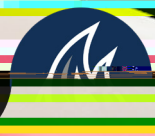
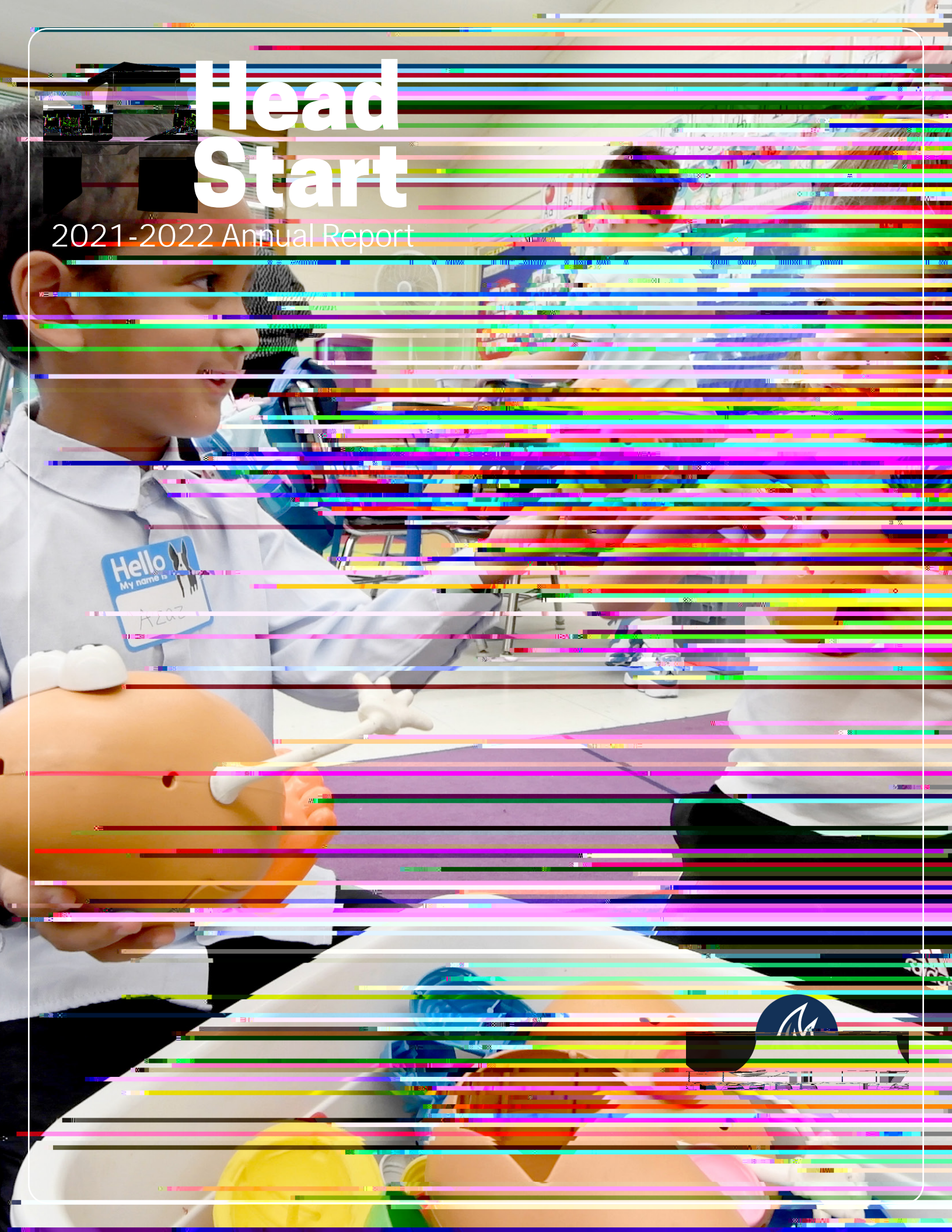
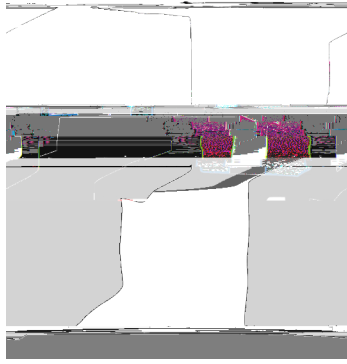


Head Start

2021-2022 Annual Report





Annual Head Start Report

Head Start is a federally funded program that promotes the school readiness of young children from low-income families through local programs. Head Start programs support the mental, social, and emotional development of children from ages three to five. In addition to education services, programs provide children and their families with health, nutrition, social, and other services.

The program works to maintain the highest standards of quality in the delivery of strength-based, comprehensive, early intervention, and education services to children and families of low-income.

In 2021 Head Start funded 16,293 children in the state of Wisconsin. 365 of those children

attended the Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD). The Kenosha Unified School District's Head Start Program has been a part of the Kenosha community since 1965 serving children and families that live within the school district boundaries. During the 2021-22 school year 330 of KUSD Head Start enrollment were funded through the Federal Head Start grant and an additional 59 children were funded through the State Supplemental Head Start grant.

KUSD Head Start utilizes evidence based approaches to serving children and families of low-income in a compassionate and partnering manner. Children receive services that promote child development across all domains. From

concrete support to meet mental, dental, and physical health needs to developmentally appropriate school readiness promotion, children benefit from warm, nurturing and effective interactions which are based on the leading edge of research and science about brain development. Families participate in a wide variety of family support and strengthening activities. From parent education and leadership to family developmental activities to support each family's specific goals for their child and their family, Head Start services are responsive to each child and family's ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage.



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family services

Head Start staff partner with families to provide or connect families with culturally and linguistically relevant services that are designed to strengthen families and provide a foundation for the child and family's success. In the KUSD Head Start program family service providers work with families to develop individualized family partnership plans. These plans incorporate family goals and the support needed to make the goals achievable.

Head Start encourages the role of parents as their child's first and most important teacher. Programs build relationships with families that support positive parent-child relationships, family well-being, and connections to peers and community. Parent education and activities are provided per site and at the program level. Opportunities provided include: Positive Parent Classes, Triple P Parenting, Nutrition Classes: Eating Smart (sponsored by UW-Extension), KUSD Open House, Transition to Kindergarten Meet and Greet and many virtual options.

Family Statistics

11 two-parent families

1 single-parent families

- 199 of these families had one or more parents employed
- 3 of these families participated in job training
- 3 of these families had parent(s) enrolled in school
- 124 of these families had no parent working

Family Statistics, Children Experienced Homelessness during the year

- 12 of those families acquired housing during the year
- 15 children are in foster care

Parent Education

- 21 had an advanced degree
- 32 had an associate degree, vocational school, or some college
- 229 had a high school diploma or GED
- 44 had less than high school

187 persons volunteered services to Head Start.

187 of them were current or former Head Start parents.

Military/Parents

- 0 Active duty
- 2 Veteran

