



Downeast Community Partners

2023 Lifespan Opportunities Report

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Dear DCP Friends and Neighbors,

The past year has been a challenging one for the families and communities of Downeast Maine. All of us know that too many of our neighbors do not have enough good, healthy food and secure, safe housing. Families struggle with finding childcare of any type, let alone the high-quality early childhood education that prepares kids for success. The nursing home system in our region is in a state of crisis, and family caregivers often work both day and night to fill the gaps. Downeast Community Partners (DCP) has seen record demand for help across our programs.

Our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to help our neighbors meet these challenges. Local community members have generously donated their time and resources. In this report, you will see the outcomes of this effort which represent impact in the lives of the community members we serve. Staff and volunteers have also worked to make sure that how we do this important work consistently reflects our shared values of dignity, compassion, and possibility.

On behalf of the Board, I express our deepest gratitude to DCP's staff and volunteers and to the donors and partners who have invested in this shared effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charles Rudelitch, President
Effective January 2024



***Celebrating five years serving our
communities together.***

From Our Executive Director



In 2023, a significantly greater number of Washington and Hancock County citizens turned to Downeast Community Partners (DCP) with a critical need for basic necessities. Our neighbors contacted us daily seeking assistance for a wide range of needs—a warm home, repair of a leaky roof, early child care and education for children and families, support for our neighbors who are aging in place, maternal and child health nursing services, transportation to a medical appointment, a car repair to get to work, and many more. In each case, we sought to respond to both the neighbor and the need in a manner consistent with our values of dignity, compassion, and possibility.

DCP's compassionate response to these crucial needs begins with our frontline employees who work diligently every day to meet the needs of community members. Our dedicated employees help our neighbors navigate through the process of obtaining resources, from determining eligibility and following the guidelines of contractual obligations to celebrating the “wins” with the neighbor in need when the resources are provided. When necessary, our employees are also knowledgeable and prepared to refer individuals to our robust network of community partners when the resource needed is not one DCP provides. Our staff and volunteers so deserve the credit for our impact in the lives of those we serve together.

Also in 2023, DCP had several Board members whose terms ended after many years of dedicated service. We honor and appreciate their long-term contributions to our mission. The resulting transition to new Board members and officers being elected has brought new expertise and thoughtful leadership to our Governing Board. Similarly, we have new employees and leadership that have embraced this season of change and our steps forward in the “whole family approach” to provision of services, reducing the silos of services and increasing integration and interconnectedness between our programs and resources.

As we continually endeavor to improve the quality and quantity of our response to community needs as indicated by community needs assessments, what remains constant is continuous improvement processes—advancing DCP's impact for our most vulnerable community members. The challenges will always be present, but more so, is our commitment to find solutions, through innovation, persistence, and collaboration with state and local partners. It is an honor, privilege, and obligation to serve Washington and Hancock counties' citizens that trust DCP to respond when they are most vulnerable and in need. Our roots in the community are deep, nourished and strengthened through the historical and collective work of our founding organizations to offer hope, support, and tangible resources. It's what we have done, are doing, and will persevere to do—with our volunteers, staff, Board, faithful donors, community, and local and state partners.

With Appreciation,

Rebecca Palmer, Executive Director

Early Childhood Programs



“My child experienced growth in his academic skills and abilities and how he reacts in a structured school setting. I also learned how to communicate about my child’s needs better.”
—An Early Childhood Programs parent

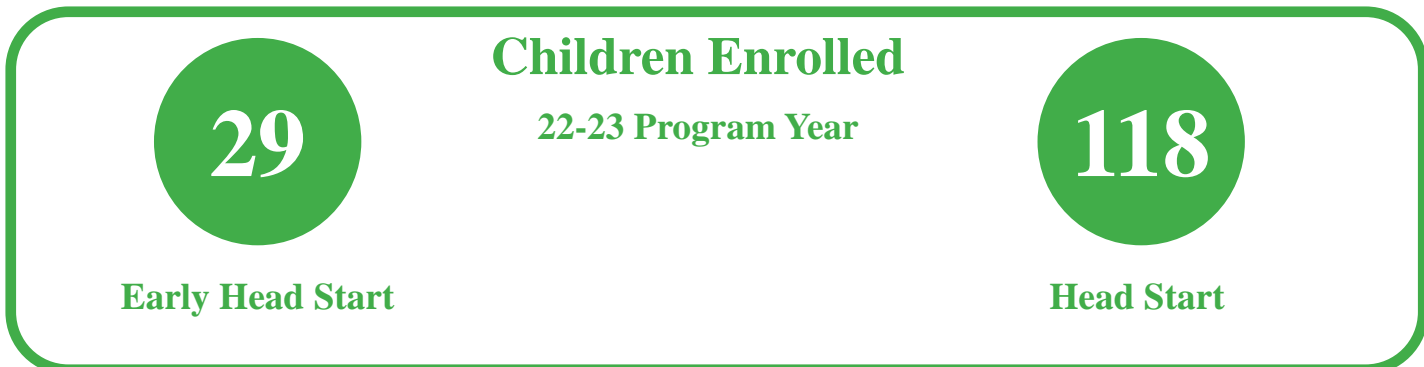
Downeast Community Partners Early Childhood Education Department had another successful year. As the Head Start grantee for Hancock and Washington counties, we provide comprehensive services to children and their families.

