

2010—2011 PROGRAM YEAR



The Salvation Army Early Head Start

Annual Report to the Public



Mission Statement:

Empowering parents by encouraging self-sufficiency, promoting healthy child development, and supporting the family unit.



Budget Period: 9/1/10-8/31/11

What We Do

The Salvation Army Early Head Start Program, located within the Salvation Army Lied Renaissance Center at 3612 Cuming Street, is a federally funded home-based and center-based program that works to:

- enhance children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development;
- assist pregnant women to access comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care;
- support parents' efforts to fulfill their parental roles; and
- help parents move toward self-sufficiency.

The Early Head Start program is unique in itself, as it is one of the only programs in the metropolitan area to provide weekly, in-home visits based around early childhood education and activities. Home-based services are open to 87 children and pregnant women, and center-based services work with 24 children in three locations for a total funded enrollment of 111 children and pregnant women.

The program partners with two child care sites to provide center-based services for families who are working or going to school full time.

- Stepping Stones Child Development Center, located on-site, provides care for 12 children;
- Child Saving Institute located on the corner of 46th and Dodge St., serves 12 children as well.



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Community Impact - A Year in Review

The total number of children and families served:

The program is funded to serve 111 children (75 regular grant and 36 expansion grant) under the age of three and pregnant women. During the 2010-2011 program year, 192 children and 30 pregnant women received services for a total cumulative enrollment of 222 children and pregnant women served for the year.

Seventy two-parent families and 85 single-parent families (totaling 155 families) benefited from the program during the year.



30 pregnant women



192 children

Percentage of eligible children served:

According to the program's 2009-2010 community assessment, 3,392 children are eligible for Early Head Start services in Omaha. The program served 192 children during the 2009-2010 program year indicating that only 5.7% of eligible Early Head Start children in Douglas County received Early Head Start services through our program.

The average monthly enrollment (percentage of funded enrollment)

Under both the regular and expansion grants the program was fully enrolled at 111 each month. Typically the waiting list averaged 55 to 70 children and pregnant women at any given time.

Trends in Service:

An increased number of refugee families received services during the 2010-2011 program year. Specific countries include Sudan, Nigeria and Togo in Africa, and Burma in Southeast Asia.

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Medical Support for Families



90% of the children were up-to-date on preventative health care.

- 90% of children were up-to-date on a schedule of preventive and primary health care
- 11 of 11 children needing specific medical treatment during the year received that treatment
- 98% of children had health insurance at end of enrollment year
- 99% of children had a medical home at the end of enrollment year
- 91% of children were up-to-date on immunizations or had all possible immunizations to date
- 93% of children had a dental home at the end of enrollment

Who We Served in 2010-2011:

By Eligibility:

60%	Within 0-100% of the Poverty Guideline
26%	Receiving TANF or SSI
3%	In foster care
6%	Homeless
5%	Over the Poverty Guideline

By Race:

2%	American Indian
4%	Asian
27%	African American
19%	Caucasian
9%	Biracial
35%	Hispanic
4%	African

By Age:

46%	Under 1 year
28%	1 year old
15%	2 years old
11%	3 years old
14%	Pregnant woman

By Education of Parent:

2%	Advanced degree
14%	Associates degree or some college
49%	High school grad or GED
35%	Less than high school grad

By Gender:

50.5%	Female
49.5%	Male

Family Feedback

We asked on our Spring 2011 survey of our Early Head Start parents what they thought of the program. Here's what they said:

"The staff and program is the best. I love how they go above and beyond and out of their way to help me and my family with any situation."

"It's a really good program for my kids. The teacher always helps us achieve our goals. Keep up the good work."

"Me siento bien con los servicios porque es para el progreso de mi familia." [I feel very good about the services because it is for the progress of my family.]

