



Pinal Gila  
Community  
Child Services

# Annual Report 2020

Working passionately to elevate the quality of life and promote **school readiness** for children and families.



# Message from our CEO

What an eventful year this has been! The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an emergency throughout the human population worldwide and has changed our practices, how we operate, and the economy in general. Throughout this pandemic, we have all learned valuable lessons, developed procedures, and made concerted effort and commitment to our staff and families.

During these difficult circumstances our staff worked rigorously to develop an action plan that provided exceptional protocols for reopening our Sites. We strive to work together and implement a series of actions aimed at preserving the safety and health of our children, families and employees to prevent the spread of the virus and ensure the functionality of our services.

We did accomplish many projects during our 2019-20 program year. I want to highlight the completion of our Coolidge and Florence Head Start renovations which will provide the ability for extended day services. We continue to navigate site upgrades and renovations as funding affords.

PGCCS' data dashboard, which provides data visuals for analysis, is operational and is providing functional data. As the dashboard rolls out to our Site Managers, it will assist us in analyzing areas of need within our agency. Additionally, we have moved to virtual platforms that allow us to communicate more efficiently with our staff and parents.

I am both honored and privileged to have worked with such an amazing team during the trials of COVID-19 and am thankful to our excellent staff and the resilience they have displayed.

Respectfully,  
Charity Russell, MBA



REVENUE SOURCES	BUDGET 19-20
Head Start (HS)	\$8,078,442
HS Duration	1,614,023
Early Head Start (EHS)	3,314,876
EHS Duration	478,718
COVID-19	178,000
In-kind	2,266,444
<b>Total Agency Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,930,503</b>

#### RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT AUDIT:

Audit 2018-19 completed by CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP. A non-grant related finding was identified during the audit which resulted in an adjustment related to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), the entry did not have an impact on reported grant activity or allowable costs.

In 2019-20, PGCCS supported 9% of eligible low-income children in Early Head Start and 34% of eligible low-income children in Pinal and Gila counties.

We were 100% enrolled all year for the Pinal and Gila Counties and served 21 pregnant women and 939 children of which 267 were Early Head Start and 672 were Head Start.

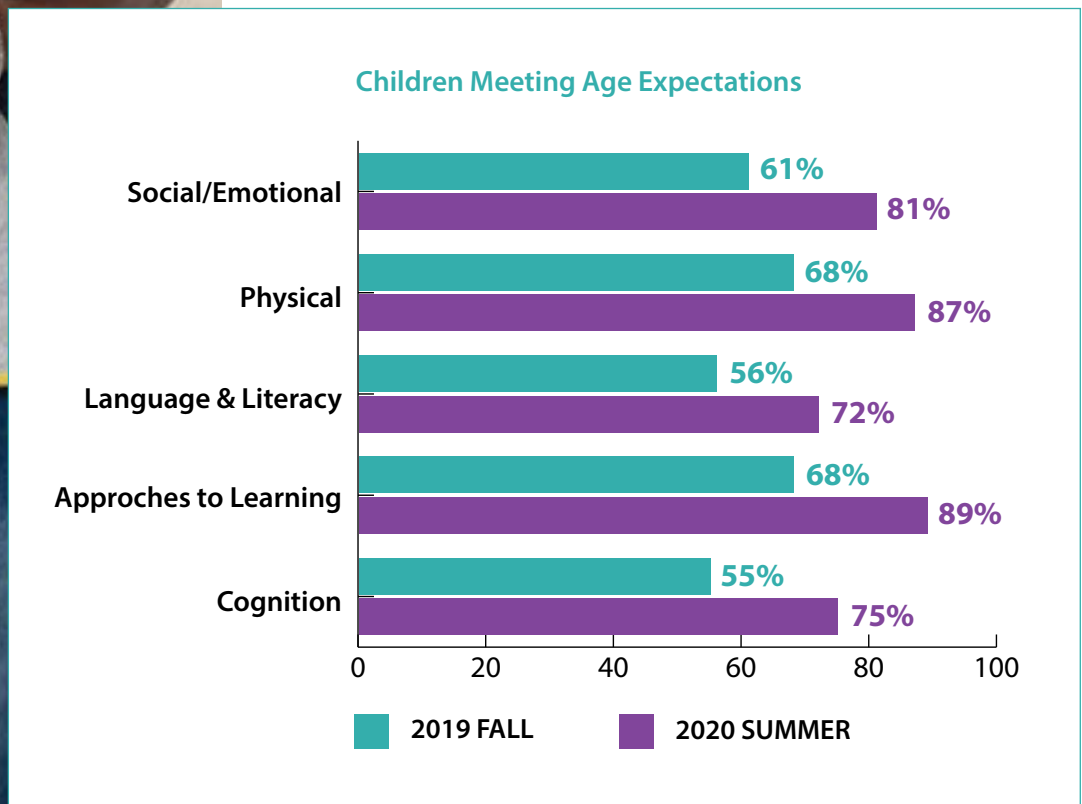
19-20 ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	HEAD START	EARLY HEAD START
Personnel Salaries	\$6,139,393	\$2,625,139
Supplies	770,785	227,326
Equipment	71,490	30,529
Construction	1,295,112	359,014
Contractual	177,617	67,894
Training	105,073	56,105
Other Expenses	1,132,995	427,587
In-kind	1,769,199	497,245
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$11,461,664</b>	<b>\$4,290,839</b>



## 2019-2020 Head Start School Readiness

Head Start, above all else, is a school-readiness program. PGCCS's School Readiness Goals are centered around the developmental areas defined in the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework (ELOF): Social-Emotional, Physical, Cognition, Language/Literacy, and Approaches to Learning. The curricula and on-going assessments that we utilize are research-based, developmentally appropriate and include parent input so we can best plan for the individual needs of each child receiving services. The 2019-20 School Readiness Goal progress shows children are attaining the developmental skills needed to be successful in the future.