A few of our 2022-2023 successes:

- DCP Early Childhood Programs moved beyond many of the special considerations and limitations created by COVID-19, getting back to the foundations of Head Start, reimplementing routines, materials, and family style meals.
- Despite the impact of nationwide staffing challenges reaching DCP in 2023, our Early Childhood Programs maintained stable leadership and service continuity thanks to the dedication of our center coordinators and content area managers.
- Our trauma training, our content management team, and our mental health consultant provided staff with tools to support the increased number of children and families experiencing mental health challenges.
- Our staff advanced use of the ChildPlus database for more efficient reporting, data collection, and information sharing.
- We also had continued success with our on-going assessment program (COR) which provides clear, real time information regarding children’s growth and development. This information is regularly shared with families, the Parent Policy Council, and DCP’s Board of Directors to guide our classroom curriculum and ensure all children are progressing in their development and school readiness skills.

A few of our 2022-2023 successes continued:

- We identified the need for a screening team to complete development screenings including hearing, vision and height and weight screening. We began piloting this approach to provide consistency across sites, enabling us to complete screenings earlier and address needs for referrals.
- We fully implemented our Family-Centered Coaching services and Whole Family Approach into our programs.
- We hired an Education Coach to truly support teachers in meeting their goals.
- We developed relationships with potential school partners through community meetings and conversation.
- We were represented on the Shared Community Health Needs Assessment.



Comprehensive services look different for each child and family. We set goals determined by parents to support their child’s development and meet their family needs by:

- Accommodating special diets due to food allergies or health needs.
- Providing financial assistance to complete medical and dental screenings and follow up.
- Identifying and supporting families to use community resources to reach their goals.
- Delivering food to families through our collaboration with The Good Shepard Food Bank.
- Providing opportunities for parents to learn skills and receive pertinent information through our parent training and education plan.
- Having family coaches work with parents one-on-one to overcome barriers and increase family well-being.
- Partnering with community members and agencies, sharing resources and information to better serve our community.
- Using our voices and those of parents to advocate for change around what matters to them.
- Supporting parents through every step of the referral process to get services in place for their children.
- Working with receiving schools to facilitate successful transitions for families and children.

Percentage of Children Receiving Medical and Dental Exams

Exam Type	Early Head Start	Head Start
Medical	62%	54%
Dental	28%	25%

Who did we serve in the 22-23 program year?

- 59 two parent families
- 12 one parent families
- 12 children living in foster families or kinship care
- 23 children and families living without homes (nearly double the number without homes in 21-22)

During 22-23, through its partnership with Family Futures Downeast, DCP served:

9
families

at Washington County Community College

10
children

13
families

at University of Maine, Machias

19
children



97%

Early Head Start

Average Monthly Enrollment

22-23 Program Year

46%

Head Start

Note: Head Start enrollment remained low in PY 23 due to lower class sizes and fewer classrooms as a result of space issues and residual pandemic issues.

Family Engagement

The success of DCP’s early care and education programs hinges on the partnerships we build with the families of the children we serve. Our goal is to help both parents and children gain the skills they need to support a bright future.

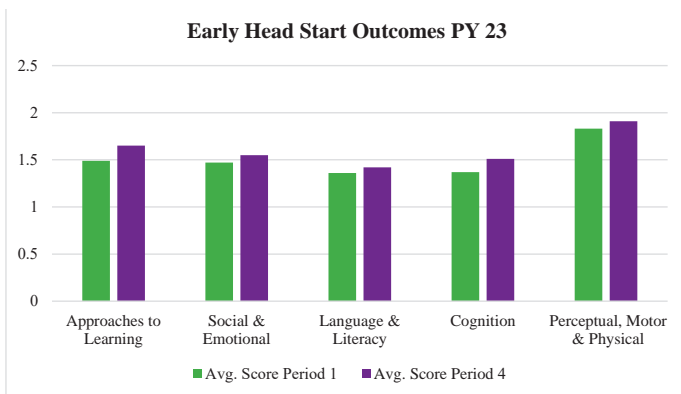
In Early Head Start and Head Start combined during 22-23—