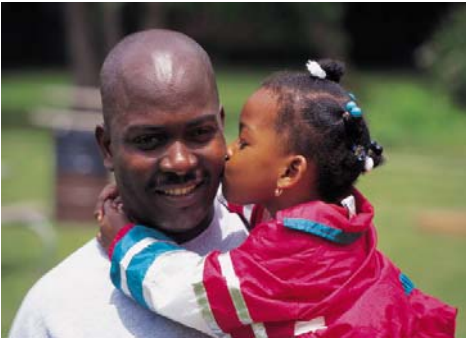
"I love this program!! I recommend it to everyone who could use it! THANK YOU!"



Program success in any language!

"Solamente aqui desearles por tenerme en el programa estoy muy conenta con la persona que me visita me ayuda mucho con el nino. Muchas gracias." [Thanks for having me in the program. I am happy with my consultant. She helps me a lot with my son. Thank you.]

Parent Involvement Activities



Family Gatherings, offered twice per month to each family, were held throughout the year. In an effort to accommodate more families, gatherings were held in the mornings from 10:30-noon and from 5:00-6:30pm. Families shared a meal or snack together then split into age

specific groups (infants, toddlers, and 2's and 3's) to participate in developmentally appropriate activities for fun and learning.

Typically, a group is offered for Spanish-speaking families and English-speaking families each month and then a playgroup is held in which all families can participate. On a quarterly basis, Parent Meetings are offered which cover the topics of:

- Transitions;
- Child Abuse & Neglect;
- Screening, On-Going Assessment/Disabilities;
- Curriculum, Individualization and Program Options.

Parents are able to provide input and suggestions on ways to enhance Early Head Start services by completing surveys during each Family Gathering and Parent Meeting, and participating on the Policy Council.

Efforts to prepare children for pre-school:

Family Consultants begin to discuss transitioning from the program into Head Start or another pre-school program when the child is 30 months of age. Families begin to explore options at this time with their Family Consultants who help prepare families by completing pre-school applications and/or making visits to pre-schools. During a Parent Meeting, Omaha Public Schools Head Start staff is invited to take applications for the upcoming year so that families may begin preparations for leaving the program. The program also held a Transition Celebration this year to congratulate those families who will be transitioning out of the program in October.

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Financial Report

Amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source:

Regular Grant: Budget Period 9/1/10-8/31/11

Federal Funds (80%): \$977,512

Non Federal Funds (20%): \$244,378

ARRA Expansion Grant: Budget Period 9/30/10-9/29/11

Federal Funds (80%): \$465,026

Non Federal Funds (20%): \$116,257

An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year:

- Personnel: 38%- Includes staff salaries.
- Fringe Benefits: 14%- Health Insurance, Pension, FICA, workman's compensation.
- Out of Town Travel: 1% -Lodging, airfare, ground transportation and meals for out of town conferences.
- Equipment: NA
- Supplies: 5%- Office supplies, children and family services supplies, food supplies.
- Contracts: 18%, center-based contracts, WIC nutrition assessment and mental health consultant contracts.
- Other: 15%, mileage reimbursement for home visitors and transportation expenses, utilities and phone, occupancy expenses, dues and memberships, other training expenses including registration fees, employee education reimbursement, printing and publication expenses and subscriptions.
- Indirect Costs: 9%- Costs which may be charged by The Salvation Army for administrative support , such as legal and computer support, the annual audit, Human Resources, Accounting and other administrative supervision. A set rate is negotiated between The Salvation Army and the Department of Health and Human Services each year for these costs.

The results of the most recent review by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and the independent financial audit:

The program was reviewed on over 1,700 performance standards November 14, 2010 through November 19, 2010. The program was determined to be in compliance with all applicable Head Start program performance standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. No corrective action was required on our part based on this triennial and ARRA review.

Results of the independent A-133 audit for the period ending September 30, 2010 showed no areas of non-compliance for the Early Head Start program.



Community Partnerships:

Child Saving Institute
Omaha Public Schools
Visiting Nurses Association
University of Nebraska Medical Center
One World Community Health Center
The Salvation Army Programs
CSI - Kid Squad
PTI Nebraska
Douglas County Health Department WIC

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