
STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

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REPORT



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The Stark County Community Action Agency, a 501C (3) non-profit organization incorporated in 1981, is the federal and Ohio’s designated anti-poverty agency for Stark County, Ohio. The SCCAA is a significant program provider of services, working with commitment and creativity to promote self-sufficiency among low-income residents. The SCCAA carries out its mission through the provision of innovative, practical, and timely programs. The SCCAA impacts approximately 15,000 individuals and families annually, improving their lives, and contributing to the betterment of the Stark County community.

Community collaboration is at the heart of our work to make a significant impact within Stark County. We thank our community partners and individual donors who have assisted us in achieving our Mission.





Mission

“PROMOTE ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AMONG LOW-INCOME
FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS OF STARK COUNTY”

The Promise of Community Action

Community Action changes people’s lives,
embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities,
and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community,
and we are dedicated to helping people,
help themselves and each other.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER & GOVERNING BOARD



Rodney Reasonover
Chief Executive Officer



Frederic Scott
Board Chair

The SCCAA Governing Board is composed of citizens appointed according to the SCCAA Bylaws from within the County of Stark. The Governing Board is a policymaking governing body for all SCCAA operations. The SCCAA Governing Board delegates the day-to-day administration and program operations to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer acts on behalf of the Board in terms of policy implementation and other internal management issues.

PRIVATE SECTOR

- # **Robert Fay**
Certified Public Accountant
- # **Pastor Walter Moss**
Canton Foursquare Church
- # **Jonathan Morris**
Redinger & Morris, LLP
- # **Elizabeth Hibbs**
Early Childhood Education Alliance
- # **Pete Dennis**
First Commonwealth Bank

PUBLIC SECTOR

- # **Jerry Coleman**
Stark County Commissioners
- # **Frederic Scott**
Representative, City of Canton Mayor
- # **Edward Lohnes**
Representative, City of Alliance Mayor
- # **Frank Meister**
Representative, City of Canton Treasurer
- # **Kirk Braithwaite**
Representative, City of Massillon

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- # **Patricia Hudson-Russell**
Walnut Hills Residents Association
- # **Dyanna Myers**
Maple Beach Neighborhood Association
- # **Panther Spurlin**
SMHA Resident Association
- # **Theodore Johnson**
Affairs of the Community Neighborhood Association
- # **Alleya Tavares**
Head Start Policy Council

AGENCY PROGRAMS



*Helping people,
changing lives*

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)

- ✚ Short term help for heating and cooling costs
- ✚ Income Payment Plan Program
- ✚ Fans/air conditioners

HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HWAP)

- ✚ Repairs/Replacement – furnace and hot water tank
- ✚ Insulation
- ✚ Energy audits

HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

- ✚ Full and half-day classes
- ✚ Home-based Early Head Start services for children birth to three (3) years of age
- ✚ Social and Health Services
- ✚ Parental Involvement/Family Engagement

COMMUNITY ACTION PATHWAYS HUB

- ✚ Reducing barriers that can prevent healthy pregnancies and babies
- ✚ Community connections leading to self-sufficiency

COMMUNITY SERVICES & OUTREACH

- ✚ Goals Assets Investment Network (GAIN) (Asset Building/Financial Literacy Program)
- ✚ Senior Programs (i.e. nutrition)
- ✚ Housing (rental and mortgage) Assistance

YOUTH ENRICHMENT

- ✚ Youth Enrichment and Academic Program
- ✚ Financial Aid Boot Camp
- ✚ WIOA Employment Program
- ✚ Summer Employment

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HEAP)



6,880

HEAP HOUSEHOLDS SERVED

7,985

PIPP+ CLIENTS SERVED

- Stark County households received \$1,850,002 in assistance through SCCAA's regular HEAP and PIPP Plus Programs.

556

LIHWAP CLIENTS SERVED

- Stark County households received \$211,656.36 in assistance through SCCAA's Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.

1,325

SCP CLIENTS SERVED

- Stark County households received \$385,245.95 in assistance through the Summer Crisis Program.

1,815

WCP CLIENTS SERVED

- Stark County households received \$383,233.17 in assistance through the Winter Crisis Program.

HOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (HWAP)



The Home Weatherization Assistance Program, commonly referred to as HWAP, is a U.S. Department of Energy-funded program designed to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption, making utility bills more affordable, as well as improve the client's health and safety concerns.