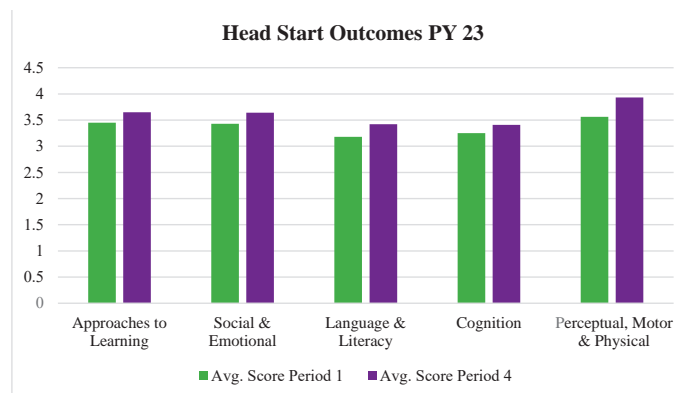
I was given tips on how to get my oldest child to communicate more and to work on his speech. Also, I was provided with ideas on how to work on my youngest child’s skills. —An Early Childhood Programs parent

School Readiness

DCP’s School Readiness Goals reflect an ongoing process of learning and development, utilizing High Scope’s “Key Development Indicators.”



DCP’s most recent review by the Office of Head Start can be viewed here: <https://www.downeastcommunitypartners.org/docs/head-start-review-results-2018.pdf>



*“The staff at DCP is doing an absolutely amazing job, and we wouldn’t choose any other place for our children.”
—An Early Childhood Programs parent*



We greatly enhanced our playgrounds this year, providing additional outdoor learning opportunities.

Head Start Department Financial Activity Fiscal Year October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget
REVENUES		
Grants and Contracts	\$ 3,458,647	\$ 3,907,942
Program Fees	471,086	639,000
Contributions	92,951	5,000
Investment Income	31,680	37,812
Gain/(Losses) on Investmen	88,407	-
In-Kind Revenue	433,716	579,168
Other Revenue	4,122	6,000
Total	\$ 4,580,608	\$ 5,174,922

	Actual	Budget
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,174,214	\$ 2,138,915
Employee Fringe Benefits	736,420	840,665
Travel	36,618	23,569
Training	27,700	37,506
Office Costs	18,637	16,249
Insurance	40,460	31,284
Telecommunications	52,863	41,606
Space Costs	82,205	175,152
Contracted Services	155,158	54,447
Materials and Supplies	102,289	108,062
Direct Client Assistance	334,310	382,352
Transporting Clients	4,080	2,500
Minor Equipment Costs	267,080	99,745
Administration	301,280	364,821
Interest Expense	538	3
In-Kind Expenditures	433,716	579,168
Miscellaneous	112,344	170,332
Total	\$ 4,879,912	\$ 5,066,376.00
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (299,304)	\$ 108,546

These figures are unaudited. To view the complete audited financial statements, including notes, please contact Kris Franklin at kris.franklin@dcpcap.org.

Housing Services

“Thank you for coming to our house to repair our ceilings. We wanted you to know how grateful we are for all of your efforts. They look great.”
— Housing Services recipients



During FY23, DCP Housing Services completed:

109 heating system repairs or replacements

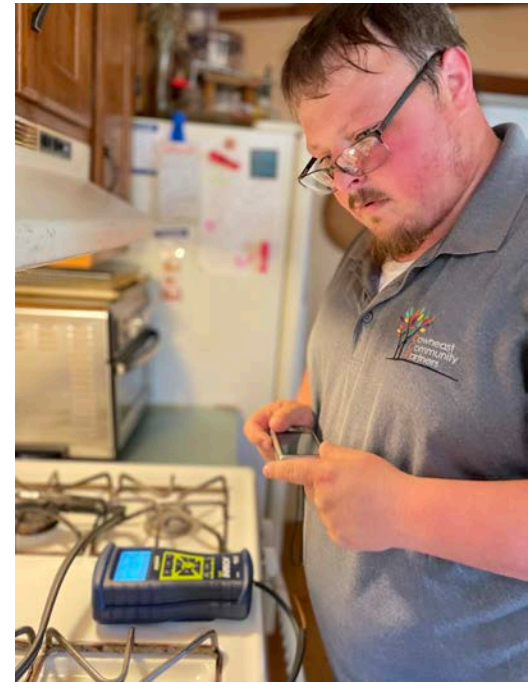
104 heat pump installations

16 home weatherization jobs

11 above ground oil storage tank replacements

6 Maine Housing home accessibility and repair jobs

Training of **2** new Home Energy Professional Quality Control Inspectors



Weatherization



*“I lost my husband last year, and I am just so grateful to Richard and the crew from DCP for weatherizing my home. When they said I qualified for a heat pump, I think I cried.”
— A home weatherization recipient*

In 2023, DCP expanded home weatherization capacity through strategic partnerships.

