

Southwestern Community Action Council, Inc.

## Child & Family Development Program

# Head Start/Early Head Start Annual Report 2010-2011

### School Readiness — Head Start Collaborates with Universal Pre-K

2010-2011	Head Start Enrollment Numbers	Head Start % Income Eligible	Early Head Start Enrollment Numbers	EHS% Income Eligible
100% Poverty Guidelines	445	56%	109	58%
TANF/SSI	250	32%	54	29%
Foster Children	28	4%	10	5%
Homeless	24	3%	12	6%
130% of Poverty Guidelines	37	4%	1	1%
Over Income	6	1%	1	1%

School Readiness plays an important part in Universal Pre-K.

Children develop holistically and at an individual rate. As a result, children enter school with varied levels of skill and learning experiences. These variances are further impacted by the resources children have access to prior to entering school including home, family and community supports.

With the implementation of Universal Pre-K, Head Start is collaborating with more and more county class rooms. This past year Head Start was in 76 classrooms

throughout 4 service areas of Cabell, Lincoln, Mason and Wayne. West Virginia passed legislation in 2002 requiring that the state pre-school education programs be available to all 4-year-olds in the state by the 2012-2013 school year.

School Readiness is a stage of transition that encompasses various learning experiences and general knowledge, physical well-being, social emotional development, familiarity and ease with expressing themselves and understanding language.

### Exciting Opportunity for Parents; Group Parent-Child Interaction Therapy

Head Start and Early Head Start has joined in partnership with Marshall University Psychology Clinic.

All services are free and completed with doctoral psychology graduate students supervised by doctoral-level licensed psychologist.

### ENROLLMENT

Funded for 696 Head Start Children Served 790

Funded for 102 Early Head Start Children Served 128

Funded for 24 Early Head Start Expansion Children Served 58

Funded for 8 Pregnant Women Served 25

Provided Special Services for 230

595 On the Waiting List

### Income Guidelines for Enrollment

Enrollment into the program is based on age and income which is set by the federal government.

Persons in Family	Poverty Guideline	130%
1	\$10,830	\$14,079
2	\$14,570	\$18,941
3	\$18,310	\$23,803
4	\$22,050	\$28,665
5	\$25,790	\$33,527
6	\$29,530	\$38,389
7	\$33,270	\$43,251
8	\$37,010	\$48,113
9	\$40,750	\$52,975
10	\$44,490	\$57,837
11	\$48,230	\$62,699
12	\$51,970	\$67,561
13	\$55,710	\$72,423
14	\$59,450	\$77,285
15	\$63,190	\$82,147

Average Daily Attendance this Year Head Start 80% and Early Head Start 87%; Average monthly enrollment per funded enrollment 102.2% HS, 115.2% EHS



## Transitions; Preparing for Kindergarten

Southwestern Community Action Council Child and Family Development Program reflects a commitment to meet the individual needs and learning styles of all children and to provide experiences that will support lifelong learning. The program uses the research based Creative Curriculum to provide a learning environment that

supports the growth of each child physically, emotionally, socially, and cognitively. In addition, the program implements the West Virginia Early Learning Standards Framework to support the preparation of children for kindergarten.

Ongoing assessments take place throughout the year. Teachers observe, document, and identify

curriculum objectives in the areas of language, cognitive, physical, and social/emotional domains. The web based assessment system that is used allows teachers and administrators to generate reports that summarize individual child progress.

The individual strength and needs of the child are discussed with the child's family at two parent teacher

conferences.

Parents are encouraged to discuss their child's progress and to offer comments. Together the education staff and family members will outline strategies to be used at home and at school to further the child's development and educational goals.

