

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)**

\$664,505.15 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture was reimbursement for the cost of food used in Head Start;

\$2,613,399 in local matching funds from people who donate goods and services (usually rent on the classroom space we use), which is required in order to receive the Head Start grant;

Head Start/Early Head Start by the Numbers

1301	Number of children funded
1645	Number of children served during the year
79%	Percentage of eligible children served
4.04%	Percentage of teacher turnover during the year
62.95%	Percentage of children who received medical or dental treatment
202	Number of children with disability who received special services
3574	Number of volunteers
1557	Number of families served
75.14%	Percentage of single-parent families
41.62%	Percentage of single-parent families in which the parent is not working
5.14%	Percentage of two-parent families in which neither parent is working
22.03%	Percentage of families without a high school education
76.69%	Percentage of families participating in family goal planning
1	Number of homeless children served



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.



We Make a Difference.

Annual Report 2008



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.

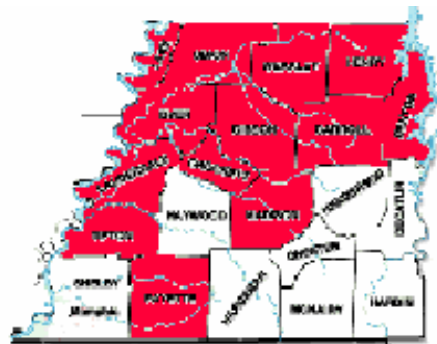
Northwest Tennessee Head Start /Early Head Start operates 26 centers in 13 counties stretching from the Tennessee River on the east to the Mississippi River on the west and is bordered by Kentucky on the north and Mississippi on the south. The program is funded to serve 1198 Head Start children and families and 103 Early Head Start children and families. 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
- Parenting
- Nutrition services
- Mental health
- Job training
- Adult education
- Referral services

Parent Involvement Activities

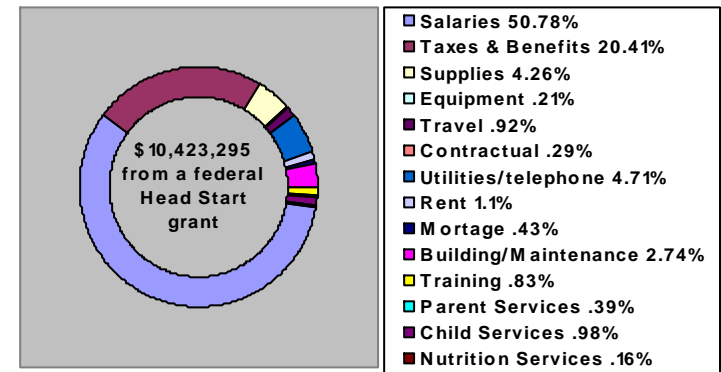
- Father Activities/Male Involvement events
- End-of-Year Kindergarten Registration/Transition Activities
- Parent Volunteers
- Lending Library Activities - Read-A-Book Activities
- Visits from community helpers
- Holiday projects for parent and child
- Presentations for parents - mental health, adult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



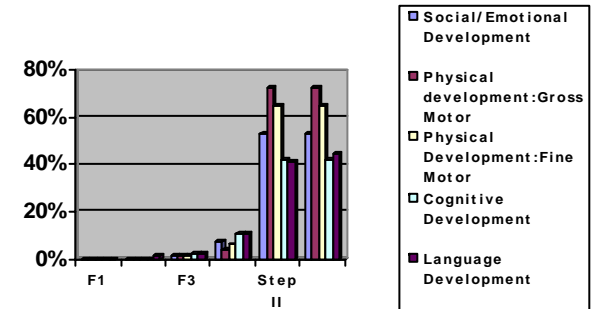
Federal Review and Audit

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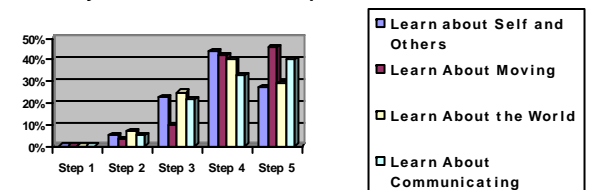
All our documents are available for public review.



Head Start - CC Development Areas 07-08



Early Head Start – CC Development Areas 07-08



This year about 950 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.