First, a State of Maine grant for capacity-building in the field of weatherization allowed us to provide a 20-week paid weatherization installer training program to a cohort of nine individuals. In the first four weeks, participants gained skills and certifications necessary to be employed as a weatherization technician. Participants successfully completing this phase of the program were eligible to earn three college credits through our partnership with Washington County Community College. The remaining 16 weeks of the program was on-the-job training working as a weatherization technician.

Certifications and Training offered to participants in both programs:

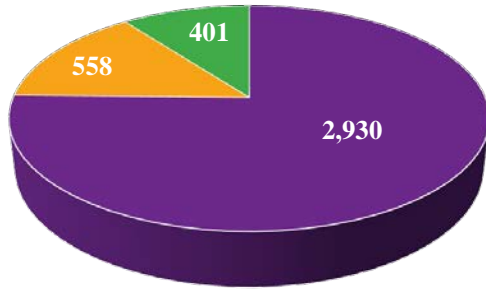
- **Weatherization Fundamentals**
- **Building Science Principles Certification**
- **OSHA 10 Certification**
- **Lead RRP Certification**
- **CPR and First Aid Certification**
- **Ramset Powder Actuated Tool Certification**
- **Asbestos Awareness**
- **Mobile Home Weatherization Project**
- **Stick-built Home Weatherization Project**

Second, DCP proudly hosted the state’s first Climate Corps team through a grant partnership with Volunteer Maine. In addition to learning the skills and certifications necessary to be employed as weatherization technicians, and assisting with home weatherization, Climate Corps members explored the impact of weatherization through data collection and analysis and engaged with the community, providing education about weatherization practices.



Energy Services

Program Year 2023
Types of Heating Assistance Provided to Those We Serve
(expressed as # of households per type of assistance)



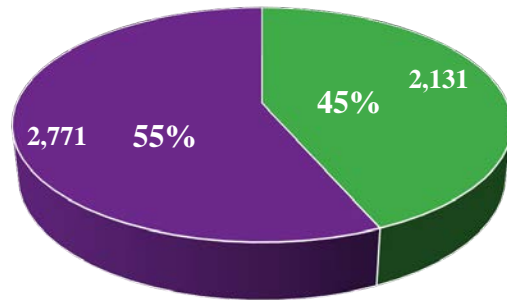
- Home Energy Assistance Program Assisted Households
- Winter Energy Relief Program Assisted Households
- The Heating and Warmth Fund Assisted Households



Energy Services Program Assistant, Olga Donovan, assists a HEAP recipient who called DCP for confirmation of a fuel delivery.

DCP’s Energy Services department administers the federally funded Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and its related programs throughout Hancock and Washington counties. In addition, DCP’s The Heating and Warmth (THAW) fund is entirely donor-funded and provides heating assistance to households that are program eligible for emergent heating assistance.

Total Number of People Assisted by the Home Energy Assistance Program in PY23
Equaled 4,902



- Hancock County Residents assisted by HEAP in PY23
- Washington County Residents assisted by HEAP in PY23

Did you know?

Of **2,930** total households assisted by HEAP in PY 23, **2,346** were over age 60.

80% of PY 23 HEAP recipients over age 60

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart. The oil was desperately needed.”
— An Energy Services recipient

“To Warm a Winter’s Night”



Maine Secretary of State Shenna Bellows with Sharon Lovejoy and Ben Pyles, winners of the live-auctioned wood stove at “To Warm a Winter’s Night” 2023.

Held on February 25, 2023, “To Warm a Winter’s Night” was a night of live music—and an auction—at The Grand in Ellsworth to benefit the THAW Fund.

In November of 2022, heating oil in Maine skyrocketed to \$5.69 per gallon. In many instances, those we serve were using up their entire HEAP benefit and only receiving half a tank of oil. The desperation, especially amongst low-income seniors on fixed incomes, meant that we needed more funding to augment HEAP benefit awards. The Heating and Warmth (THAW) Fund—our solely donor-funded crisis heating fund—was quickly overrun. The Hancock County Sheriff, and the Hancock County Commissioners, helped raise funds for Hancock County residents. Still, the need increased. Thus, “To Warm a Winter’s Night” was born.

At the event presented by Darling’s Auto Mall, Machias Savings Bank, and the Reny Charitable Foundation, the crowd was treated to performances by Caroline Cotter, Smoke & Mojo, the Fogtown Family Band, and Chris Ross. During intermission, Maine’s Secretary of State, Shenna Bellows, live-auctioned an F45 Jotul Wood Stove donated by Evergreen Home & Hearth.

