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Community Services Block Grant Report

January 2023 – December 2023

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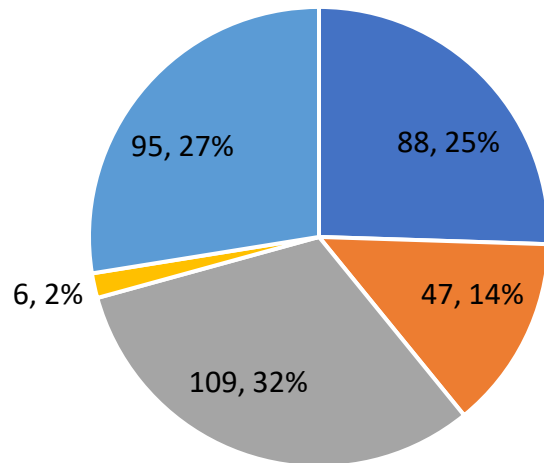
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- CSBG funding for 2023 was \$1,230,375. \$151,264 in 2022 CSBG funding which was not expended in 2022 was carried-over to 2023. This increased the total funds available for 2023 to \$1,381,639.
- CSBG expenses January – December were \$1,320,942. This included \$151,264 in rollover funds from 2022 and \$1,169,678 in funds from the 2023 award.
- CSBG funds remaining from 2023 were \$60,697 or 4.9% of the 2023 allocation. These funds have been carried over to 2024.
- CSBG funds supported self-sufficiency case management services, basic needs services, transportation services, employment services, career preparation and training services (ended April 30, 2023), VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) services, and financial empowerment and education services. CSBG funds also supported staff who administered and managed the program and services and other expenses including operating, information technology, and administration.

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Number of Persons Served by Type of Service



- Self-sufficiency
- Transportation
- Basic needs assistance
- Employment assistance
- Career prep and training

- 314 unduplicated persons were served in 2023 compared to 301 in 2022.
- 88 persons received self-sufficiency case management in 2023 compared to 104 persons in 2022. The target for 2023 was 116. $88/116 = 76\%$
- 95 persons received basic needs assistance in 2023. Basic needs assistance services began October 2022 following the end of CARES funding. The target for 2023 was 91. $95/91 = 104\%$
- 47 persons received employment assistance in 2023 compared to 50 persons in 2022. The target for 2023 was 45. $47/45 = 104\%$
- 109 persons received transportation assistance in 2023 compared to 124 persons in 2022. The target for 2023 was 135. $109/135 = 81\%$
- Career prep and training served 6 persons in 2023. This service ended April 30, 2023.

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- Human Services Center Mon Valley provided classes and workshops under the Financial Empowerment and Community Outreach services to 652 persons in 2023 compared to 479 persons in 2022. The target for 2023 was 400. $652/400 = 163\%$
- 625 households had tax returns completed in 2023 compared to 622 returns in 2022. Target was 600 returns. $625/600 = 104\%$.
- Tax returns resulted in \$698,660 in federal refunds which includes \$204,464 in EITC and \$127,342 in CTC.
- Average household income was \$19,320.

NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ATTENDED A CLASS OR EVENT

- Tax filing webinar
- Youth financial literacy
- Provider council tax webinar
- Reach your savings webinar
- Home buyer webinar
- Clothing and resource fair
- Financial community events
- Budgeting for success
- Job fair
- Social security benefits
- Understanding credit



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Demographics - Race				
Program	White	Black	Other	Missing
Self-sufficiency (88)	44	37	6	1
Transportation (109)	63	42	3	1
Employment assistance (47)	15	32	0	0
Career prep and training (6)	0	6	0	0
Basic needs (95)	67	25	3	0

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Demographics - Gender			
Program	Male	Female	Missing
Self-sufficiency (88)	31	57	0
Transportation (109)	32	76	1
Employment assistance (47)	22	25	0
Career prep and training (6)	0	6	0
Basic needs (95)	27	68	0