SCCAA employs certified staff and credentialed home contractors. Services are available to qualified homeowners and renters who meet established federal program guidelines. Participants in the program receive an energy audit to determine the most cost-effective measures for improved residential energy efficiency. Subsequent to audit, a plan for improving the home's energy efficiency is determined, as well as consumer education to better manage energy usage.

THE PLAN MAY INCLUDE:

- Safety inspection, tune-up/repair (replacement , if necessary)
- Insulation of water tanks (replacement if necessary)
- Insulation of sidewalls
- Insulation of heating ducts
- Insulation of floors
- Insulation of attics
- Reduction of air leakage from major sources
- Personalized energy management plans

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HOMES WERE WEATHERIZED



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START



493 Head Start Children Served

124 Early Head Start Children

Served

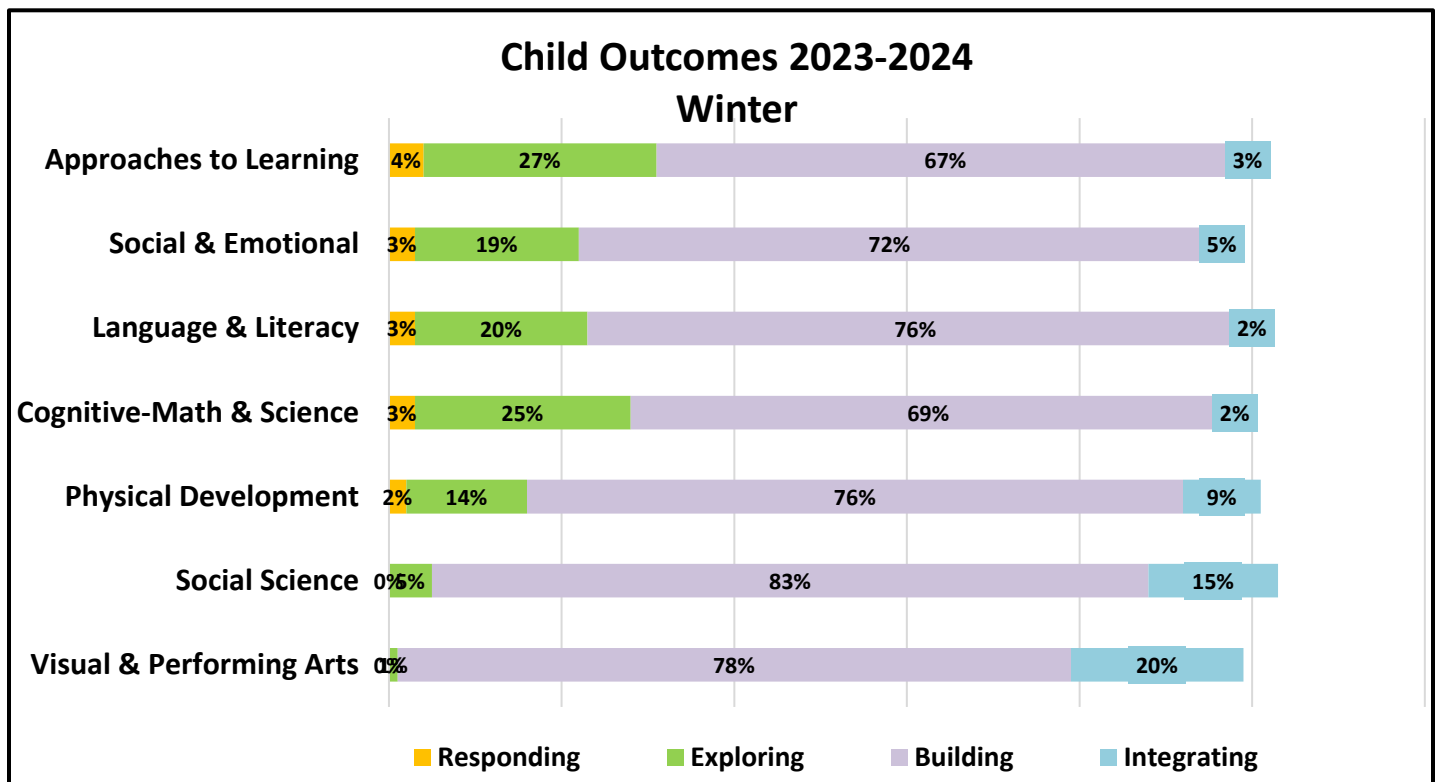
