

Community Assessment Update 2019

Every five years, Head Start is required to prepare a comprehensive Community Assessment. This is a lengthy process which involves staff, parents, board members, policy council members and community partners in the collection of information. This process provides a foundation for better understanding the needs of the target population as well as a format for measuring the impact the Head Start Program has in the community. Ultimately, the Community Assessment serves as a fundamental tool used in all aspects of planning and policy making.

During each subsequent year following the full community assessment, the program is required to prepare a Community Assessment update. The update scans the past year for changes in the community which may impact the Head Start program and the families and children the program serves.

The overall goal of this agency is to create programs which foster the well-being of families and children through empowerment and self-sufficiency. Doing so would be impossible without knowledge about the community and its needs. The goal of this assessment is to look at how the characteristics of the community contribute to factors which affect families and ultimately the agency's programs.

A comprehensive Community Assessment was prepared in 2017. The 2019 Community Assessment update was prepared in January 2019 and has been formatted for updates as follows:

- Part One: FCAA Head Start Grantee
- Part Two: Publically Funded Pre-K
- Part Three: Child Homelessness
- Part Four: Significant Community Changes
- Part Five: Typical work, school and training schedules

Part One: FCAA Head Start Grantee:

The service area for FCAA Head Start is Fulton and Montgomery Counties. There are currently six sites located in both rural and urban areas. FCAA operates as the Grantee site and operates sites located in Amsterdam, (108 children) Fonda-Fultonville (18 children), Oppenheim Ephratah St. Johnsville (14 children), Canajoharie (16 children, 14 UPK), Fort Plain (16 children) and in Gloversville (113 children).

Grantee Head Start (Amsterdam, St. Johnsville, Fonda, Canajoharie, Fort Plain & Gloversville):

The Amsterdam Head Start program serves 108 children: Seven full day classrooms: Five four-year-old classrooms and two three-year-old classrooms operating 7 ½ hours per day Monday-Thursday and 4 ½ hours on Friday, 10 months per year.

The Fonda-Fultonville program located in the Fonda-Fultonville Central School District provides Head Start services to 18 children ages three and four, with a full day, 7 hour, 5 days per week, 10 months per year program.

The Oppenheim Ephratah St. Johnsville Program, located in the OESJ school district at 61 Monroe Street in St. Johnsville, provides Head Start services to 14 children ages three and four, with a full day, 6 hour, 5 days per week, 10 months per year program.

The Canajoharie program located in the Canajoharie Elementary School provides Head Start services to 33 children ages three and four, with a full day, 6 hour, 5 days a week, 10 months per year program.

The Fort Plain program located in the Fort Plain Elementary School provides Head Start services to 16 children ages three and four, with a full day, 6 hour, 5 days a week, 10 months per year program.

The Gloversville site is located in the Gloversville Enlarged School District at the McNab Elementary School, operates two split session (am/pm), 3 ½ hours per day, 10 months per year, and four days a week as well as three six hour classroom, five days per week, 7 ½ hours a day for 10 months a year. We provide 113 children with programming.

Part two: Publically Funded Pre-K:

<u>School District</u>	<u>County Served</u>	<u>16-17 UPK enrollment district classrooms</u>	<u>16-17 CBO UPK enrollment</u>	<u>17-18 UPK enrollment in district classrooms</u>	<u>17-18 CBO UPK enrollment</u>	<u>18-19 UPK enrollment in district classrooms</u>	<u>18-19 CBO enrollment</u>
Gloversville	Fulton	66	66	72	61	72	64
Johnstown	Fulton	74	7	74	7	72	6
Mayfield	Fulton	36	0	36	0	38	0
Northville	Fulton	11	0	11	0	18	0
OESJ	Fulton	32	0	32	0	31	0
Broadalbin-Perth	Fulton	84	0	90	0	90	0
Amsterdam	Montgomery	104	180	108	180	108	180
Canajoharie	Montgomery	48	19	48	19	32	23
FFCS	Montgomery	36	0	52	0	54	0
Fort Plain	Montgomery	52	0	50	0	36	0

Johnstown School District UPK programs currently have 49 students enrolled and does not have a wait list.

Fonda Fultonville School District UPK programs are fully enrolled with a wait list.

Northville School District UPK programs are not fully enrolled and do not have a wait list.

Gloversville School District UPK programs are not fully enrolled and do not have a wait list.

Amsterdam School District UPK programs are fully enrolled with a waitlist.
 Canajoharie School District UPK programs are fully enrolled with a waitlist.
 Broadalbin-Perth School District programs are fully enrolled with a waitlist.
 Fort Plain School District programs are fully enrolled with a waitlist.

Part Three: Homelessness:

School District	County Served	<u>15-16 students identified as homeless</u>	<u>16-17 students identified as homeless</u>	<u>17-18 students identified A homeless</u>	<u>18-19 students identified as homeless</u>
Gloversville	Fulton	43	26	10	29
Johnstown	Fulton	28	NA	NA	12
Mayfield	Fulton	21	NA	NA	20
Northville	Fulton	14	11	10	6
OESJ	Fulton	9	14	NA	12
Broadalbin-Perth	Fulton	NA	9	NA	1
Amsterdam	Montgomery	118	9-prek only	5-prek only	95
Canajoharie	Montgomery	14	24	29	11
FFCS	Montgomery	42	48	14	30
Fort Plain	Montgomery	17	2	4	11

Part Four: Shifts in community demographics & Resources:

Currently there is not a significant change in community demographics or resources. The Dollar General Distribution Center is still in the construction phase however when it does open it will open 500 full time jobs.

Part Five: Part Five: Typical work, school and training schedules: Through a parent survey completed in January 2019 the following information was collected.

104 surveys were collected

- 67% of the parents responding outlined they are working.
- Currently the following local employers were employing our parents: Walmart, local fast food businesses, Target, health care field and Fulmont.
- 93% of our families responded that our program hours met their family needs.

Fulton & Montgomery Counties

Estimated children 3-5 years eligible for Head Start Program
Based on children under 18 poverty levels

