Early Childhood Programs

Head Start, Early Head Start Home Visiting, Evidence Based Home Visiting, Child Care Partnership

Who We Are: Program Coordinators

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- Mental Health Coordinator: Dawn Tommerdahl
FY 2019 Region V Overview

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Region V Office of Head Start

FY 2019 Minnesota

36 grants in Minnesota
- 27 Community Action Agencies
- 7 Public/Private Non-Profits
- 1 School Systems
- 1 Government Agency

Region V Office of Head Start
Overview of Head Start Programs

- Ages 3-5
- 5 sites serving Goodhue, Wabasha and Rice counties
- Faribault serves 85 children both Full Day and Part Day programming
- Northfield serves 34 children Full Day programming
- Zumbrota serves 17 children Half Day programming
- Red Wing serves 34 children Half Day programming—Inclusive partnership with District to serve children with disabilities
- Wabasha serves 17 children Half Day programming
Early Head Start Home Visiting

Early Head Start Home Visiting: Pregnant Mothers to Age 3

- Early Head Start (EHS) is an evidence-based, intensive, home based program for low-income families with infants and toddlers and pregnant women.

- Its mission is: • to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women • to enhance the development of very young children, and • to promote healthy family functioning

- 2 Home Visitors serve 10 families in Rice County and 10 families in Goodhue and Wabasha
- 1 Home Visit per week per family (48 visits per year)
- Each visit lasts 90 minutes
- 2 group socialization activities per month (22 per year)

Evidence Based Home Visiting
Department of Health

- Evidence Based Home Visiting is a Department of Health grant from the state. Follows the same federal requirements of the Early Head Start model and uses the same curriculum.

- Partner agencies: Families First of Minnesota, Semcac, and Jeremiah Project
- Serves a total of 106 families between Three Rivers and partners
- Three Rivers has 3 Home Visitors serving a caseload of 12 families (36)
- 4 year grant ends December 31, 2022
- Total grant funds $2,270,607
Child Care Partnership

- **Child Care Partnership**: The EHS-CCP initiative brings together the best of Early Head Start and child care through layering of funding to provide comprehensive and continuous services to low-income infants, toddlers, and their families. The EHS-CCP brings together the strengths of child care and Early Head Start program producing more highly educated and fully qualified workforce to provide high-quality infant/toddler care and education,
  - Ages infant through age 3
  - Child Care centers follow Head Start performance standards
  - Transition plans to Head Start program
  - Qualifications- Infant-Toddler CDA

- **Head Start:**
  - Federal Grant- $1,751,355.00 Funds 169 Head Start children
  - State Grant- $432,965.00 Funds 18 Head Start and 20 EHS Home Visiting children
  - Pathway II State Scholarships- $456,795.00 (over two years) Funds transportation for all Half Day programming and two bilingual teachers

- **Early Head Start Home Visiting:**
  - State Grant- $432,965.00 Funds 20 EHS Home Visiting children

- **Evidence Based Home Visiting:**
  - State Grant Department of Health $2,270,607 Funds 106 EHS Home Visiting

- **Child Care Partnership:**
  - Families First- 8,200 per month to Three Rivers and 4,112.00 per child per year Funds 8 infants and 8 toddlers
Minnesota Head Start Association: Children and Families Served: By the Numbers 2018 to 2019

- 11,388 → 10,803 Head Start Funded Enrollment
- 2,965 → 3,098 Early Head Start Funded Enrollment
- 50% → 55% Racially Diverse
- 14% → 15% with a Disability
- 420 → 418 EHS/Child Care Partnership Enrollment
- 27% → 32% English Not Primary Language
- 11% → 14% Homeless or in Foster Care

Children in Poverty and Access to Head Start

In 2017–2018, there were 69,310 children in poverty under age five in Minnesota. Of those, only 46% of three and four year olds had access to Head Start. And only 9% of children under 3 had access to Early Head Start.
Head Start in Local Communities

- Minnesota’s 33 Head Start and Early Head Start programs fuel the local economies of the communities in their service areas. In 2017–2018 these Minnesota investments included:
  - 3,438 Jobs with Benefits
  - 8,417 Children Transported
  - 6,137 Children Receiving Services in Full Day Option
  - Est. $30 Million in Local Purchases of Food, Gas, Diapers and Other Purchases
  - 15,700 Volunteers