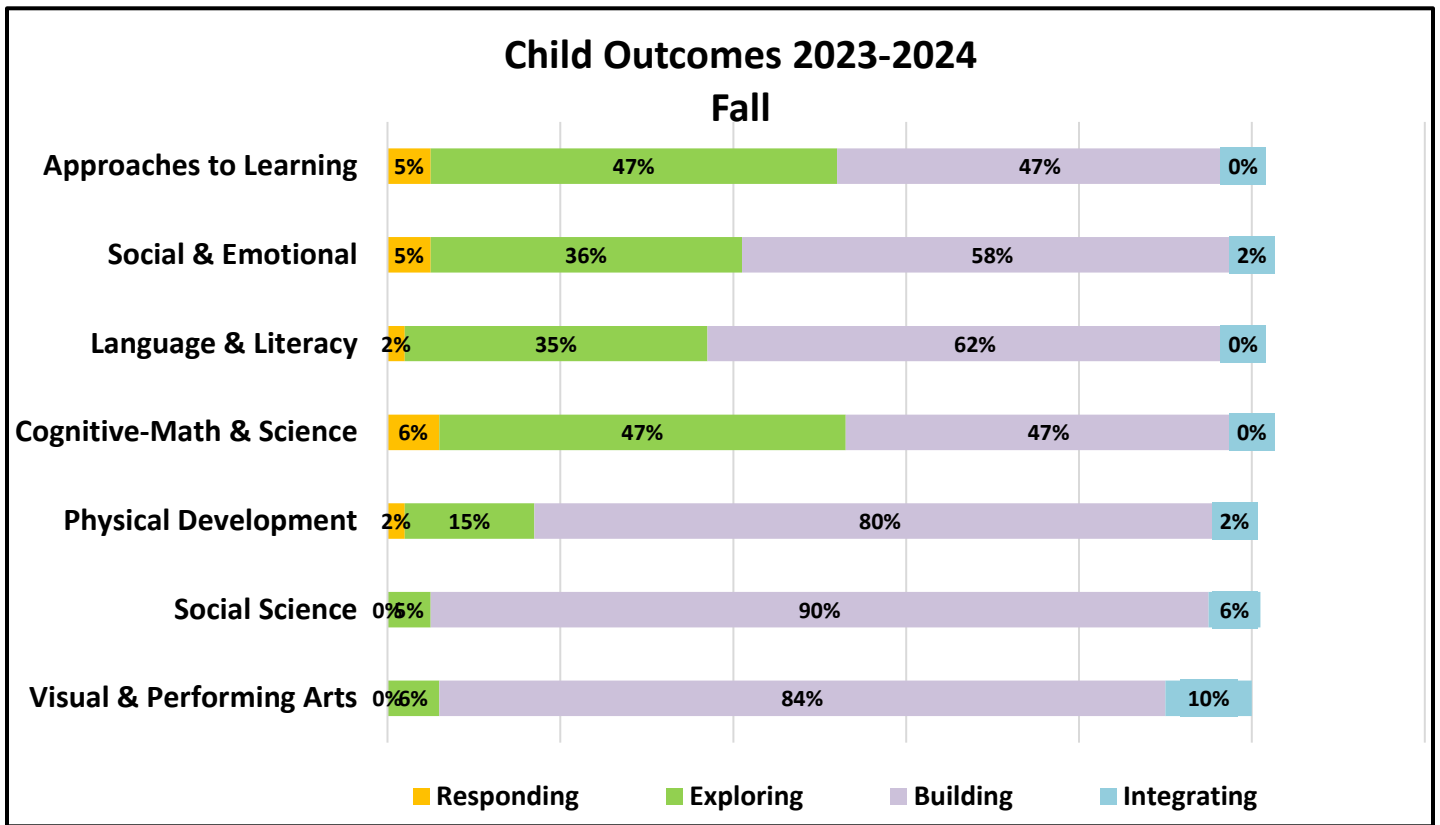
Head Start is a national commitment to give every child an opportunity to succeed in school and in life. SCCAA's Head Start and Early Head Start program has provided quality early childhood education and services to the children and families of Stark County since 1991.

The SCCAA's Head Start and Early Head Start program continues to respond to the challenging effects of the COVID-19 pandemic while remaining focused on the goal of preparing Stark County children for kindergarten success.

SCCAA Head Start participates in the Stark County Transition Skills Summary (TSS) Initiative, a collaborative project in Stark County that increases the connection between preschools and kindergarten programs. The TSS provides program and county-wide data to help with program planning and to guide teacher professional development in the program and in the community. The TSS also provides an individual parent report for each child on ways to help build skills for kindergarten.

