



Semcac Head Start

An Equal Opportunity Program & Employer

Annual Public Report

09/06/2016 - 08/18/2017



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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 (HS) for preschool age children, 3—5 years operates September - May. Early Head Start (EHS) 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.

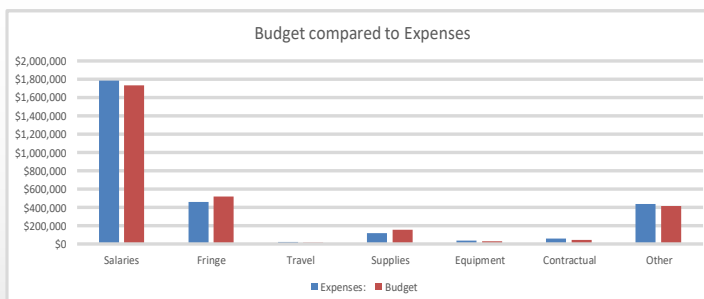
Services are offered all year in Fillmore, Houston, Mower & Winona counties.

The **mission** of the Head Start program states our commitment to build 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	\$2,079,651
State	\$692,029
USDA	\$123,317
Other	\$11,372
Total	\$2,906,369



Preventative Health Care

- ⇒ 98% HS children and 79% EHS children had a medical home.
- ⇒ 90% children enrolled in HS and 80% in EHS were fully immunized.
- ⇒ 79% HS children and 63% EHS children had a dental home.

Funded Enrollment: 312 children

- ◆ **67 Early Head Start.** 85 children were served due to turnover.
- ◆ **245 Head Start.** 282 children were served due to turnover.
- ◆ Actual monthly enrollment of funded enrollment, on average over the year, was 82% for Early Head Start and 86% for Head Start.
- ◆ 26% of 1435 eligible children (based on age and poverty rates) in the 6 county area were served.

What did you enjoy most about your Head Start experience?

- I enjoyed talking to my home-based educator weekly, building a trusting relationship with her.
- Caring and patience, kindness and understanding.
- How much the teachers are involved in each student.

Representative Responses from Parent Survey, May 2017





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SUMMARY COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

The program completed a baseline Community Assessment in fall 2013 with stakeholder input. Each fall, an update is completed. There were no significant changes identified in November 2016 when a variety of data sets were reviewed. The next baseline will be completed in fall 2018.

MONITORING REVIEW

There were no reviews by the Office of Head Start (OHS) during the year.

AUDIT

The agency independent auditor's report for year ending September 2016 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:** 100% of children made strong progress toward "full proficiency" across all domains of learning. We individualize services based on their development and needs.
- 2) 116 four year olds will transition on to kindergarten. Data showed that **they met or exceeded widely held expectations:**
 - 93% Approaches to Learning
 - 93% Social & Emotional Development
 - 93% Language, Communication, Literacy
 - 85% Cognition
 - 92% Perceptual, Motor & Physical Development
- 3) Overall data shows that our **Dual language learners were comparable** with English language speakers in most areas.
- 4) A total of **59 children with disabilities were served**. 44%, 26 children, were identified due to our screening efforts.

More information on Child Outcomes, Program Performance Indicators, and Spring Parent Survey are on our website:
<http://www.semcac.org/head-start/resources-links/>

Semcac is a Community Action non-profit agency.

Semcac's Mission:

Empower and advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources



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

- ⇒ 99% of families received requested services such as emergency/crisis intervention, health education, housing assistance, etc.
- ⇒ 120 HS and 42 EHS fathers/father figures were involved in their children's learning experiences.
- ⇒ 99% of parents surveyed in May agreed: I feel that my child's teacher/educator and I worked as partners in helping my child learn and grow.



Thank you to our **400 community partners & 212 volunteers**, parents, Policy Council, dedicated staff, & Semcac Board of Directors for all your efforts & support to ensure our success! **Special Appreciation to Fillmore County Public Health** for their many contributions.