## Parent Involvement is a Vital Part of our Program

A Few Ways our parents participate

- \* Policy Council where decisions are made
- \* Classroom Volunteers where learning abounds
- \* Serving as committee members on the health advisory committee
- \* Assisting in the self-assessment where parents learn how to monitor the program
- \* Assisting with the development of the budget and policies and procedures

## Educational Training Throughout the Year: Sampling of Topics

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| ◆ Early Head Start 101       | ◆ Driver & Pedestrian Safety                                      | ◆ Financial Literacy                 |
| ◆ Child Abuse & Neglect      | ◆ Happy Mealtime for Healthy Kids                                 | ◆ Transitions                        |
| ◆ Promote Parent Involvement | ◆ Introduction to Head Start/Body Start/I am Moving I am Learning | ◆ Human Resources                    |
| ◆ Literacy/Language          | ◆ Conscious Discipline  | ◆ Reflecting on Diversity            |
| ◆ Multicultural              | ◆ Families At-Risk  | ◆ Teaching Strategies                |
| ◆ Change & Motivation        | ◆ Head Start/Early Head Start Social Emotional                    | ◆ Work & Monitoring Plans            |
| ◆ Health & Safety Checklist  |   | ◆ Forms & Documentation              |
| ◆ Staff Health & Wellness    |   | ◆ OSHA/MDS/Blood Borne Pathogens/CPR |

*Our staff has participated in numerous collaborative state level committees, including but not limited to, State: Early Learning Scale Assessment, State: Positive Behavior Support, ELS Trainers for WVDE, WV Pre-K Curriculum Review Committee, WV State Literacy Team, WVEC Advisory Council ELS, Financial Stability Partnership Coalition, United Way Success by Six, Cabell County FRN and National Fatherhood Initiative.*

## Head Start\*/Pre-K^ Collaborative and Early Head Start Sites

### HS Cabell

- Altiser^
- Central City^
- Cox Landing^
- Culloden^
- Davis Creek^
- Guyandotte^
- Highlawn^

- Hite Saunders^
- Meadows^
- Milton\*^
- Monroe\*^
- Nichols^
- Ona^
- Peyton^
- Salt Rock^
- Southside^
- Spring Hill^
- Village of Barboursville^

### HS Lincoln

- Duval^
- Hamlin^
- Harts^
- Midway^
- Ranger^
- West Hamlin^

### HS Mason

- Ashton^
- Beale^
- Mason County Career Center^
- New Haven^
- Point Pleasant Intermediate School^
- Point Primary^

### HS Wayne

- Bison^
- Buffalo^
- Ceredo\*
- Crum^
- Dunlow^
- East Lynn^
- Kenova^
- Thompson\*^
- Wayne^

### EHS Cabell

- Cabell Midland High School
- Huntington High School
- Monroe
- Pregnant Moms Program
- Simms

### EHS Lincoln

- Harts

### EHS Mason

- Lakin

### EHS Wayne

- Crum

# School Readiness; Learning, Growing and Exploring

School readiness focuses on getting preschoolers ready to take on the challenges of a K through 12th grade educational system.

Our early childhood programs recognize the importance of preparing children for success in school and later in life. Head

Start/Early Head Start has long been a leader in this effort and in defining the goal of social competence.

There are many ways to help children succeed in school. Parents, teachers and caregivers are powerful partners who can work

together effectively to ensure every child's success. Parent involvement is a key ingredient in a child's success at school.

Children are natural learners we guide them and give them the tools to succeed we help them recognize their potential.

## Taking Part in Our Community

Throughout the school year Head Start/Early Head Start has participated in community activities. We provide public awareness of the services and benefits that we have to offer including:

- Prenatal Education
- Home Based Option
- Center Based Option
- Health Education and Indirect Services
- Mental Health Services
- Disabilities Services
- Support for Parents
- Parent Involvement
- Developmental and Sensory Screenings
- Individualization
- Transportation
- Social Services
- Nutritious Meals and Snacks

## Collaboration– A Successful Partnership

Some of our collaborative partners include:

Cabell, Lincoln, Mason and Wayne Boards of Education, Birth to Three, WIC, United Way, Tri-State Literacy Council, DHHR, CPS, Family Connections, KVC, Team for WV, Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine,

Marshall University Psychology Department, Hope's Place, Starting Points, City Mission, River Valley, St. Mary's Hospital, Community Libraries, HUD, Community Churches, Work for WV, Dr. Isbel Pino, Dr. Don Hall, WV Children's Rural Health Initiative WV Department of Education, WV Coalition Against Domestic

Violence, Family Resource Network, Information and Referral, Goodwill Industries, American Red Cross, Huntington Area Food Pantry, Huntington Junior College of Business, Branches, 4-H.

