

Tri-County Council for Child Development
 Tri-County Head Start Annual Report
 2010-2011

Mission Statement: *To be a vibrant and progressive educational agency supporting the development of Head Start children and families in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties*

Vision: *To partner with families, staff and communities in providing quality services with compassion and professionalism to achieve stability, guidance and a positive educational experience.*

Philosophy: *There are two factors that distinguish Head Start from any other preschool program in the communities we serve: the comprehensiveness of the program and the degree to which parents are involved in all aspects of the program. We believe we must prepare, educate and develop our children and their families to be positive contributors to their community.*

We believe all young children are individuals who learn best by actively exploring and interacting with their environment (physical setting and materials) and engaging with quality teaching staff and parents. Caring adults help children create, experiment and question within a positive atmosphere that facilitates problem solving, beginning concepts and the formation of relationships. We strive to individualize learning and help each child develop a positive self-image. We think it is important to attend to children's overall health as we foster social, emotional, physical and cognitive and development.

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Funding Level-1026 children (Tri-County 958: Delegate 68)

Federal Head Start Grant: PA22- \$7,038,575
 PA20-\$82,596
 Non-Federal Share- \$1,793,258

Early Head Start: PA 22- \$1,011,256
 Training- \$61,981
 Non-Federal Share-\$268,309

CACFP: 363,545.22

Total Number of Children and Families Served By Tri-County

Head Start- 1,127children /1173 families: Funded Enrollment: 958
Early Head Start- 115 children/110 families: Funded Enrollment: 72

Head Start Total Funded Enrollment: 1026

Center Based-862 Homebased-96 Niles Delegate-68
Early Head Start Total Funded Enrollment: 72
 Center based- 34 Homebased- 38

Average Monthly Enrollment

100%

Percentage of Eligible Children Served

Head Start Waiting List: **38** 4 year olds /**249**- 3 year olds at the end of the year. Served: 100% of available slots
 Early Head Start Waiting List: **20** at the end of the year
 Served 100% of available slots

Early Head Start budget

2010-2011
 Personnel: \$380,968
 Fringe Benefit: \$122,544
 Travel: \$10,725
 Supplies: \$60,044
 Contractual: \$373,100
 Other: \$63,875
 Total: \$1,011, 256

Head Start Budget 2010-2011

Personnel: \$3,942,622
 Fringe: \$1,398,221
 Travel: \$579
 Equipment: \$66,567
 Supplies: \$190,766
 Contractual: \$476,432
 Other: \$963,388
 Total: \$7,038,575

Grantee 2010-2011

Financial Audit-
 100% compliance

Grantee 2010 Federal

Review-
 All Findings corrected

Grantee Education- Head Start Outcomes Report
Program Year 2010-2011-**Proficiency achieved**

<u>8 Domains of Learning</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>May</u>
Physical Development	44.30%	95.61%
Creative Arts	38.28%	93.89%
Approaches to Learning	30.01%	90.07%
Social and Emotional Dev	30.46 %	86.93%
Mathematics	18.03%	85.91%
Language Development	16.57%	77.86%
Literacy	19.13%	84.96%
Science	11.64%	80.91%

Health- 96% of children received physical exam
99% children received medical treatment
78 children received glasses as result of vision screenings by Optometrist Southwestern Michigan

Oral Health- 96% of children received dental exam

95% of children received dental treatment

EHS as of 7/11: 85% of children have received physical exam- no treatment needed

83% of children have received a dental exam

100% have receive dental treatment

Grantee Nutrition- *All families are given the opportunity to complete a nutrition survey that is utilized in menu and activity planning.

*All Head Start classrooms participate in the “Children of the World” curriculum and menu every Thursday.EHS children receive appropriate food for age and through partnership with Senior Nutrition Services

Head Start: 325 parents/caregivers received nutrition information based upon specific nutrition issues identified by families:

Hemoglobin – 30 Lead – 3 picky eaters - 96
BMI>95% - 57 BMI< 5% - 15

Dental/high sugar intake – 49 food allergies – 4

Parent concern regarding: Underweight – 35,
Overweight – 13 Other: 23

Early Head Start: 38 parent/caregivers received nutrition information related to specific nutrition concerns.

Materials provided were regarding healthy eating habits for toddlers, although there was some info provided on sugar in foods/dental health and on how to stretch food dollars.

Grantee Kindergarten Preparation and Transition

1. Continuing Zoo Phonics literacy curriculum.
2. Head Start teaching staff meets with local kindergarten teachers to discuss expectations and developmentally appropriate areas of focus in the Head Start classroom.
3. Head Start children visit kindergarten classroom in the Spring.
4. Elementary principals and staff are invited to attend Parent Connections to discuss kindergarten round-up and give transition information.
5. Kindergarten round-up information is shared with all families in the Head Start program.
6. Families of kindergarten eligible children receive transition packet with valuable information to assist with kindergarten transition.
7. Tri-County Collaborative Partners meets quarterly to assure smooth transition into kindergarten is one objective met of this group.
8. Transition Advisory Committee meets 1x per year with local school administration and staff attending to share ideas.
9. Child Portfolios are given to families to share with kindergarten teacher.
10. Classroom lesson plans contain transition activities.
11. Utilize the Kindergarten Transition Summary that follows each Head Start child to public school.
12. Partnering with Benton Harbor Area Schools to reopen the Seely McCord school building. The building will house Head Start, Kindergarten and 0-5 programming. This will provide better kindergarten transition for children and families in Benton Harbor.
13. Implemented Conscious Discipline program in order to better assist children with the social/emotional skills needed for school success.

Grantee Family Support/Parent Involvement

Number of families receiving resources or referral: 754

Number of families participating in family goal setting: 1496

*All Tri-County Head Start families can participate in monthly Parent Connection meetings that revolve around receiving program and community information, program planning, classroom and health information, and participation in learning activities with their children.

*We offer monthly Male Involvement Activities. The classroom staff and children plan activities to welcome male involvement in the classrooms.

*Enrolled families are welcome to attend Parent Rap Sessions offered by TCHS. These sessions revolve around issues parents would like to discuss and help find solutions. Basic parenting and prevention information is provided.

*Family Advocates provide transportation and support to parents who attend Parent Education Day at the State Capital.

*Early Head Start provided parent training on Baby Massage, Employment and Child Development.

*Early Head Start and Head Start Family Advocates assist parents in completing health requirements.

*Mental Health staff and Family Advocates partnered to provide services to parents in Berrien County jail.

*Program governance is supported by parents through the Policy Council. The Policy Council works with program administration to develop and approve program policies, prepare and approve the grant application, help develop and set program short and long term goals, the hiring and termination process and help make decisions about how the TCHS program will be run. One parent is elected from each of the 13 centers and 1 Home-based representative is elected from each county.