24

sponsors donated **\$44,700**.

1

major donor gave **\$40,000** in support of THAW in connection with this event.

166

tickets sold, totaling **\$4,150**.

43

businesses and artisans donated nearly **50** unique auction items, totaling **\$8,883** in value.

\$6,317

added to the THAW fund from auction purchases.



Friendship Cottage & At Home

“These two programs are keeping my mom at home, where she wants to be. I can go to work in the morning knowing that she is safe and happy with her new friends. I don’t have to worry about leaving work in the middle of the day to take her to see her doctors. Thank you for meeting our needs.”
—Family Caregiver of a program participant



“High tea” at Friendship Cottage, May 2023

In 2023, Friendship Cottage supported—

26
participants

in Adult day Services and

48
caregivers

By:

- Providing more than **5,634** hours of caregiving to participants
- Providing **360** hours of support to caregivers

In 2023, At Home supported—

30
participants

to safely remain in their own homes and communities

By:

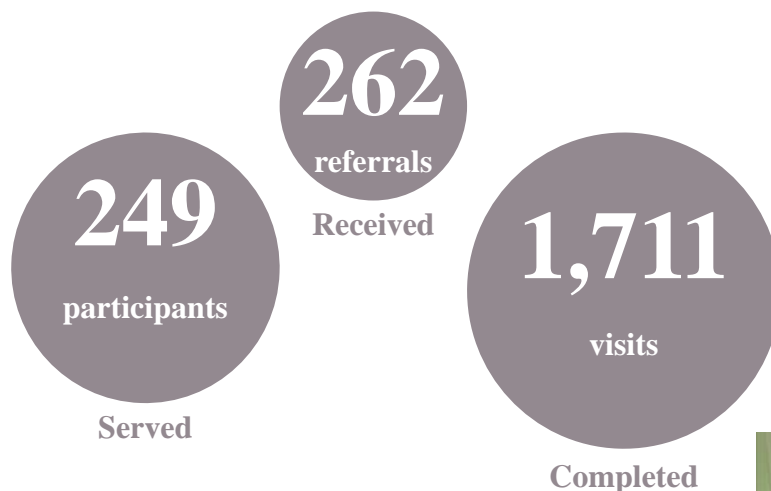
- Completing **71** nurse visits and **28** licensed social worker visits
- Completing **393** check-in phone calls
- Providing **152** rides to medical appointments
- Providing **90** grocery/pharmacy deliveries
- Offering **51** Quality of Life Outings/Activities, including barbecues, a tea party, trips to the library and an art gallery, and haircuts

Maternal & Child Health



“During my pregnancy, my partner and I separated. DCP’s Maternal & Child Health program helped me get healthy food as I stabilized into new housing. The nurse coming to check my blood pressure and weight every other week helped put my mind at ease through a very stressful time. As I was struggling financially, they helped me get baby care items I needed like a bassinet and rocking chair. The nurse also continually checked on my daughter’s height, weight, and development, and the joint playgroup DCP sponsors with Maine Families and Sunrise is amazing. The Maternal & Child Health program was incredibly beneficial for my family.”
— A Maternal & Child Health Services recipient

FY 23, Maternal & Child Health by the numbers—



Maternal & Child Health Programs support the healthy growth and development of babies and families.



Whole Family Coaching

Two DCP staff members had the opportunity to participate in the Whole Family Approach Institute in 2023.

“Participating in the Whole Family Approach Institute last year was truly transformative for me. The experience infused me with a renewed sense of energy and purpose and inspired my colleague and me to bring back invaluable insights to our agency. We gained a deeper understanding of the Whole Family Approach and its potential impact. This newfound knowledge empowered us to initiate positive changes within DCP. We are now more committed than ever to breaking down barriers and connecting families to the resources they need in the most effective and compassionate manner possible.”

