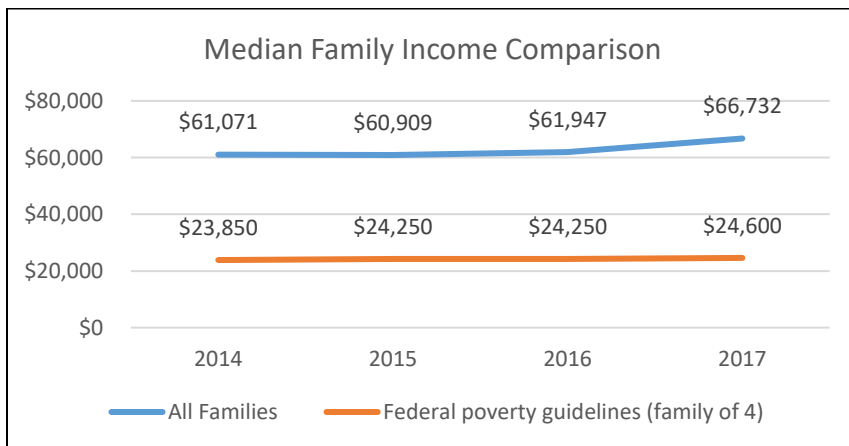
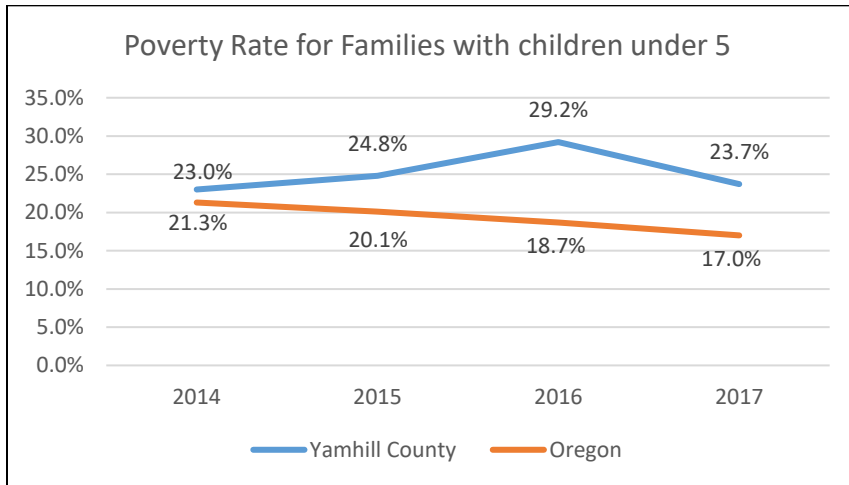


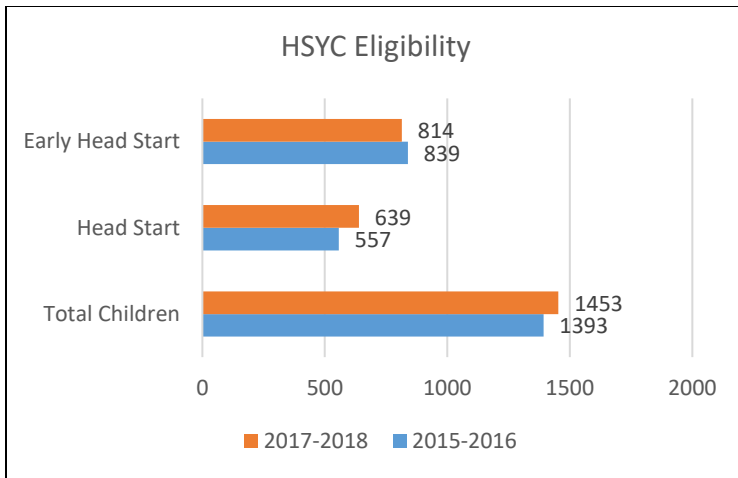
2018-2019 Community Assessment Update

During the 2017-2018 school year, Head Start of Yamhill County (HSYC) conducted a Community Assessment update. Since that time, Yamhill County has seen slight shifts in economic indicators which signal an improved climate. The unemployment rate for Yamhill County has dropped from 5% in 2017 to 3.8% in 2018. Poverty rates for families with children under 5 have dropped and median family incomes have risen. However, while the median income of all families in Yamhill County is on the rise, the federal poverty level has remained relatively constant creating a gap of 63 percent and an increased hardship for HSYC families. (According to Oregon Housing and Community Services, 3 out of 4 renters with extremely low incomes in Yamhill County are paying more than 50% of their income in rent.)



As a result of this disparity, homelessness continues to rise in Yamhill County. HSYC follows the guidelines of the McKinney-Vento Act when defining homelessness, therefore, when comparing information from the 2018 Point In Time Homeless Count conducted by Yamhill Community Action Partnership (YCAP), we looked at the changes in Sheltered, Unsheltered, and Precariously Housed Persons (couch surfing or doubling up). YCAP saw an increase of 320 persons in this area between 2017 and 2018. Meanwhile, HSYC percentage of homeless families held steady between the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school years at ten percent. On an anecdotal note, it is believed that a number of our families are not reporting as homeless due to having become accustomed to sharing their living space. (A survey of HSYC home visitors was conducted in January of 2019 revealing that at present, X% of families would be considered homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act while enrollment data indicates 8 %.)

The percentage of HSYC eligible children has shifted slightly since the 2015-2016 community assessment with the total number of eligible children increasing by sixty and the percentage of preschool eligible increasing by 4%. This shift could be reflective of the trend toward fewer births in the county.



Community Concerns/ Areas of Focus

Opioid Addiction/ Deaths

An area of concern across the state and of specific focus in Yamhill County is the increased number of opioid deaths. Yamhill County is ranked 15th in the state with deaths increasing from 2.71 per one hundred thousand in the years from 2001-2005 to 7.49 in the years from 2013-2015. As a community, Yamhill County is working to address this concern through various collaborative projects and innovations:

- Substance abuse has been identified as one of four priority areas in the most recent Yamhill County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).
- Yamhill County Health and Human Services and Yamhill Community Care Organization (CCO) held a pain summit in November of 2016 with a focus on opioid addiction and deaths.
- Four Transitional Treatment Recovery Houses have been established in McMinnville to provide a clean and sober environment for parents and their children.

Addiction being a problem that many of our families face, HSYC is actively participating in collaborative work groups established to address this area of concern.

Trauma Informed Care and Resiliency

In 2016, the Yamhill CCO began a series of Family Resiliency Community Conversations. The aim of this series was to bring community members together to learn about trauma and consider how to build resiliency to strengthen families. Trauma reduction and community resilience is also a priority area for the Yamhill County CHIP. The CHIP's focus is on reducing the significant lasting impacts that can be caused by trauma, toxic stress, and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and strengthening family supports and capabilities. HSYC is seeing the impact of trauma on the lives of our children and families in larger numbers than ever before, and is an active participant in community conversations and planning with partners to address this issue.