

Hoosier Uplands Head Start and Early Head Start 2014-2015 Annual Report

OPENING THE DOOR TO EARLY LEARNING.



Hoosier Uplands EDC has provided Head Start services since 1965 and Early Head Start services since 1999 to children and families in the Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington County areas of Indiana. Head Start services are provided to 275 children through a center-based model of service delivery with centers located in Bedford, Mitchell, Paoli, Loogootee and Salem. Home-based Head Start services are also available to 12 families within the service area. Early Head Start services are provided through a home-based model of service delivery with enrolled families receiving a 90 minute in-home visit each week.

Both Head Start and Early Head Start are funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There are no state funds allocated in Indiana for the provision of either Head Start or Early Head Start services.

“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.” --John Fitzgerald Kennedy

During the 2014-2015 program year which ran from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, Hoosier Uplands received a total of \$2,739,131 federal dollars to operate the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The funding was allocated and expended in the following manner:

- \$1,955,921 for Head Start general operating expenses including salaries, student transportation and supplies, utilities, liability and property insurance, and the annual audit,
- \$28,147 for Head Start staff training and technical assistance which included numerous college courses for teaching staff,
- \$736,877 for Early Head Start general operating expenses including staff salaries, program supplies, liability and property insurance, utilities and the annual audit, and

- \$18,186 for Early Head Start staff training and technical assistance which included staff Child Development Associate credentialing and other training.

In addition to the federal funding received by Hoosier Uplands, Head Start and Early Head Start secured \$684,783 in non-federal match. This match came from a variety of sources including parent and community volunteer time, donations and discounts on programs supplies and space.

As required by federal regulations and in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, Hoosier Uplands undergoes an annual financial audit. The 2014 audit summary report showed no findings and no questioned costs for the period.

During the 2014-2015 program year, Head Start provided services to 345 children from 318 families and 112 infants and toddlers and 10 pregnant women from 93 families received Early Head Start services. Both programs were at 100% enrollment each month throughout the program year with families remaining on the waiting lists for services in all counties.

“Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.” --Anonymous

Understanding that the parent is a child’s first and most important teacher, Head Start and Early Head Start provide a variety of learning opportunities for the parents of enrolled children. Family Fun Nights are held monthly throughout the school year in each of our five Head Start Centers. At each event parents and children work together on planned activities that can easily be replicated at home. The activities are focused on developing and enhancing school readiness skills.

One important aspect of the Head Start program is the provision of services to children with special needs. During the 2014-2015 program year, Hoosier Uplands Head Start provided services to 72 children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Early Head Start were provided services to 21 children with an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Of the 72 served in Head Start, 38 were diagnosed prior to enrollment in the program while the remaining 34 were diagnosed as a result of the various screenings the children receive one they enter the program.