— Tracy Collins, Supportive Services Operations Manager

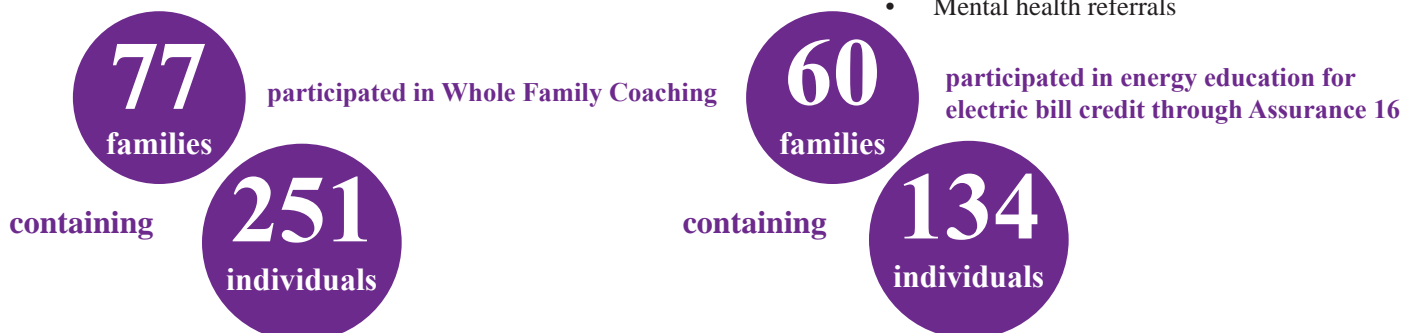


DCP Whole Family Coach, Maggie Hammond, works with a client via telephone.

Whole Family Coaching builds long-term supportive relationships with individuals and families, giving them the opportunity to identify their own goals and then working with them to achieve those goals. Examples of goals include:

- Obtaining High School Equivalency Test
- Enrolling in a college program
- Securing support for childcare payments
- Special education support
- Support with rental payments or home purchasing
- Accessing landlord/tenant rights information
- Employment and/or job skills trainings
- Support with DHHS involvement
- Referrals to numerous community resource partners
- Energy services assistance
- Securing preventative medical and dental providers for their child
- Obtaining medical insurance
- Budgeting Referrals to financial coaching
- Tax preparation services
- Transportation support/vehicle repairs/purchasing a vehicle
- Obtaining a driver’s license
- Legal services regarding family matters
- Mental health referrals

During 22-23—



Breakthrough Youth



DCP's Youth Navigator, Lacey Arsenault, provides various trainings in Hancock and Washington County communities.

Breakthrough Youth empowers 14- to 24-year-olds in Hancock and Washington counties to make informed decisions that support them in reaching their goals and maintaining their health and well-being for a lifetime.

Focus Areas

- Promoting participants' financial literacy
- Encouraging participants not to use alcohol or use/misuse drugs
- Promoting self-confidence and healthy relationships, including safe sex practices
- Planning for career next steps

During 22-23—

114
individuals

participated in the Breakthrough Youth program

attending

3
schools

in both Hancock and Washington counties

In addition to its work with individuals and schools in 2023, Breakthrough Youth also forged partnerships with Aroostook Mental Health Center (AMHC), Eastern Maine Development Corporation's youth initiatives, and Healthy Acadia.



Financial Coaching

Financial coaching at DCP provides individually tailored guidance based on each participant's goals and is a crucial service that helps participants work toward financial stability for themselves and their families.

FY 23 Financial Coaching by the numbers—

93 individuals participated in ongoing Financial Coaching.

4 Family Development Accounts were opened.

4 Helping Hands Auto Loans were approved.



DCP's assistance made possible the purchase of this van which allowed this community member to continue working.

Elder Services Navigator

During FY 23 DCP's Elder Services Navigator—

Provided:

70 individuals with ongoing services.

Completed:

430 home visits to provide short-term assistance.

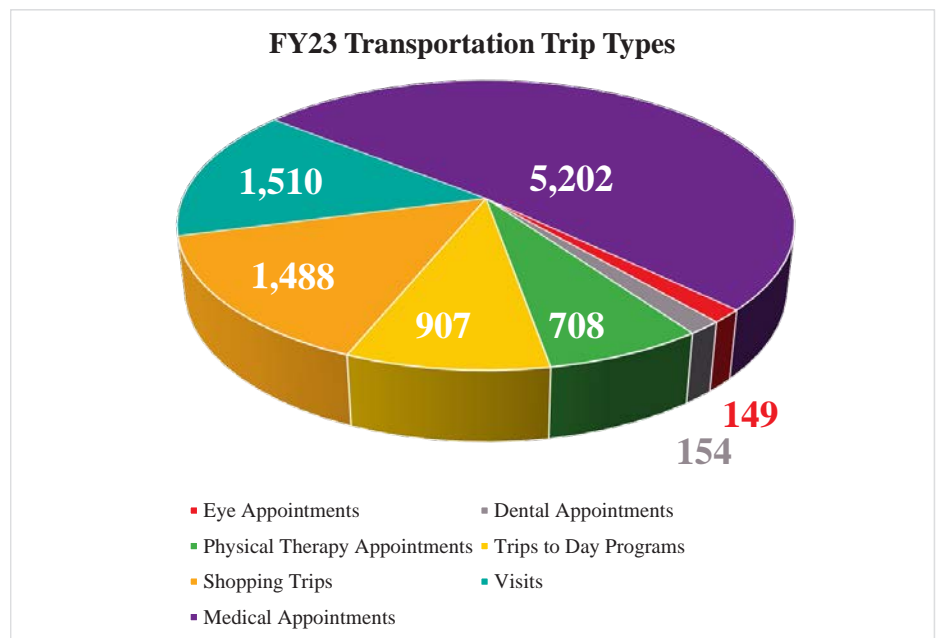
“Thanks to Downeast Community Partners for all they have done for me, especially for the Elder Services Navigator program. My navigator, Blanche, has worked with me for the last couple of years. During that time, she has helped me apply for HEAP and food stamps and participate in a program that allows me to receive credits on my electric bill. Since I have had cancer, Blanche has also occasionally straightened out my transportation for tests. She helps me with the renewals to maintain all my benefits. I hope we continue to work together for a long time. Thank you again for this wonderful program!”
— An Elder Services Navigator program participant.”