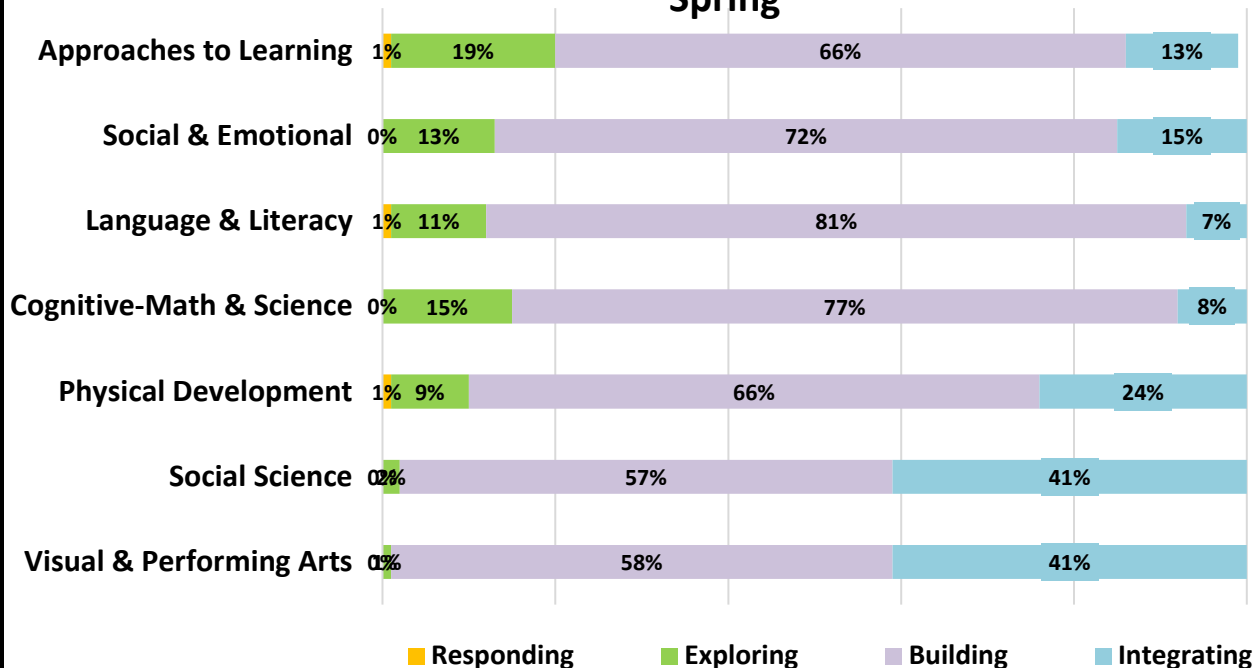
All Head Start classrooms participate in Artful Living and Learning. Artful Living and Learning is an integration program utilizing the arts to creatively teach Ohio Early Learning and Development Standards to preschoolers. Teaching artists visit each classroom weekly to deliver the arts curriculum to the Head Start children.

SCCAA Head Start and Early Head benefit greatly from the community connections that enhance the goals and objectives of the program.



Child Outcomes 2023-2024

Spring



The data above reflects child outcomes for the final data collection utilizing the Desired Results Developmental Progress (DRDP) tool. The DRDP is a strength-based assessment that considers the wide range of typical development at any age by offering positive descriptions of children’s knowledge and skills across a broad continuum of development and learning rather than compared to the average learning and developmental progress of a large group of children. The **Responding** level reflects children in the beginning levels of skill development while the **Exploring** levels shows learning progress. The **Building** level of the DRDP generally corresponds to children’s mastery of skills for kindergarten readiness. The **Integrating** level of the DRDP shows that children are beginning to demonstrate kindergarten level skills.

The foundations that are assessed provide teachers, parents, and the public with a clear understanding of the wide range of knowledge and skills that preschool children typically attain when participating in a high-quality preschool program. The DRDP is a child observation tool aligned with the foundations. The DRDP provides teachers with a means to assess children’s learning along a continuum of different developmental levels. The foundations and the DRDP are to be used together to plan the environment, play, learning activities and instruction to meet the needs of the children and provide a high-quality preschool experience.