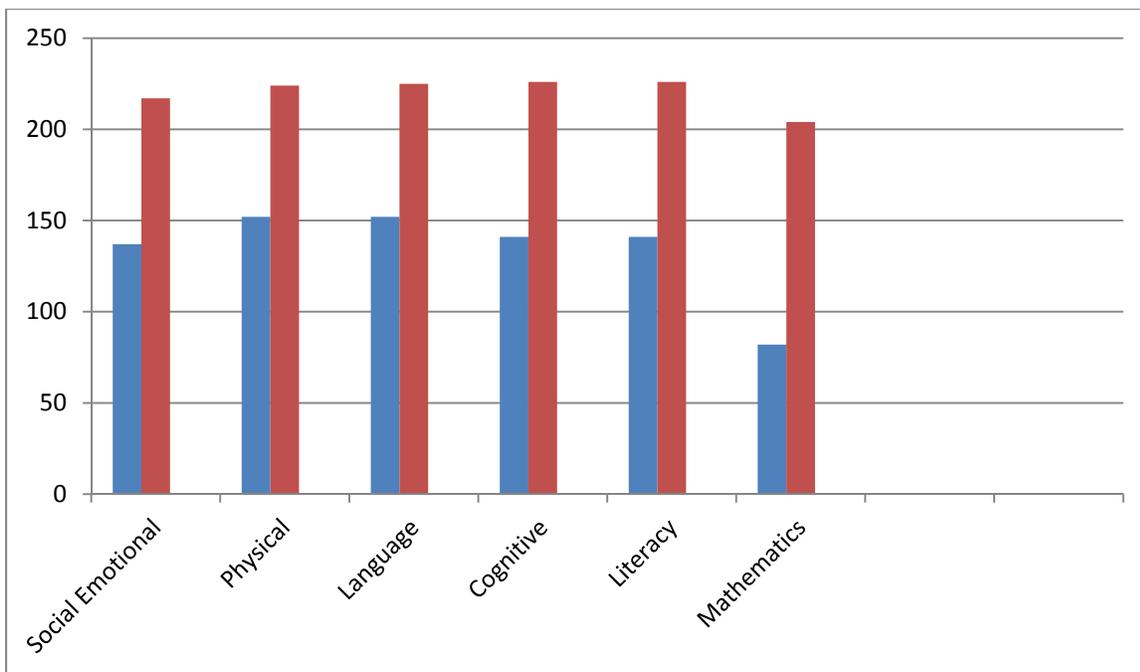
A healthy child is a child ready to learn. Of the 345 children enrolled in the Head Start program, 342 (99.13%) were up to date on a schedule of age-appropriate immunizations according to Indiana’s EPSDT schedule for well child care and 318 (92.18%) had a continuous, accessible source of dental care. Two hundred ninety seven children in Head Start received a professional dental examination during the program year and 89 were found to be in need of dental follow-up care. Of those in need of dental follow up, 78 (87.64%) had received the needed care by the end of the reporting period.

Of the 112 infants and toddlers enrolled in the Early Head Start program, 99 had an established medical home, 69 were up to date on a schedule of primary care as established by the EPSDT schedule and 100 were up to date on all immunizations.

The proposed budget for the provision of Head Start and Early Head Start services for the 2015-2016 program year remains at the same level as funding for the 2014-2015 program year at \$2,739,131 in federal funds and \$684,783 in non-federal match.

"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them." –Lady Bird Johnson

With an increased emphasis on school readiness skills, Hoosier Uplands Head Start and Early Head Start continually monitor and evaluate child progress in attaining goals in social/emotional development, physical development, language development, cognitive development, literacy, and math. End of year assessments showed tremendous growth and development for those children who will transition into kindergarten in August 2015. A sampling of their growth and development in the six areas is indicated in the chart below. The BLUE line indicates the number of children meeting or exceeding widely held expectations in the fall of 2014 and the RED line indicates the number meeting or exceeding widely held expectations in the spring of 2015.



"I continue to believe that if children are given the necessary tools to succeed, they will succeed beyond their wildest dreams." –David Vitter

USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program

Hoosier Uplands continues to be a sponsor for the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Hoosier Uplands sponsors five Head Start centers and five Outside School Hours sites in the program. The CACFP contract year runs from October 1 through September 30 each year. During the 2014-2015 Head Start program year (May 1-April 30) the total revenue for the CACFP was \$155,898.88. The 10 sites served a total of 86,960 reimbursable meals and snacks during the reporting period.

Mission of Hoosier Uplands Children's Services

To be the premier early childhood program in Southern Indiana!

At Hoosier Uplands, we believe that in order to be the premier early childhood program in Southern Indiana there are four cornerstones on which our program must be built. The cornerstone (or foundation stone) concept is derived from the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. It's important because all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure.

The four cornerstones of our program are:

-  Friendliness—Welcoming environments and caring staff
-  Safety—Safe environments (classrooms, buses, playgrounds, homes, offices)
-  Service—School readiness and family engagement
-  Opportunities—experiences for growth

With friendliness, safety, service and opportunities as the foundation for our programs, SUCCESS is imminent for our children, our families, our communities and our staff.