Transportation



DCP's Transportation Services drivers drove enough miles, transporting our neighbors, to go around the earth **more than 33 times** this year within Hancock and Washington counties.

*“Dear Transportation staff and volunteers,
Thank you for providing rides in our rural area.”
—A Transportation Services recipient*



Who did we serve in FY 23?

Rider Age Group	Percentage
65+	46%
18-64	49%
Under 18	5%

It takes over 337,552 gallons of fuel per year to support our fleet.

Holiday Magic

Holiday Magic provides gifts for children, making the holiday season a little more magical for the whole family.

In FY 2023, DCP provided holiday gifts for—

335
children

in Hancock County

333
children

in Washington County



Thank You!

Thank you to the many businesses, organizations, and individuals, led by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Ellsworth Fire Department, who donated so children and families could have gifts for the 2022 holiday season. Also, Thank you to Walmart in Ellsworth for hosting our toy drive, to Bragdon-Kelley Funeral Homes for sponsoring our toy drive, and to exclusive media sponsor Star 97.7 for publicizing our toy drive.



Your generosity makes holiday magic for so many.

Food Security Everybody Eats!



Everybody Eats! provides residents of Ellsworth and the surrounding communities a once-weekly hot meal for pickup. In addition, during FY 23 Everybody Eats! also provided a once-weekly bag lunch on Fridays throughout the summer.

All this continues to be accomplished by a dedicated group of volunteers!

During FY 23, Everybody Eats! provided—



boxes of supplemental food



meals

containing



lbs. of food

Food Security Child & Adult Care Food Program

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) helps to provide nutritious meals and snacks for eligible children and adults who are receiving care at participating child care centers, day care homes, and adult day care centers.



During 22-23, CACFP at DCP—

- Sponsored **41** home day care providers, providing meals for **868** children
- Provided meals for **96** children in DCP's **3** Head Start Centers
- Provided meals for **17** adults receiving adult day service at Friendship Cottage

DCP Food Pantries

DCP's food pantries provide nutritional support to community members who express challenges in maintaining food security.

During FY 23, DCP Food Pantries provided—



meals for families in collaboration with Good Shepherd Food Bank.

Care Fund

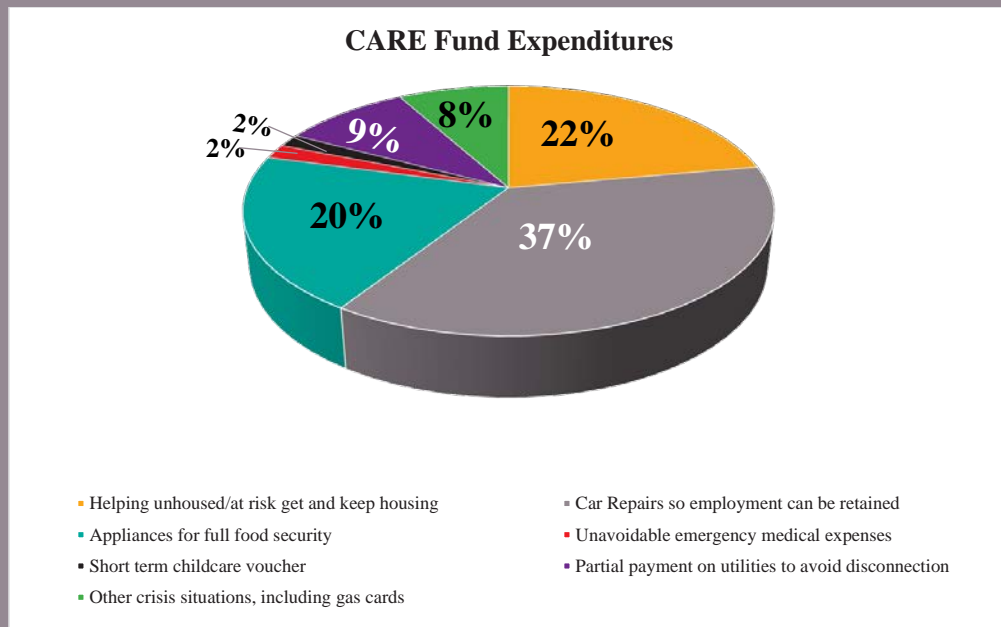


As an extension of the CARE fund, Supportive Services staff organized DCP's first "Top to Bottom Drive" in FY 23, collecting critically needed personal hygiene and home cleaning supplies for families throughout Hancock and Washington counties.

