

Head Start Program Public Report

Attachment 8

We offer the following information about the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs administered by Community Action of Eastern Iowa for the fiscal year November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009.

For Fiscal Year November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009, Community Action of Eastern Iowa Head Start Program received \$5,210,302 in total public funding. We received \$4,244,567 in funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, \$267,682 in funding from Community Empowerment Areas, \$292,321 from Iowa State Wrap-Around Child Care funds, \$142,963 from Shared Visions, \$42,871 from United Way, and \$218,895 from State Wide Voluntary Preschool.

We served a total of 646 Head Start and Early Head Start children and their families throughout the year. Our average enrollment at any one time was 99.80% of our funded enrollment of 593. Of the 646 children, 93% were income eligible, 100% were up-to-date on all immunizations, and 83% received dental exams.

On November 1-6, 2009, the Administration for Children and Families conducted an on-site review of the Head Start Program and the program was considered to be in full compliance.

The Independent Auditor's report for the Fiscal Year November 1, 2008 through October 31, 2009 issued an unqualified opinion and reported no audit findings or questioned costs.

The agency adhered to all budget requirements and anticipates a similar budget in the following year. The budgetary expenditures for this Fiscal Year are as follows.

P.A 11 & 20 Grant Revenue	50,695
P.A. 22 & 25 Grant Revenue	4,052,438
HS ARRA	135,590
EHS ARRA	5,847
Total Revenue Sources	4,244,570
Personnel	2,334,367
Management & Admin	308,137
Consultants/Contractual	571,106
Travel/Transportation	16,522
Space Costs	249,225
Supplies	459,647
Training Costs	50,695
Other	130,727
Total Per Cost Categories	4,244,570
Total Non federal Share	1,161,425
Client Population	593

Parent Involvement Activities/Transition to Kindergarten

Parent involvement begins at the time that the parent chooses to enroll their child into the program. Parents are the first and primary teachers of their children and we provide a variety of opportunities for parents to get involved. Such as:

- Welcoming parent participation in classrooms, whether merely as observers or as volunteers who help with daily activities.
- Working with parents to schedule home visits and parent activities at a time when they are best able to fully participate.

- Participating in and taking leadership roles in monthly parent committee meetings.
- Representing their parent committee at the Head Start Policy Council.
- Providing input on curriculum planning, being a part of the annual program self assessment, sitting on job interview panels and working with other community groups.
- Attending parenting classes and other trainings provided by the program throughout the year.

Together, parents and staff decide what roles parents and other community agencies will assist in the planning of activities that are consistent with our families' needs and interests. Parent involvement is program-wide and is a part of all program component areas.

Parents are encouraged to participate in planning for transitions for their child.

In Early Head Start parents take part in a six month transition process that begins when the child turns two and a half. Parents meet with teachers on a regular basis during the six month period. They discuss their child's development, set goals and decide on the best placement for their child.

In our Head Start program, parents participate in transition to Kindergarten by attending a parent meeting prior to Kindergarten Round Up. They may also participate in study trips to the local kindergarten classroom, sit on a committee to design the Kindergarten Transition Calendar and participate in end of the year home visits at which the topic of summer school readiness activities and kindergarten transition are discussed.