Mission Statement

To empower at-risk individuals to overcome the social determinants of health and racial inequities in order to elevate the health of Stark



Vision Statement

To challenge systematic barriers and ignite change that ensures that everyone has access to the services, tools, and resources necessary to promote good health and

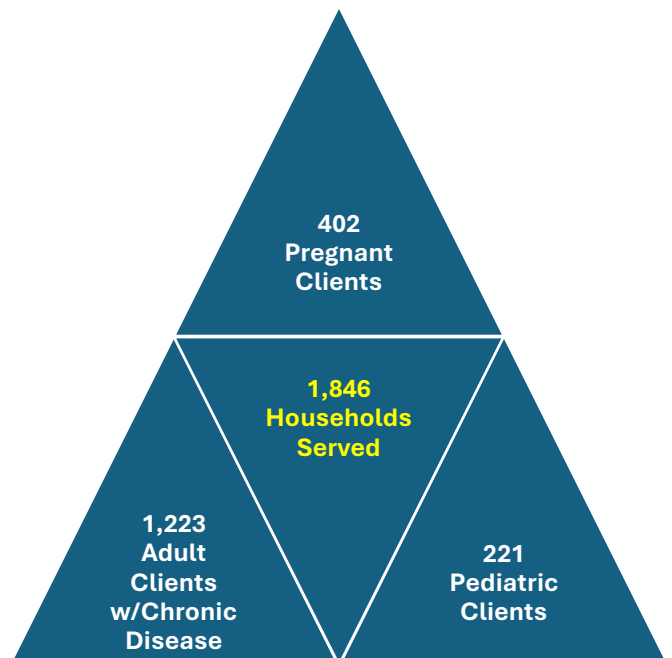
- ❖ **Identify** - Identify at risk individuals in need of services and assign them to a Community Health Worker (CHW) who, with their consent, will complete a comprehensive needs and risk assessment and enroll them into the CAPHUB.
- ❖ **Connect** - Connect clients to services, tools, and resources in the community that align with the Pathways opened as a result of the needs and risk assessment.
- ❖ **Empower** - Empower, support, encourage, and advocate for clients as they strive toward self-sufficiency as they complete Pathways.

Contracted Managed Care Organizations

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| ✚ Buckeye Health | ✚ Humana |
| ✚ CareSource | ✚ Molina |
| ✚ Elevance/Anthem | ✚ United Healthcare |

Contracted Care Coordination Agencies

- ✚ Access Health Stark County
- ✚ Akron Children’s Hospital
- ✚ My Community Health Center
- ✚ Stark Community Support Network
- ✚ Stark County Health Department
- ✚ Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority
- ✚ YWCA Canton

