



Tompkins County

Tompkins Community Action

2015 Budget

Recommended Budget

	2014 Modified	2015 Recommended	\$ Change	% Change
Expenditures	\$206,620	\$208,060	\$1,440	0.70%
Net Local	\$206,620	\$208,060	\$1,440	0.70%

Early Education for Families Living in Poverty

- The Tompkins County Poverty Rate is 20.3%, 15.8% for children under the age of 18 and 38.7% for families with a female head of household.
- Families of three in New York living at the poverty level (\$19,790 - 2014-2015 Federal Poverty Limits) would have to pay almost 58% of their income for full-time care in a family child care home for an infant/toddler.
- New York is #2 in the Top Ten Least Affordable States for Center Based Infant/Toddler Care.
- Children who start kindergarten without the benefit of pre-k programming arrive at school without the skills needed for success, over 85 percent are still behind in 4th grade.
- As Head Start celebrates its 50th Anniversary it remains one of our greatest anti-poverty programs with outcomes that continue to support our country's common goals.

Program Services

- Early Head Start (EHS) classrooms will serve infants/toddlers and their families, in a high need rural county location, providing innovative, safe learning environments.
- EHS provides 2/3 of child's daily nutrition, parent trainings and literacy events.
- Provides Health and Nutrition screenings; and supports families in obtaining services both public and private.
- Curriculum, aligned with NYS Common Core, supports children's measurable development and expands parent/guardian role as a child's most important teacher.
- Family engagement activities support working families moving out of poverty, tuition funding for parents/guardians and life skill trainings.
- Site provides for long term enrollment, 4-5 years, building trusting staff relationships and expanding families' networks and community involvement.
- TCAction EHS program links families and school districts to achieve school readiness goals as children transition to kindergarten.

Local Need

- Group Family Childcare regulations, such as space requirements, limits of only 2 children in the age group 1-2, has limited the expansion of Group Family Childcare options in NYS.
- Currently, only one child care provider is licensed (public or private) in Dryden that serve 1 or 2 year old children – TC3.
- TCAction currently has more than 20 applications for program services for this age group and location.
- Of those applicants; 12 are currently eligible for Child Care Vouchers; a DSS County benefit cost of up to \$ 231 weekly - \$ 11,550 per family for 50 weeks. Direct County savings, extension of scarce resources.

Leveraging Funding

\$127,000	Wages (two teachers, family partner & support aide)
29,700	Fringe Benefits @ 23.4%
24,000	Consumables (supplies, food, training, events, etc.)
<u>19,300</u>	Operations (space, utilities, etc.)
\$ 200,000	Two classrooms / 50 weeks /serving 20 families
\$ 200,000	Program cost - \$ 10,000.00 per year / per family
<u>-50,000</u>	County funding
\$ 150,000	Federal Grant funding

Over-Target Requests Partly Supported by the Tentative Budget

Page #	OTR #	Priority	Req. OTR	Req. Source	Rec. OTR	Rec. Source	Purpose
5-56	49	1	\$50,000	Target	\$25,000	Target	Support two Early Head Start classroom teachers in Dryden