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 CONFIDENTLY.

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To empower all children & families to reach their goals, we will foster strong relationships, offer multi-generational support, and provide family education & health services.
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83% HS children had a medical exam; 46% EHS children had a medical exam.

91% HS children were up-to-date with required immunizations; 70% EHS children.

89% HS children had a dental exam; 64% EHS children. Also, 42 children received addtl. dental treatment.

All program sites are licensed with the Department of Human services. Semcac Head Start has 4-Star rating with the state Parent Aware system.

Parent Engagement

- 64 Head Start, 28 Early Head Start fathers/ father figures, were involved in their child's learning & development experience. (conferences, visits, etc.)
- 148 families received emergency/ crisis intervention such as needs for food, clothing or shelter.

Funded Enrollment

- 314 children = 242 Head Start, 72 Early HS
- 333 children served; variance due to turnover.
- Actual monthly enrollment, on average during the year was 80% of eligible children were served.

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Thank you to our community partners & volunteers!

Thank you Policy Council leaders, staff & Semcac Board of Directors.

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When I am dealing with something life throws at me, they (Head Start) are always there to listen and give out resources that can help!

They (Head Start) helped me get my child set up with extra help with an IEP. They were all very helpful and my child is doing amazing!!

Parent Survey Quotes, 2021
Community Assessment

Semcac Head Start completed an extensive community assessment to serve for baseline planning for the five years of 2019-2022.


- Three of our six counties – Fillmore, Mower and Winona – were tagged as moderate-to-high risk, with the other three at low-to- moderate risk. These other three counties – Dodge, Houston and Steele - have the effects of larger city dynamics. For example, Dodge County is very rural with families in lower paying service jobs, yet it’s overall indicators are impacted by Rochester, home of Mayo Clinic.

- Three of our six counties surpass the state poverty rate of 9.8%. Although the poverty rate and the number of children under five in poverty has declined in four of our six counties, there is a severe shortage of quality early childhood care available.

Our analysis for our six county service area determined an estimated 11,179 children under five years, and there are 8,360 early childhood slots available. That leaves an unmet need of 2,819 children.

FUNDING SOURCES

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Semcac's independent auditor’s report had no findings; posted online semcac.org/wp-content/uploads/Audit-Report-9-30-20-FINAL.pdf
Semcac Head Start Services

The program is guided by over 1700 federal performance standards, based on proven research of what works for children & their families. We have services for ages birth-to-five years. Children with special needs are met with individualized care.

Classrooms
Classroom setting services, referred to as Center-Based services, are offered 4 days per week. Head Start for preschool age children (3 - 5 years) operates September - May/June. Early Head Start toddler classrooms operate year-round. We have part-day and full-day centers; options vary depending upon site. Classroom sites are located in Austin, Caledonia schools, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Kasson, LaCrescent-Hokah schools, LeRoy-Ostrander schools, Owatonna, St. Charles & Winona.

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. Additionally, every 2 weeks there is a socialization event at the Center nearest the family. Services are offered year round in Fillmore, Houston, Mower & Winona Counties.

Student Success
100% of children made strong progress toward "full proficiency" across all domains of learning. Services are individualized based on development and needs.

106 students transitioned to kindergarten ready to succeed!
4 year old outcomes by child characteristics

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Data collection requires 2 checkpoints, therefore the numbers above reflect info collected from 90 Head Start students.

Semcac Mission
Empower & advocate for people to enhance their self-sufficiency by maximizing community resources.