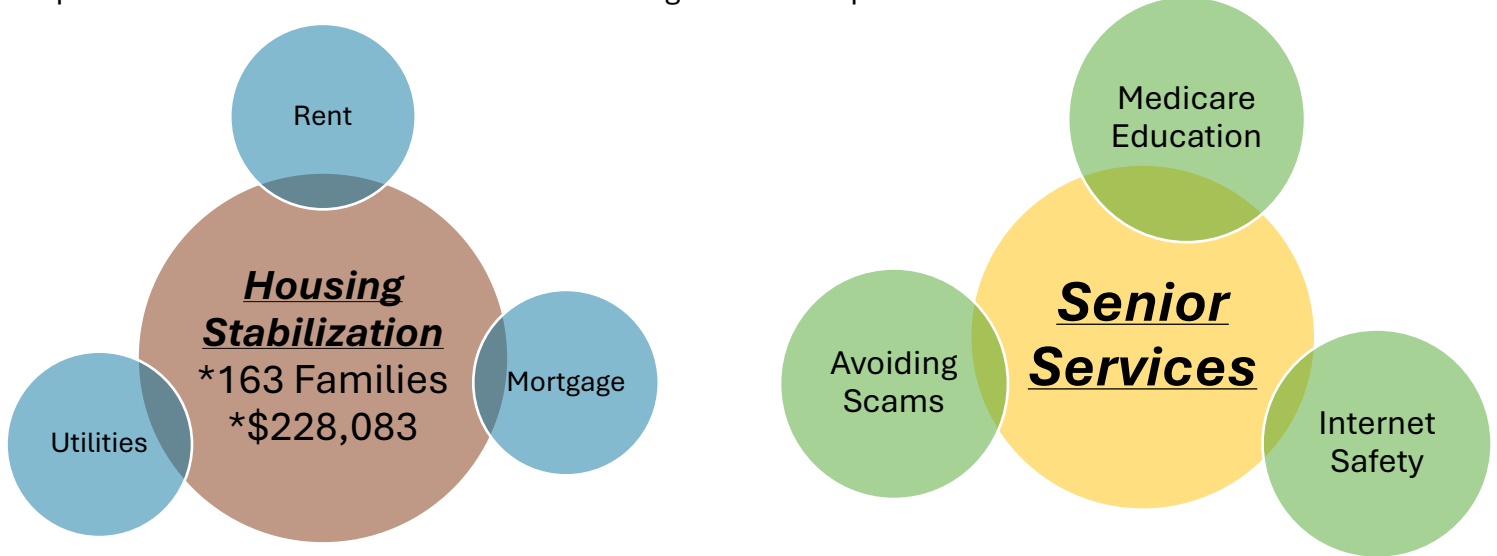


COMMUNITY SERVICES & OUTREACH



In 2024, Stark County Community Action Agency Community Services Department provided programs that not only stabilized families in the areas of housing and food but also provided programs that allowed families to become one step closer to self-sufficiency.

In an effort to provide some food stability, relief to 108 families, primarily seniors and those with emergency food shortages, received \$100 in food vouchers from Sav-A-Lot Grocery Stores. In addition, seniors received social interaction programs, as well as guidance from Medicare and Medicaid professionals to assist them in understanding their health plans.



Community Outreach

- ✚ Emergency Services were provided to Waynesburg Indian Run residents when their complex caught on fire and to Queen Esther's Village in Canton after storms lead to the loss of their electricity.
- ✚ Participation in several community events including: Point-in-Time Count with the Homeless Continuum of Care; Youth Night Out with Project Rebuild; and the Annual Father's Day Walk with the Stark County Fatherhood Initiative.

YOUTH ENRICHMENT



In 2024, the Stark County Community Action Agency (SCCAA) utilized \$70,000 of City of Canton ARPA funding for the Youth Enrichment and Academics Program (YEAP). YEAP was a year-round program for 14-15 year-olds that concentrated on academic retention, soft skills, community service, and enrichment activities.



College Readiness

21 High School Graduates Assisted

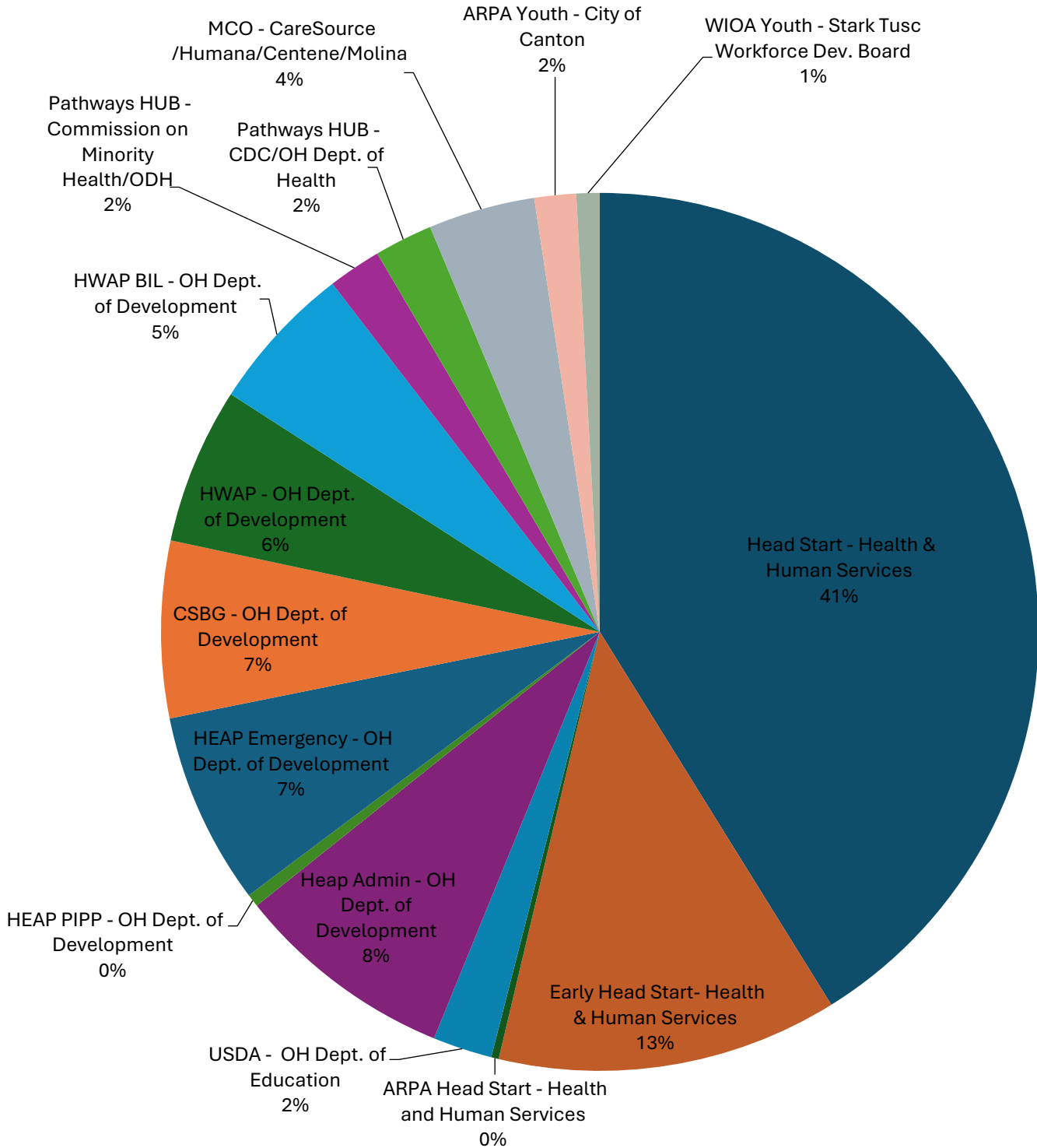
12 Students participated in the Financial Aid Boot Camp