**“School Readiness is achieved when children and families are engaged in positive relationships and participate in individualized services in the five domains.”**



## MEDICAL AND DENTAL



- Enrolled children that received medical exams: 55%
- Enrolled children that received dental exams: 41%

## PARENT PARTICIPATION



- Mental Health consultations provided at parent's request
- Nutrition consultations based on need and parent's request
- Health Advisory Committee
- Open House / Health Days
- Individual Health Plans / Dental Outreach
- Policy Council / Local Parent Committee
- Reading Days-children receive a book to take home
- Classroom Volunteers
- Virtual meetings due to COVID-19
- Working with their children virtually on educational activities

## FAMILY DYNAMIC



- 851 families served
- 432 single parent families
- 419 two parent families
- 551 families with one or both parents employed
- 44 with baccalaureate or advanced degree
- 268 with associate degree, vocational or some college
- 390 with high school diploma
- 149 with less than a high school diploma
- 92 homeless families
- 573 children below the poverty line
- 45 children whose families receive public assistance
- 68 foster children
- 64 children over the poverty line

## TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN



### Activities completed by sites

- Posted Kindergarten registration information and sent parents website information
- Shared Kindergarten teacher expectations with parents
- Assisted parents in completing the Kindergarten packet virtually
- Gave parents info on Kindergarten Round-Up
- Virtual lesson plans with activities and books about Kindergarten

## TRANSITIONS



- 52 transitioned from EHS to HS
- 321 transitioned from HS to Kindergarten

## VOLUNTEER LEADERS



- Casa Grande – 351 hours/child
- Apache Junction – 151 hours/child

## PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY



- Live in Pinal or Gila County
- Birth to 5 years old
- Families experiencing homelessness
- Children in foster care
- Children with disabilities up to 10% of enrollment
- Family income at or below the federal poverty level, based on family size
- Over-income with special circumstances

## FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CREDENTIAL



- 4 staff achieved

A close-up photograph of a woman with dark hair, smiling warmly as she holds a baby. The baby is wearing a light-colored onesie and has a pacifier in its mouth. The background is softly blurred, showing white fabric.

## 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

### AGENCY

Cumulative Enrollment	941
Had Health Insurance	97%
Well-Child Exams	55%
Chronic Medical Condition Diagnosed	3%
Diagnosed Received Treatment	100%
Immunizations Received	94%
Received Preventive Dental Care	68%
Diagnosed Developmental Disability	12%

### 3-5 YEAR OLDS

Received Dental Exam	41%
Underweight	4%
Normal Weight	63%
Overweight	14%
Obese	17%

### PREGNANT WOMEN

Enrollment	21
Had Health Insurance	86%
Received Prenatal Health Care	100%
Received Postpartum Health Care	76%



## Thankful For Head Start Being In My Family's Corner

*"Head Start will always be an amazing program that I would recommend to any parent. They always are on top of the child's health, needs depending on where they need support. The kids learn through play as well as music. They keep things fun and exciting for the kids. They teach them independent skills as well as social skills with their peers. They teach them the foundation they'll need for kindergarten. They support each child individually depending on needs as well as each family. When my daughter started preschool and I was a nervous wreck about setting up her first IEP, they were there to support me so that I felt at ease.*

*It's hard enough when you're a parent trying to do what's best for your kids. If you know your child needs support or is struggling, or if you just want them to be ready for the future, Head Start is a great program to have in your family's corner."*

- Fotini Sandoval

### Board of Directors

- Jesse Kraus – President
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- Alaundra Coburn – Policy Council Member
- Jacob Martin – Policy Council Member

### Communities Served

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|-----------------|----------------|
| Apache Junction | Maricopa       |
| Casa Grande     | Miami          |
| Coolidge        | Oracle         |
| Eloy            | San Manuel     |
| Florence        | San Tan Valley |
| Globe           | Stanfield      |
| Hayden          | Superior       |
| Kearny          | Toltec         |
| Mammoth         | Winkelman      |

### Directors Team

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|---|--|
| Charity Russell – CEO                         | Vanessa Mendoza – Finance Director         |
| Claudine Sabel – Health & Facilities Director | Stacy Hernandez – Human Resources Director |
| Amy Hust – Education Director                 | Carla Ramsey – Family Engagement Director  |



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## Locations

### Apache Junction Head Start

900 N. Plaza  
Apache Junction, AZ 85120

### Casa Grande Head Start

468 W. McMurray Blvd.  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

### Coolidge Head Start

227 W. Pinkley Ave.  
Coolidge, AZ 85128

### Eloy Head Start

114 E. 3rd St. / P.O. Box 293  
Eloy, AZ 85131

### Florence Head Start

40 E. Celaya St. / P.O. Box 2272  
Florence, AZ 85132

### Mammoth Head Start

110 Main St,  
Mammoth, AZ 85618

### Maricopa Head Start

44931 W. Edwards Circle / P.O. Box 629  
Maricopa, AZ 85139

### Miami Early Head Start

131 N. Plaza Circle  
Miami, AZ 85539

### San Tan Valley Head Start

301 E. Combs Rd. Room 505  
San Tan Valley, AZ 85140

### Stanfield Head Start

515 S. Stanfield Rd. / P.O. Box 205  
Stanfield, AZ 85172

### Superior Head Start

150 N. Lobb Ave. / P.O. Box 386  
Superior, AZ 85273

### Toltec Head Start

3720 N. Marsh St. / P.O. Box 74  
Eloy, AZ 85131

### Winkelman Head Start

824 Thorne Ave. / P.O. Box 678  
Winkelman, AZ 85192