

Western Carolina Community Action / WNCSource
 Disabilities Waiver Request for 2022.2023

Our disability enrollment numbers (January 13, 2023):

	04HP000306	04CH011737		04HP000443	
	CCP - EHS	HS	EHS	EHS-Ex	Total
Number enrolled that qualify for Services through IDEA	3	19	7	0	29
Actual Enrollment	45	82	56	12	196
Percentage with disabilities	7%	23%	13%	0%	15%

Funded Enrollment	80	185	120	99	484
Percentage with disabilities	4%	10%	6%	0%	6%

While we have not been able to reach the 10% of funded enrollment disability requirement in all of our programs, we have reached 10% of actual enrollment already in one of our grants and will likely reach it in another grant. This lets us know that our selection criteria is placing children with disabilities at the highest level of receiving an enrolment spot.

Our enrollment numbers have been low this program year so far due to the inability to open classrooms with qualified educators.

We are screening children for developmental and behavioral concerns in collaboration with families in their first month of enrollment and starting referrals sooner than we have in previous years. We are also noticing an increase in referrals for children with speech and language concerns. In conversations with our partnering Speech and Language Therapists, we suspect that these delays are due to the masking requirements during formative language development phases.

We have Interagency Agreements with all of our Local Education Agencies and work collaboratively with each to ensure that referrals are expedited as much as possible. Previous to the pandemic, we had received numerous referrals from our LEA partnerships and this has not been happening nearly as frequently. Birth to Three services have seen a decline in referrals and families not wanting child care for birth to three due to the pandemic.

We are in partnership with our Local Interagency Community Council and their Child Find efforts and were a part of their campaign to bring awareness of Child Find to our local pediatricians offices and included our direct information.