9 College-bound seniors received laptops and other college essentials

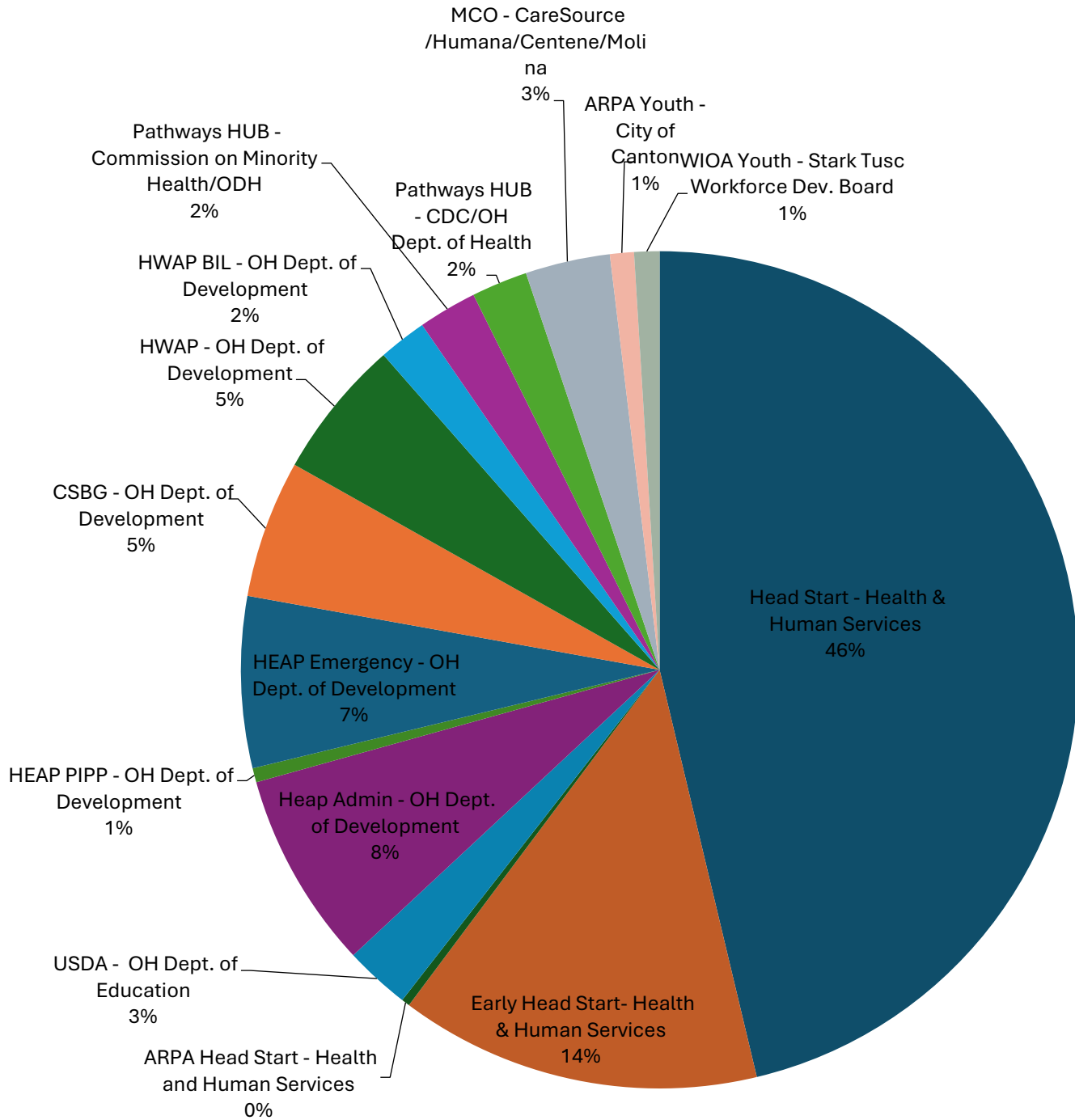
11 Students received graduation pathway assistance

