

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START 2010-2011 STRATEGIC GOALS

The strategic goals form the foundation for program activities and for the development of funding proposals during the upcoming program year.

Respect

Continue a focused approach to involving Head Start/Early Head Start parents in meaningful and respectful ways through training in family support strategies that are reflective of their culture to include: physical health (prenatal –preschoolers), nutrition, oral health, mental health; education, workforce readiness and effective parenting classes; as well as community resource and referral.

Responsive

Respond in a timely and aggressive manner to the changing needs of enrolled families by including flexible scheduling to accommodate parents who work shifts or irregular hours, providing additional supports for parents entering or re-entering the workforce, and accessing health care, social and/or education services.

Literacy

Promote literacy among children and families we serve, regardless of ages or stages, by encouraging the development of literacy rich environment in the home as well as, in the centers and by incorporating the latest scientifically researched attachment and teaching strategies.

Active Learning

Support and encourage enrolled children's active experiences with people, materials, events and ideas by adapting to each child's individual needs and the collective needs of the group within their setting and their community.

Results

Create awareness among our constituents of outcomes and the impact they have on children (0-5) and families we serve and on the Head Start/Early Head Start program locally, state wide and nationally.

Professionalism

Elevate our staff's professional standing, by encouraging continued education and training thus attracting and retaining qualified individuals committed to long-term careers providing quality services to Head Start/Early Head Start children and their families.

Technology

Increase the use of technology in all aspects of Head Start/Early Head Start by providing access to equipment and training for technology applications in program management, Head Start/Early Head Start classrooms/socializations, parent employment readiness and educational support.

Community Involvement

Enhance our surrounding communities by creating opportunities for active participation in local community initiative by encouraging Head Start/Early Head Start parent and staff involvement.

Collaboration

Collaborate with other local, state, regional and national organizations to increase availability of services for low income families, including prenatal and maternal care; medical and oral health; care; substance abuse prevention and treatment; educational and employment opportunities; child abuse prevention; housing; quality childcare; youth development and early literacy.

Communication

A Systematic approach involving staff and parent which provides exchange of information to insure full and meaningful involvement in program activities.