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Demographics - Household Type							
Program	Single parent female	Single person	Two parent	Two adults no children	Single parent male	Multi-gen	Other
Self-sufficiency (88)	33	34	9	3	4	4	1
Transportation (109)	42	31	16	10	4	4	2
Employment assistance (47)	16	26	2	0	3	0	0
Career prep and training (6)	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Basic needs (95)	36	27	9	8	9	6	0

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Single Mothers Living in Poverty (DHS data brief report published March 2018)

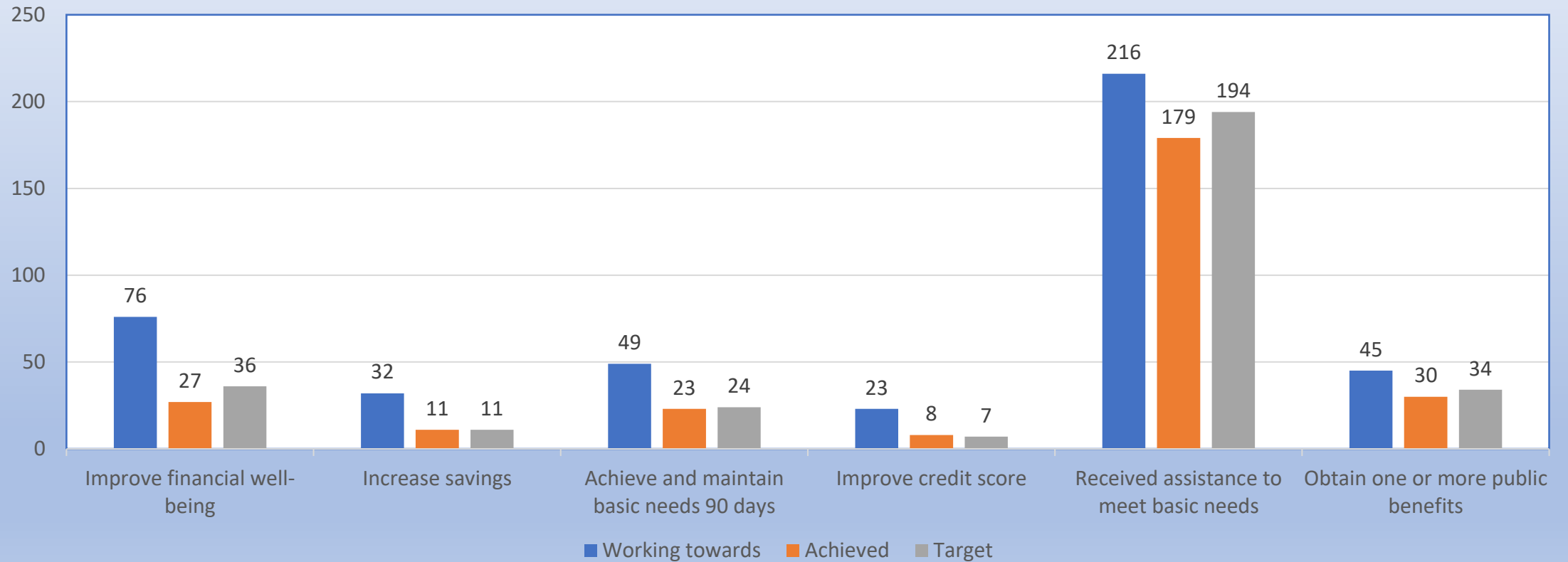
- Single Mothers Living in Poverty data brief was prepared as an accompaniment to research conducted by the Women and Girls Foundation.
- The data brief uses census data from the 2010-2014 American Community Survey to identify the numbers and locations of female headed households with children living in poverty in Allegheny County and City of Pittsburgh.
- A key finding is of the 132,031 families with children in Allegheny County, 20,607 families with children live in poverty, and 72% of the families are single female headed households.
- The communities in Allegheny County outside the City of Pittsburgh with the largest number of single mother-headed households in poverty include McKeesport, Penn Hills, Duquesne, Wilkesburg, North Versailles, West Mifflin, McKees Rocks and Carnegie.
- Single parent female headed households exceeded other household types for transportation, career prep and training and basic needs assistance and was the 2nd most common household type for self-sufficiency case management.