"The CARE Fund award was used to keep my vehicle safe and legal for my children and I, and has allowed me to remain independent during difficult times. I am very grateful to have had this resource available to me in my time of need."

— A CARE fund recipient

The CARE fund provides for emergent needs of families that find themselves in various types of crisis situations, allowing families to gain and/or maintain strength and independence.



"It is very hard for me to reach out for help, and I am so glad that I did. I am on a very tight budget, and I was worried how I would pay for heat and tires. When the CARE Fund was able to pay for my tires, I was beyond grateful. It took away some of my stress."

— A CARE fund recipient

During FY 23, DCP's CARE fund—
assisted

156
families

containing

375
individuals

Finance

Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2022 and September 30, 2023

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,198,364	\$ 456,539
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$0)	5,840,463	3,757,996
Inventory and work in process	52,413	80,283
Prepaid items	123,641	107,502
Total current assets	<u>7,214,881</u>	<u>4,402,320</u>
Fixed assets:		
Land	298,060	298,060
Buildings and improvements	6,094,166	6,072,775
Furniture and equipment	845,538	845,538
Vehicles	1,685,560	1,629,109
Total property and equipment	<u>8,923,324</u>	<u>8,845,482</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(5,276,051)	(5,418,648)
Total net fixed assets	<u>3,647,273</u>	<u>3,426,834</u>
Other assets:		
Assets whose use is limited	989,686	989,686
Investments	2,711,247	2,932,668
Notes receivable (net of allowance of \$0)	397,698	397,698
Undeveloped property	159,634	159,634
Intangible merger costs, net	3,215	3,215
Property held for sale	41,835	41,835
Current year indirect (over) under recovery	-	-
Prior year indirect (over) under recovery	-	-
Total other assets	<u>4,303,315</u>	<u>4,524,736</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 15,165,469</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,353,890</u></u>

These figures are unaudited. To view the complete audited financial statements, including notes, please contact Kris Franklin at kris.franklin@dcpcap.org.



	2023	2022
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 539,271	\$ 378,241
Accrued payroll, taxes, and benefits	279,830	339,556
Accrued compensated absences	238,180	238,180
Deferred revenue	3,213,859	658,840
Current portion of long-term debt	79,154	79,154
Total current liabilities	<u>4,350,294</u>	<u>1,693,971</u>
Non-current liabilities:		
Long-term deferred forgivable loans	480,000	480,000
Long-term debt, net of current portion	581,211	638,838
Total non-current liabilities	<u>1,061,211</u>	<u>1,118,838</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,411,505</u>	<u>2,812,809</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	4,422,706	4,388,716
With donor restrictions	5,331,258	5,152,365
Total net assets	<u>9,753,964</u>	<u>9,541,081</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 15,165,469</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 12,353,890</u></u>

From Our Elected Officials

Downeast Community Partners deeply values the support and advocacy of our elected officials in meeting the needs of Mainers who live in Hancock and Washington counties.

“Downeast Community Partners is an invaluable ally in the mission to get Mainers the help they need. Government does the best it can to provide support, and organizations like this are vital for ensuring that support reaches as many people as possible. This work has been especially valuable when it comes to keeping our neighbors warm during the harsh Maine winter. The staff at DCP provide a critical service by guiding Mainers through the process to access resources like the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and Energy Crisis Intervention Program. My staff and I — along with the rest of Eastern Maine — are lucky to have such rural advocates in our local communities.”

— Congressman Jared Golden (ME-02).



Weatherization Technician Training Program participants March 2023

From Our Elected Officials

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“Downeast Community Partners (DCP) is a bedrock of the Downeast community — ensuring Maine people in Washington and Hancock counties have the support and resources to thrive. From setting our children up for success through early education programs to helping our seniors age with dignity and everything in between, DCP makes a tangible difference in the lives of so many. I am proud to support its continued efforts to improve the quality of life Downeast.”

— Senator Angus King (ME-02).



“From early childhood education to food and nutritional services to support for seniors, the dedicated staff at Downeast Community Partners work hard to support Mainers at every age. The wide variety of programs offered are making a real difference in the lives of Maine families and helping communities throughout Hancock and Washington counties thrive.”

— Senator Susan Collins (ME-02).



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