

Program Information Report (PIR) - 2006

Facts about Iowa Head Start/Early Head Start

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- 31 Head Start/Early Head Start grantees
- 231 Program centers/locations
- 451 Head Start Classes
- 2,031 Head Start/Early Head Start employees (464 are/were Head Start parents).

Facts about Children

Enrollment Figures, by age

- Total actual enrollment: 9,689
- Children age 0-1 enrolled: 500
- One-year olds enrolled: 441
- Two-year olds enrolled: 542
- Three-year olds enrolled: 3,113
- Four-year olds enrolled: 4,783
- Five-year olds enrolled: 83
- Pregnant Women: 227

Racial Ethnic Composition

- 3% Native American
- 12.5% Hispanic
- 11.3% African American
- 60% White
- 1% Asian
- <1% Pacific Islander/Other
- 8% Multi-racial

Facts about Health Services

- 90% of children received medical screenings
- 19% of those screened were diagnosed as needing treatment
- 93% of those diagnosed as needing treatment received treatment
- 8,539 of the children enrolled in Head Start /Early Head Start completed all medical screenings –of those screened – 1,634 were identified as needing follow-up treatment of which 1,524 received treatment.

The top four health issues surfaced in screening:

- Overweight
 - Asthma
 - Vision
 - Hearing Difficulties
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- 6,870 of the children enrolled in Head Start received dental examinations – 1,330 were identified as needing treatment and 1,114 received treatment

 - 1,203 children were enrolled with disabilities – top four primary disabilities identified were:
 - Speech or language
 - Non-Categorical/Developmental Delay
 - Multiple Disabilities (including deaf-blind)
 - Health Impairment

- 8,464 children enrolled more than 45 days completed or were up-to-date on their immunizations.
- Approximately 292 mental health referrals, interventions and follow-ups were completed.

Facts about Pregnant Women (Early Head Start)

- 2% of total enrollment (227) are pregnant women
- 16% of pregnant women are under 18 years of age.
- 24% of pregnant women have medically “high-risk” pregnancies.

Facts about Families

- 56% are single-parent families.

Parental Employment (this adds up to more than 100% since a parent might be working and in education/training)

- 68% of families have one or both parents working.
- 31% of families have parent(s) unemployed.
- 15% of families have one or more parent in job training or school.

Parental Education

- 66% are high school graduates or less
- 29% have some college, vocational school or associate degree.
- 3% have a bachelor’s degree or advanced degree.

Family Services most often received – will not add up to 100% because families may receive multiple services

- Parenting education, 54%
- Health education, 51%
- Job training, adult education and ESL training, 23%
- Emergency/crisis intervention, 22%
- Housing assistance, 21%

TANF receipt

- 33% of families receive TANF.

Children’s need for full-day care

- 53% of Head Start children need full-day and/or full-year care.
- Of the children who need full-day care, 61% receive those full-day services through Head Start.
- Of the children who need full-day care, the number in the following types of care:
- 18% family child care home
- 33% child care center
- 37% at home or at another home with a relative or unrelated adult
- 2% at a public school pre-kindergarten or other program

Children’s enrollment by eligibility

- 28% of children enrolled based on receipt of public assistance.
- 66% of children enrolled based on income eligibility (below 100% FPL)
- 6% of children enrolled although families were over-income.
- 1% of children enrolled due to status as a foster child.

Facts about other services provided

- 1,998 families received emergency or crisis intervention.
- 4,579 families received health education.

- 4,839 families received parenting education.
- 902 received mental health services.

Facts about Teachers

Teacher Education Qualifications

CDA Credential or State Certificate, 11%

Associate's degree in ECE or related to ECE, 21%

Baccalaureate degree in ECE or related to ECE, 62%

Graduate degree in ECE or related to ECE, 3%

Staff without degrees, 16%

Of the staff without degrees, number enrolled in ECE/Related degree program, 18%

Of the staff without degrees, number in any type of CDA equivalent training (includes home-based credential), 1%

Source: based on Head Start Program Information Reports for 2005-2006 Program Year.