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Income and Asset Building – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets

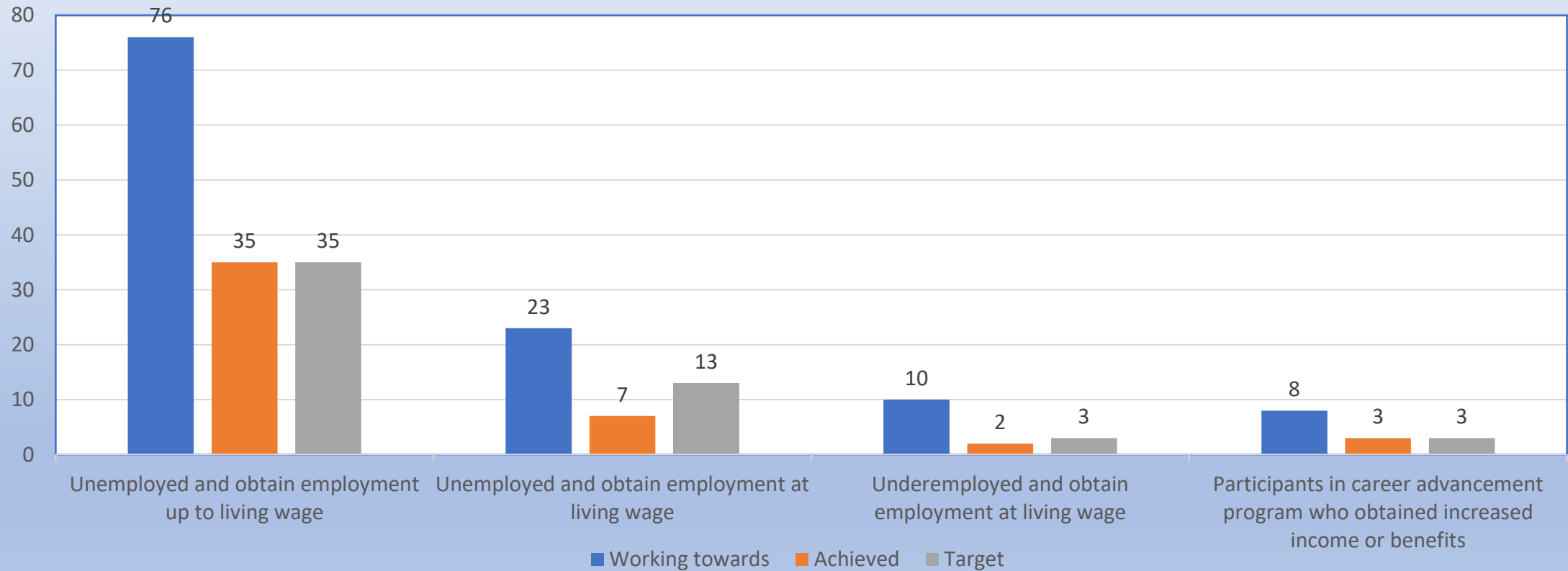


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Employment – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets

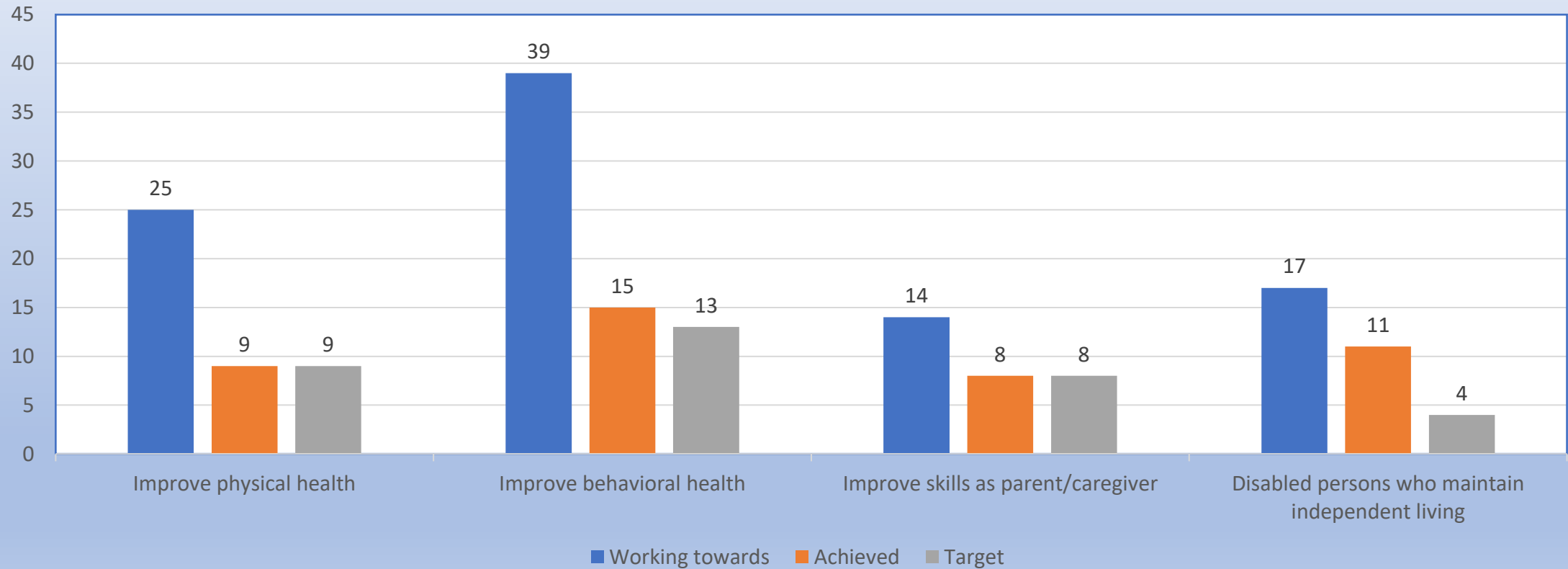


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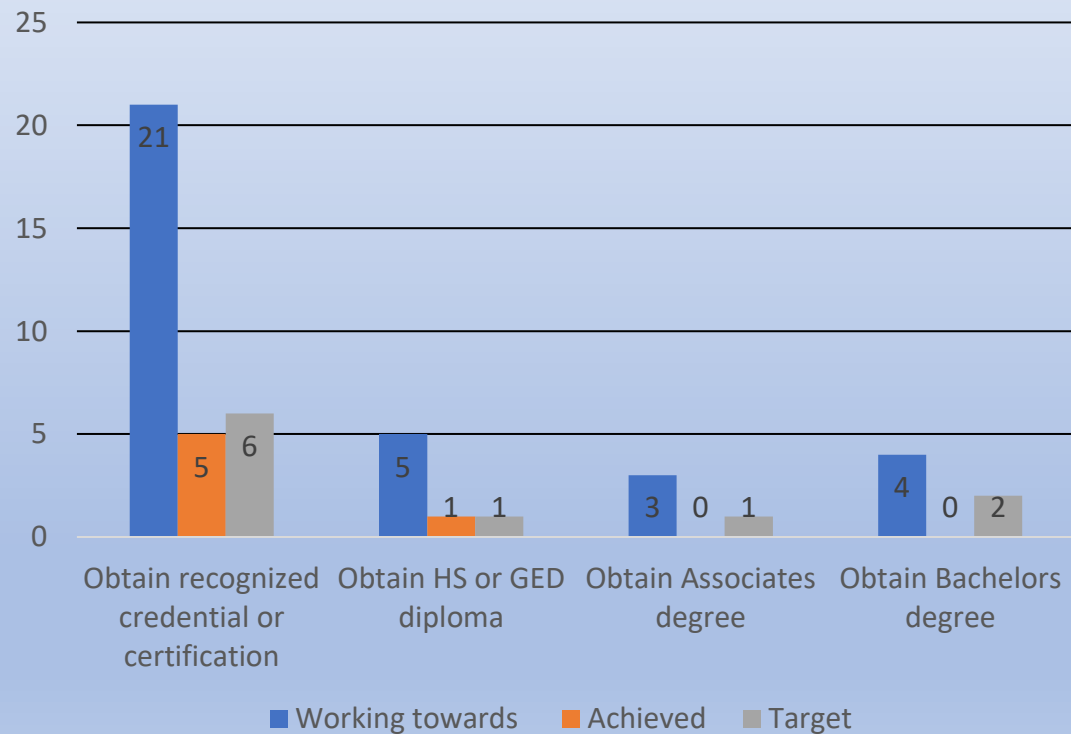
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Health – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets

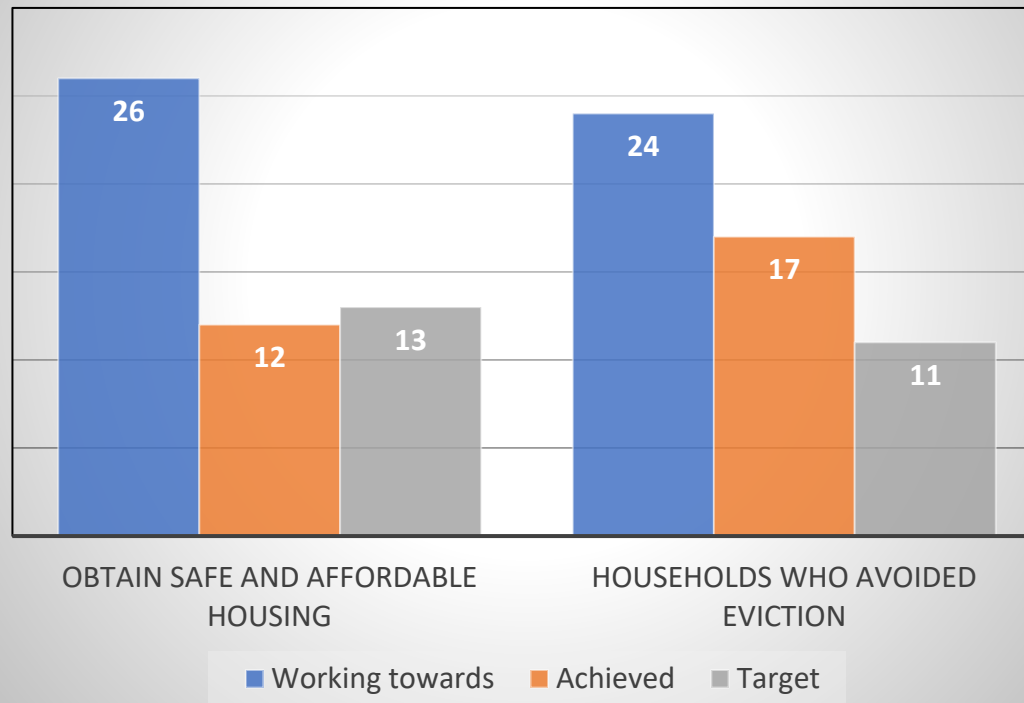


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Education and Cognitive – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets



Housing – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets

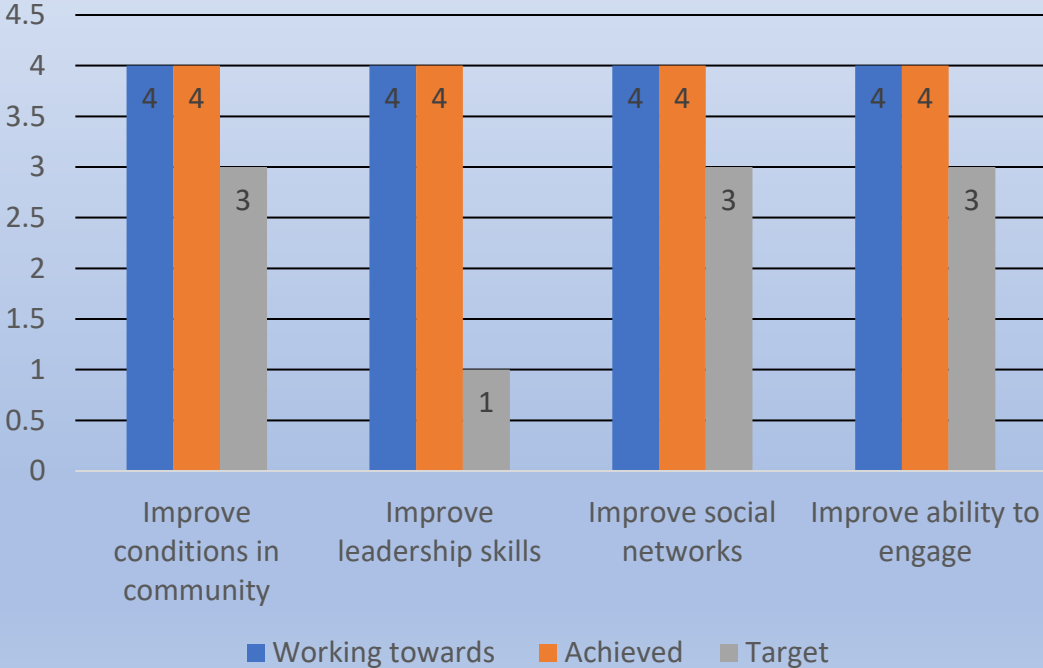


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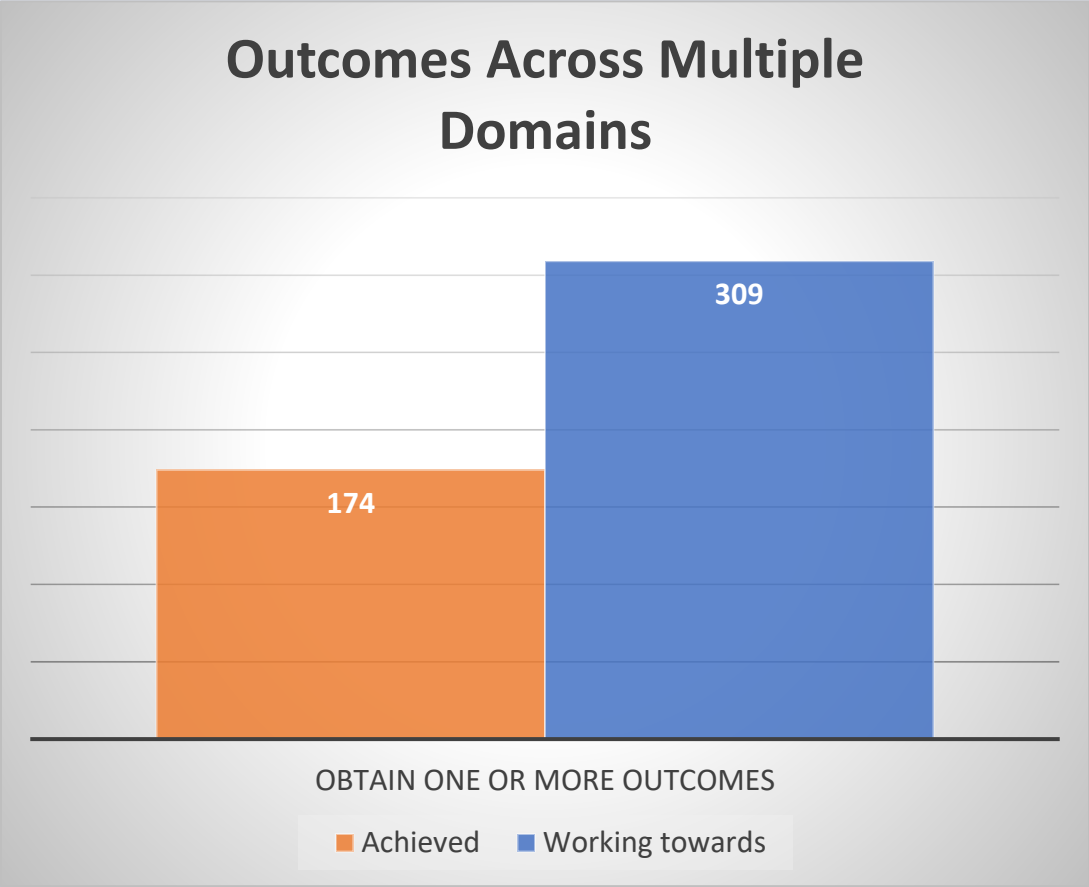
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Civic Engagement and Community Involvement – Outcome Indicators and Annual Targets



