

Every year services for children and their families are provided in the following counties:

Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, Obion, Tipton and Weakley.

Services include:

- preschool education and family support
- excellent preschool academic program
- preventive health care for each child
- free dental exams and treatment
- health insurance referrals
- family goal planning and other social services
- emergency assistance through referrals to local resources
- bus transportation in many areas
- special education services for children with disabilities
- well supervised staff with early childhood credentials - CDA or degree
- nutrition services
- mental health services with on-site consultation
- hearing, vision, speech and language

Head Start is operated by

Northwest Tennessee Economic Development Council (NWTEDC)

\$594,054.65 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture was reimbursement for the cost of food used in Head Start;

\$2,735,179 in local matching funds from people who donate goods, services and space costs, which is required in order to receive the Head Start grant;

Also, private cash and other donations from individuals and businesses.

Head Start/Early Head Start

by the Numbers

1198/164	# of children funded
1445/249	# of children served during the year
90%/95%	% of eligible children served
33/6	Teachers have a BS and above in Early Childhood or equivalent hours
2772/1859	Hours of teaching staff training and professional development
98%/83%	% of children who received professional dental treatment
179/25	# of children with disability who received special services
12%	% of children with IEP
10%	% of children with IFSP
100%/93%	% of children with up-to-date immunizations
2096/117	# of volunteers
69%/76%	% of single-parent families
42%/55%	% of single-parent families and the parent is not working
7%/5%	% of two-parent families in which neither parent is working
18%/25%	% of families without a high school education
10/2	# of foster children served
29/11	# of homeless children served
1402/244	# of children English primary language
43/5	# of children Spanish primary language
65/20	# of classrooms serving children
91%/100%	% of families receiving family services
55%	% of teachers meeting degree/credential requirement effective September, 2013
18/8	Average class size



We Make a Difference.

Annual Report 2010 - 2011



Northwest Tennessee Head Start

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Information in this brochure is designed to fulfill requirements of Head Start federal law related reports to the general public.

The established service area for the Northwest Tennessee Head Start/Early Head Start program encompasses thirteen counties in west Tennessee. The service area is 6,412 square miles. Eleven of the counties are classified as rural, another urban and one as rural/urban.

Northwest Tennessee Head Start /Early Head Start operates 24 centers in 13 counties stretching from the Tennessee River on the east to the Mississippi River on the west and is bordered by Kentucky on the north and Mississippi on the south. The program is funded to serve 1198 Head Start/103 Early Head Start children and families. There is also additional funding for 61 ARRA Early Head Start Expansion children, families and pregnant teens.

The program has entered into collaborative agreements with local school systems to operate eleven pre-kindergarten/Head Start classrooms.

In addition to academic and social services to children, Head Start also provides other services to families such as:

Medical services

Dental services

Counseling

Transportation

Home safety

Fathering

Nutrition services

Mental health

Job training

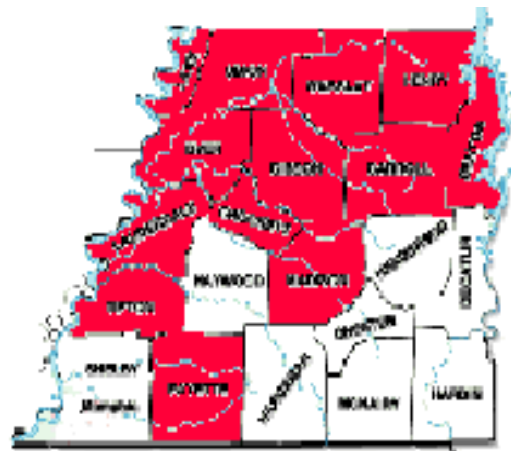
Adult education

Referral services

Parenting

Parent Involvement Activities

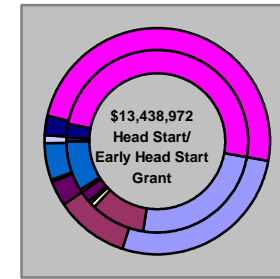
- Father Activities/Male Involvement events
- End-of-Year Kindergarten Registration/Transition Activities
- Parent Volunteers
- Lending Library Activities - Read-A-Book Activities
- Visits from community helpers
- Holiday projects for parent and child
- Presentations for parents - mental health, adult education & domestic violence , child abuse/neglect
- Medical & dental appointment and follow-ups



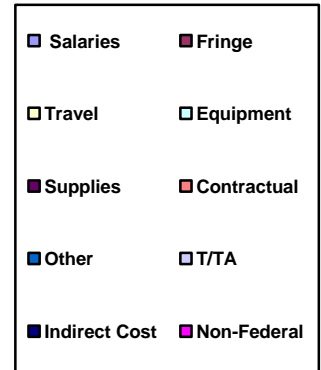
Federal Review and Audit

In the most recent federal review there were findings noted and these are being addressed. The financial audit had no findings.

All our documents are available for public review.

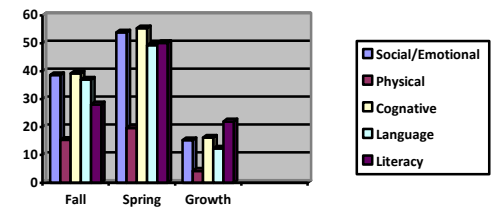


Budget 2010-2011



Early Childhood Development Areas 2010 – 2011

Three and Four Year Olds



School readiness is a focus of the program as we prepare our children for the transition to public education. This year 798 of our children continued on to kindergarten. To help ease the transition from Head Start to kindergarten we prepared the children by introducing them to kindergarten routines. A tour of where they will attend kindergarten is provided where possible. The children are registered for kindergarten prior to leaving Head Start.

