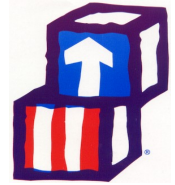


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COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START



Vision Screenings at CSI Head Start/ Early Head Start

A child's brain develops at an amazing pace during the first years of life. It also adapts to the sensory images it receives through the eyes. If one or both eyes see blurry images, the brain will quickly learn to ignore them and focus more on whichever eye delivers the clearer image.

In order to detect vision problems and provide referrals to correct vision concerns CSI Head Start/ Early Head Start uses the Pedia-Vision Screener. The screener detects vision problems such as:

- Near-sightedness (Myopia)
- Far-sightedness (Hyperopia)
- Unequal refractive power (anisometropia)
- Blurred Vision, eye structure problems (astigmatism)
- Pupil size deviations (anisocoria)
- Eye misalignment (Strabismus)



The vision screening takes only a few seconds and requires no response from the child. This screening takes place within 45 days of enrollment into the program and then every year following the child's wellness exam schedule.

Hearing Screenings at CSI Head Start /Early Head Start



It is very important for a child to be able to connect with his/her surroundings. The recognition of sounds helps children to interact and understand everything that goes on around them. Hearing loss to any degree will interfere with a child's social development and in engaging in the world around him or her. A child with hearing loss who demonstrates a speech delay, may shy away from other children because he or she is unable to communicate.

In order to detect hearing loss in infants and children, and provide referrals to correct hearing loss, CSI Head Start/Early Head Start uses the Ero-Scan Otoacoustic Emission Screener (OAE). The OAE involves the detection of emission that is produced by a normal ear in response to incoming sounds. A small hand-held instrument with an ear tip is placed in the child's ear and sound is projected into the ear. The device then measures the response from the ear. The screening takes only a few minutes and requires no response from the child. . This screening takes place within 45 days of enrollment into the program and then every year following the child's wellness exam schedule.

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**College of Southern Idaho Head Start/ Early Head Start
Monthly Program Summary
For September 2012**

Enrollment

Head Start ACF Federal Funded	524*
Head Start TANF	27
Early Head Start	80
Total	628

* There are 42 School District slots not included as the School District option starts later in the program year.

Program Options

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

Head Start Attendance

HS Program Wide Attendance	88%
Double Session Attendance	88%
EHS Home Visit Completion Rate	92%

Meals and Snacks

Total meals served for September	4,555
Total snacks served for September	3,549
Total meals served for August (amended)	8
Total snacks served for August (amended)	7

Education

Classroom staff are completing anecdotal information for the first nine weeks of the program year on the COR (Child Observation Record). This establishes a baseline of the children's learning when they enter the program. The information is compiled four times for Early Head Start and three times for Head Start over the course of the program year. Children in Early Head Start are evaluated on 28 items that cover six categories: sense of self, social relations, creative representation, movement, communication and language, and exploration and early logic. Children in Head Start are evaluated in 32 items that cover six categories: initiative; social relations; creative representation; music and movement; language and literacy; and mathematics and science.

Parent Involvement

October is National Head Start month. Each center will be holding an open house and inviting community members to attend. Each center has conducted elections for Parent Committee and Policy Council Representatives. Policy Council Retreat will be held October 26th and 27th in Albion, Idaho. At Retreat, Policy Council Members will be trained on their roles and responsibilities and participate in fun hands-on learning activities.

Early Head Start

Early Head Start has updated its approach to Caseload Review. EHS Center staff meet monthly to examine each caseload for children and pregnant women to ensure compliance with Federal Performance Standards, State immunization and Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing (EPSDT) requirements as well as address the needs of each EHS family. Last year, each caseload review was conducted in person by the EHS Coordinator. This year the EHS Coordinator will compile the relevant information and provide it to the Nurse Home Visitor to review with the EHS Family Educator II. The EHS Coordinator will gather the feedback and use it to create monthly assignments for each staff member. The EHS Coordinator will conduct three, more comprehensive, caseload reviews this year called Family Staffing in October/November, January and June.

Documents for Board Review/ Approval:

Financial Reports