Thank You!

## Disabilities and Mental Health

**Disabilities**– 24% of the children we served received additional services to meet their individual needs. This is well above the 10% required by the Office of Head Start. 198 Head Start children with IEPs and 32 Early Head Start children with IFSPs had an opportunity to learn along side

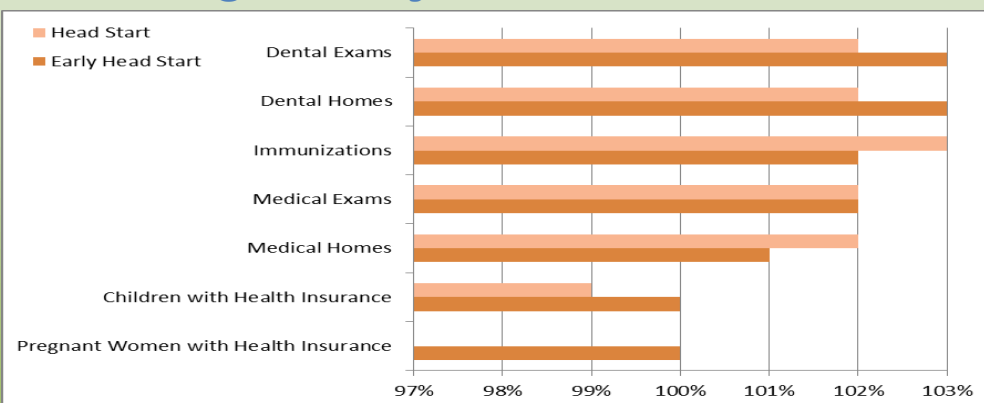
their peers, in a fully inclusive environment of acceptance and respect.

**Mental Health**– Licensed psychologists are available and provide consultation services for our parents and staff in our four counties. We encourage all children and parents to participate in activities to raise

awareness of Mental well being. We offer trainings in each county . These trainings are for all parents on topics of interest provided by the parents.



## Promoting Healthy Children



We promote healthy eating habits throughout our program by serving nutritious meals, participating in I am Moving, I am Learning and extending the classrooms outdoors to help eliminate childhood obesity.



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Our Financial Information

US Department of Health & Human Services

Head Start \$4,740,464

Early Head Start \$1,364,180

Early Head Start Expansion \$315,000

US Department of Agriculture \$108,881.39

Collaborative Contributions from the Boards of Education and other Community Agencies \$783,592.23

In Kind

Volunteer Number: 932 Current or Former EHS/HS parents: 697

Hours: 10,880

Total In Kind \$1,891,120.10

Program Expenses

Personnel, Fringe Benefits, Travel, Equipment, Supplies, Contractual, Program Services, Mental Health, Dental Health, Literacy, Nutrition Services, Rent, Utilities, Professional Development, and Building Maintenance

**There were no deficiencies with our federal review and audit that was conducted October 2010. Full report is available at the Main office 540 5th Avenue Huntington, WV 25704 or at 1100 Monroe Avenue Huntington, WV 25704**

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Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

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- Weatherization
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- Region 2 Workforce Investment Programs
- Case Management/ Home-makers Services
- Emergency Services
- Employability and GED Programs
- Dental, Vision & Prescription Assistance
- Right from the Start

Sometimes we can all use a little help. We accomplish so much more when we all work together as a team and focus on a better community for our children.

Southwestern's Head Start and Early Head Start mission is to establish a foundation of trust with children and their families through ongoing integrated community services which nurture personal growth, economic development and self sufficiency