SCCAA FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2024

SCCAA REVENUE BY PROGRAM - CY2024



SCCAA EXPENSES BY CATEGORY - CY2024



SCCAA Community Partners

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| Administration For Children & Families (ACF) | Goodwill | OH State University Extension Office |
| Akron Canton Food Bank | Greater Stark County Urban League | Oxford Place |
| Akron Children's Hospital | Habitat for Humanity | Partnership for Advancing Community Health (PACH) |
| All Star Kids | Heart of OH Diaper Bank | Perry Local Schools |
| Alliance City Schools | Help Me Grow | Phoenix Rising |
| Alliance Commons | Humana | Plain Local Schools |
| Alliance Pregnancy Center | HWS Best Health Consulting | Project Rebuild |
| Alliance Public Library | I-CAN | Queen Esther's Village |
| AmeriHealth | Jackson Local Schools | RG Drage Career Technical Center |
| Anthem | JRC Learning Center | RMS Media |
| Artful Living & Learning | Junior League of Stark County | Rodman Public Library |
| Aspire | Kent State University – Stark & Tuscarawas Campus | Ross College |
| Aultman Hospital | KeyBank | Salvation Army |
| Beacon Charitable Pharmacy | Lake Local Schools | Sandy Valley Local Schools |
| Bear Hugs | League of Women Voters | SARTA |
| Bio-Med Science Academy | Lions Club of Massillon | Sequoia Wellness |
| Buckeye Health Plan | Little Flower Church | SNAP – Ohio State University |
| Canton City Schools | Louisville Local Schools | Senior Servicing Insurance Partners (SSIP) |
| Canton Local Schools | Love Bugs & Ladybugs | Stark Blessing Box Initiative |
| Canton Parks & Recreation | Macy's | Stark Community Support Network (SCSN) |
| Canton Preparatory School | Malone University | Stark County Fair |
| Canton Symphony Orchestra | Marlington Local Schools | Stark County Health Department |
| CareSource | Massillon City Schools | Stark County Jaycees |
| Case Western Reserve University Dental | Medicare Solutions | Stark County Prosecutor's Office |
| City of Alliance | Mentor Stark | Stark County Re-Entry Program |
| City of Canton | Mercy/Cleveland Clinic Hospital | Stark Education Partnership |
| City of Massillon | Minerva Local Schools | Stark Education Service Center |
| Commission on Minority Health | Molina Healthcare | Stark Library |
| Community Building Partnership | Mount Union University | Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority (SMHA) |
| Community Health Workers for CCR | My Community Health Center | Stark State College |
| Community Speech | NAACP | Summit Academy |
| CommQuest | North Canton City Schools | Tuslaw Local Schools |
| CSE Federal Credit Union | Northwest Local Schools | Union Baptist Church |
| East Akron Neighborhood Development Corporation (EANDC) | OH Department of Children and Youth (ODCY) | United Healthcare |
| Early Childhood Education Alliance | OH Department of Development (ODOD) | University of Akron |
| Early Childhood Resource Center | OH Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) | Walsh University |
| Fair Play Child Care | OhioKan | Wright Prep Academy |
| Fairless Local Schools | OH Head Start Association, Inc. (OHSAI) | YMCA |
| First Commonwealth Bank | Osnauburg Local Schools | YWCA |