

Hamilton Center, Inc. - Early Head Start Vigo County, Indiana Annual Report July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009



Early Head Start (EHS) is a program serving families and children prenatal through age three. The program is designed to provide early support to families of infants and toddlers, support which will enhance the child's development through healthy beginnings and the continuity of responsive and caring relationships. The goal of EHS is to foster the intellectual, social, and emotional growth of both parent and child. Parents may participate in the Home-based option or if they are working/going to school they may choose for their child to participate in the Full Day Center-based services.

Audit Results

- **May 2008:** The Hamilton Center Early Head Start is in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.
- **August 2009:** Hamilton Center, Inc. completed its annual audit by Blue & Company, LLC for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, which resulted in compliance with each of its major federal programs.

Performance Indicators

145	# of Children (134) & Pregnant Women (11) served by the program
127	#of Families served by the program
80	Average # of children enrolled each Month
100	% of average enrollment compared to funded enrollment
100	% of children with identified continuous medical care
96	% current on immunizations or all possible at this time as determined by physician
78	% of children over 24 months of age with continuous professional dental care

Characteristics of Enrolled Families

100% of families are low income families living in Vigo County
56% of families are two-parent families
48.8% of families are working
22.8% of families are in school
45% of families have a high school degree /GED, 21% some college, and 6% a Bachelor degree
86% of families participate in WIC
Children enrolled were 49% infants, 29% toddlers, and 22% two-year-olds
Children were 70% White, 14% Bi-Racial, 12% African American, 2% American Indian and 1% Asian
4 families experienced homelessness during the program year

Type of Services Provided

- Home visits with families equaling 2996.5 hours of service
- 239 Days of full-day service for 29 children
- 21 Family Socialization Events for 44 EHS children & their families
- 132 Children were screened for developmental concerns, 9 were referred for First Steps services

Primary Funding Sources

Current funding supports a program for 19% of the estimated 609 eligible Vigo County children

- \$875,121 Office of Head Start Grant
- \$16,108 Child Care Development Fund Voucher Program
- \$10,395 Child & Adult Care Food Program
- \$1,200 Donations / March of Dimes Grant / Terre Haute Day Nursery Grant
- \$252,531 In-kind Volunteer Services & Materials

Fiscal

Grant Year (July - June)	'08 - '09	'08 - '09	'09 - '10
	Budget	Expenditures	Budget
Personnel	57.6%	54.9%	55.2%
Fringes	19.5%	23.1%	24.3%
Travel Out-of-Town	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
Supplies	2.1%	1.8%	0.9%
Contractual	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	20.63%	20.1%	19.4%

Parent Involvement Activities

- 119 families participated in the development of a Family Partnership Agreement (FPA) to set goals to enhance their child's development and their family functioning.
- 42 fathers participated in program activities, 55 fathers participated in the FPA process
- 121 of the 127 families participated in literacy activities.
- 167 Parents served as Volunteers for the program
- Parent Committee Meetings were held every other month for each program site.
- Policy Council Meetings lead by parents provided policy review and guidance for the program

Community Programs Partnering with EHS Include

Healthy Families - First Steps - Vigo County Health Dept - March of Dimes - West Vigo High School - Kerman Grotto Ladies - Spectrum Industries - Terre Haute Day Nursery Foundation - Women Infant & Children Program (WIC) - Department of Children Services (DCS) -Vigo County Public Library

Staff



Not pictured: Jill Harrison and Millie Schell

