

**College of Southern Idaho Head Start/ Early Head Start
Monthly Program Summary
For March 2013**

Enrollment

Head Start ACYF Federal Funded	565 *
Head Start TANF	27
Early Head Start	80
Total	672 *

Program Options

Part-day/ Part-year, Double Sessions, School District, Pre– K, Early Head Start -Home Based.

Head Start Attendance

Head Start March Overall Attendance	85%
Head Start Double Session Attendance	82%
Early Head Start Home Visit Participation	89%

Meals and Snacks

Total meals served for March	4,041
Total snacks served for March	3,189

Education

Transitions are a key part to Head Start. Head Start helps prepare children for kindergarten in a variety of ways. This includes activities with children and parents to familiarize them with the public school such as visiting a kindergarten classroom and conducting parent-teacher conferences. Families are given a Building Bluebirds booklet that talks about their child's development, expectations of the public school, and parents rights and opportunities. Head Start also helps families prepare by teaching parents to continue working with their children over the summer on child goals and kindergarten skills.

Parent Involvement

Part 1 of the parent survey has been completed and Part 2 is near completion and community surveys are underway as part of Head Start/Early Head Start's Community wide Assessment. Parents assess the needs, strengths and action plans for their communities. Parents and staff are wrapping up the self-assessment process at each of our centers. The results Part 1 will be presented to Policy Council this month, and updates to the Board will follow. Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention activities such as walks, planting pinwheel gardens, mayor proclamations, delivery of pinwheel vases to community partners, guest speakers and rallies are under way to raise awareness locally and nationally.

Early Head Start

Early Head Start has an active contract with South Central District Health Department to provide Nurse Home Visits to Early Head Start families. Nurse Home Visits focus on the medical needs of expectant mothers and Early Head Start children, address any concerns, provide referrals as identified, and encourage parents to follow EPSDT guidelines. Each Early Head Start participant has the opportunity to receive at least four nurse home visits per year. Early Head Start also has a contract with an independent registered nurse that provides Nurse Home Visits with families as well as lactation counseling services.

Documents for Board Review/ Approval:

Financial Reports
Child Observation Record (COR) Report