



# Semcac Head Start

An Equal Opportunity Program & Employer

## Annual Public Report

09/04/2015 - 08/19/2016



Together we build bright futures

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### Semcac's Head Start Services

The program is based on proven research of what works for children & their families.

#### CENTER-BASED, CLASSROOMS

Classroom setting services are offered 4 days per week. Head Start for preschool age children, 3—5 years operates September - May. Early Head Start toddler classrooms operate year round. 12 classrooms are located in the 6 counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona.

All sites operated by our program are licensed with the Dept. of Human Services.

#### HOME-BASED EDUCATORS

Home-based educators travel, on a weekly basis, to the homes of enrolled pregnant women and homes with children ages Birth—3 years of age.

Additionally, there is a socialization event at the Center nearest the family, every 2 weeks.



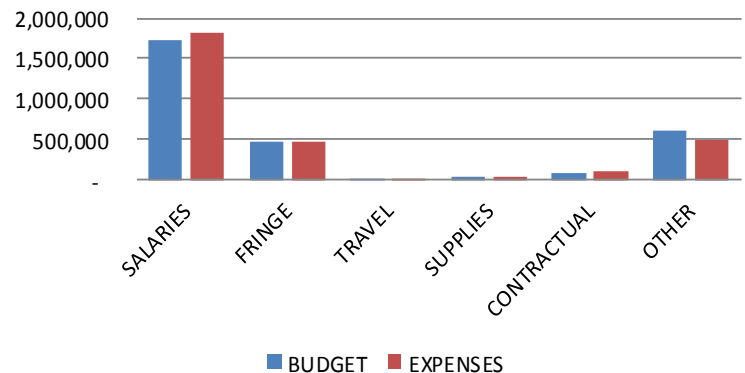
The **mission** of the Head Start program states our commitment to building bright futures by enriching young children, ages Birth—5 years old, and empowering their families. Comprehensive services and community opportunities support healthy families.

### Funding Sources

The table shows the total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.

Source	Amount
Federal	\$2,043,372
State	\$684,168
USDA	\$113,454
Other	\$95,269
Total	\$2,936,263

### Budget compared to Expenses



### Funded Enrollment: 323 children

- **64 Early Head Start.** 91 children were served due to turnover.
- **259 Head Start preschool children.** 299 children were served.
- ♦ Actual monthly enrollment of funded enrollment, on average over the year, was 100% for Early Head Start and 98% for Head Start.
- ♦ 27% of 1435 eligible children (based on age and poverty rates) in the 6 county area were served.

### Preventative Health Care

88% children enrolled in HS and 73% in EHS were up-to-date on well child care.

87% enrolled in HS and 71% in EHS received dental exams.



**It feels like family!** Parent, 2016

**We love the teachers! An amazing experience!** Parent, 2016

**My child was excited to go to school every day.** Parent, 2016



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### MONITORING REVIEW

The Office of Head Start (OHS) completed two reviews by external monitors: Fiscal/ERSEA and Comprehensive Service/School Readiness. There was one finding in Fiscal that agency did not ensure federal Head Start financial reports for prior years were timely, therefore not in compliance. As of 5/17/2016, the agency was found compliant with all reports submitted, and systems in place to ensure reports would be timely, accurate and complete.

### AUDIT

The agency independent auditor's report for year ending September 2015 had no findings. The full report can be viewed on our website: <http://www.semcac.org/about-us/fiscal-documents-info/>



### Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

- 1) Our program goal was met.** The goal stated that each child will grow and develop to his/her full potential. 100% of children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start, made strong progress toward "full proficiency" across all domains of learning.
- 2) Data showed that four year olds met or exceeded widely held expectations** in the following areas:
  - 91% Social & Emotional Development
  - 95% Gross motor
  - 88% Language Development
  - 89% Literacy Skills
  - 89% Cognitive Skills
  - 74% Math Skills
- 3) Overall data shows that our Spanish & African/other language speakers were comparable** with English language speakers in most areas, including key areas of literacy and math.
- 4) A total of 63 children with disabilities were served.** 28 children were identified due to our screening efforts.

More detailed School Readiness and Program Outcomes reports are on our website: <http://www.semcac.org/head-start/resources-links/>



4 Star, Parent Aware

Semcac Head Start is rated a **4 STAR** HIGH QUALITY PROGRAM by Parent Aware. Head Start partners with parents to support their role as the primary decision makers for their children. Children develop skills that prepare them to enter kindergarten with confidence.

### Parent Engagement

- ⇒ 100% of families received requested services such as emergency/crisis intervention, health education, housing assistance, etc.
- ⇒ 100% of families received parenting education
- ⇒ 98% of spring parent survey responses: I understand what the kindergarten readiness goals are for my child.



Thank you to our **155 community partners** and **384 volunteers**, parents, Semcac Board of Directors, Policy Council and dedicated staff for all your efforts & support to ensure our success!

Semcac is a Community Action non-profit agency.

Semcac's Mission: To assist people to achieve or maintain independence & self-reliance utilizing their own & community resources.