Outcomes Across Multiple Domains



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- Four persons who received self-sufficiency case management services were recognized with the Community Action Association of PA Self-Sufficiency Award, 3 for making significant progress and 1 for achievement.
- Mara Schwabenbauer completed training from the Missouri Community Action Association as a Poverty Simulation Facilitator. A poverty simulation with Gateway School District planned for February 2024 was postponed to a later date TBD.
- Allegheny County DHS received a “low risk” rating from PA Department of Community and Economic Development for management and administration of the Community Services Block Grant. Ratings are low, medium and high risk.
- Our self-sufficiency partners direct service and supervisory staff participated in SPANS (Service Process Adherence to Needs and Strengths) training which helps to connect the needs and strengths identified in the ANSA (Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment) to the case plan.
- Eleven staff from our self-sufficiency partners completed the Community Action Association of PA Infinity Basic Course, an asynchronous learning course on the core fundamentals and practices in community action.

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- Contract monitoring was completed for Allegheny Valley Association of Churches, Community College of Allegheny County, Human Services Center Mon Valley, Mon Valley Initiative, North Hills Community Outreach and South Hills Interfaith Ministries.
- Training on the Govenda advisory board software was provided to CSAC members in May. CSAC members have access to Govenda which is the web-based platform to access all CSAC materials and information.
- Coaching training of service provider staff by the DHS Collaborative for Applied Learning occurred in October and November. The training is designed to help service provider staff shift from a case management model to a coaching model.
- An orientation meeting and one on one meetings with service providers regarding adopting a whole family/2 generation approach to working with families occurred in October and December. Changes have been made to our client management system in support of this approach. The launch of this approach will begin January 2024.
- A total of twelve transportation cases for residents of Mon Valley and eastern suburban communities were opened since November 1, 2023, at the new satellite office located at the Human Services Center Mon Valley in Turtle Creek. Expansion of transportation services to this area of the county was included as a workplan goal.

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- Mara Schwabenbauer is the principal staff in the OCS working with Cities for Financial Empowerment (CFE) and a cohort of local governments to launch and expand Financial Empowerment Center services as a county-wide initiative. This work involves the DHS, Neighborhood Allies and Advantage Credit Counseling Services working together to bring free, high quality, one- on-one financial counseling for persons with low and moderate incomes. This work promotes our overall community action goal of improving stability and economic security and aligns with the broader OCS strategic goal of improving financial security for families.