests. Working closely with the Boulder County Housing and Human Services Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) and the Boulder Valley School District’s Colorado Preschool Program (CCP), additional funding was secured in the 2017-18 school year to extend all classrooms up to 9.5 hours per day. This funding also made it possible to hire an additional classroom assistant for each class, reducing the average teacher-child ratio from 1:9 to 1:5. The additional hours supported working families by allowing them to work full schedules, knowing their children would be well educated and cared for during the work day.

The increase in staff also ensured individualized attention for the children. Even when a member of the teaching staff was absent from the classroom, the children were supported by two adults who knew them well. Staff reported a significant reduction in behavioral concerns in the classroom due to their ability to give children the time and attention they needed and deserved. The program also saw a significant increase in the school readiness of children this year, which can largely be attributed to the increase in staff.

Investing in Families

Head Start is the original Two Generation model, providing education for children while also supporting families in reaching their dreams.

Like so many others, Nancy and Axel had a hard time finding an affordable place to live when they came to Boulder with their two children. After enrolling their son, also named Axel, at the Woodlands site, they began to work with their Family and Community Professional, Susi Gritton, and identified a goal to attain more affordable and stable housing. The first step on this path was enrolling the family in Boulder Housing Partner’s Bringing School Home program in the spring of 2016. This program provided quality affordable housing and educational opportunities for the whole family. The family moved into a beautiful apartment in the fall of 2016 just as their daughter, Mia, started her first of two years at Boulder County Head Start, and their son Axel transitioned into a BVSD kindergarten classroom.

Today, the family is taking classes and analyzing their budget with the hope of purchasing their own home within a couple of years. Axel (the father) is now an employee at Boulder Housing Partners and has attained US citizenship. He is enrolling in HVAC training to grow his employment opportunities and ensure job security for the future. Nancy is taking English and parenting classes, volunteers in both of her children’s classrooms, and is in the process of applying for US residency. As one of the Head Start classroom teachers stated, “Nancy is a very strong Mother. She is always pushing and working harder to make a better life for her family.”

About Boulder County Head Start

The Head Start program began in 1965 during the Johnson administration as a Federal summer program for children in poverty entering kindergarten. Boulder County received one of the first grants, beginning services in that inaugural year. Over the years, the program expanded to provide comprehensive early care and education for three- to five-year-old children living in poverty. The early years of Head Start provided part-day services, but as more women entered the workforce, BCHS converted half-day programs to full-day. Full-day services began in the early 1990s due to an expressed need from the community for quality care for low income families.

Our Policy Council

We could not be a success without the active participation of our Policy Council Members, consisting of current or past parents. We would like to acknowledge the following members for their hard work and dedication:

Emanuel Caravajal  Mercedes Espinoza  Sandra Flores
Pablo Garza  Adriana Martinez  Lidia Vargas
Elizabeth Pineda  Jasmin Ramirez  Noemi Rivera
Norma Silva  Sasha Strong

BCHS Budget Information

The majority of BCHS’s budget is supported by the Federal Head Start program, which has remained relatively flat over the years. The budget is supplemented by Boulder County, the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP), Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), Colorado Preschool Program (CPP) and grant funding that supports Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation (ECMHC). The Boulder County Commissioners are strongly committed to ensuring the social, emotional and educational development of all children, and have provided generous subsidies to support a living wage increase for Teacher Assistants and Classroom Aides, and health care benefits for all BCHS employees. The USDA Child and Adult Food Program grant funds are used to cover the cost of three meals for all BCHS children during the school day. CPP and CCAP allow the program to operate all classrooms for 9.5 hours per day. We are grateful for the many funders who strengthen our program services and support closing the achievement gap!

Revenues and Expenses from the 2017-2018 program year

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* Difference between Revenues and Expenses ($163,368) results from a surplus in CCAP funding which will carry forward into the 2018-2019 FY.