



Semcac Head Start Annual Report

Sept. 1, 2025 - Aug. 31, 2026



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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PROGRAM MISSION - To empower all children & families to reach their goals, we will foster strong relationships, offer multi-generational support, and provide family education & health services.



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

- 221 Head Start, 62 Early Head Start fathers/ father figures, were involved in their child's learning & development experience. (conferences, visits, etc.)
- 130 families received emergency/ crisis intervention such as needs for food, clothing or shelter.
- 8 families received mental health services.

Funded Enrollment

- **263** children
= 196 Head Start, 57 Early HS,
10 in LeRoy (5 funded through
Pathways II Scholarships, 5 through
federal funds)
- Actual monthly enrollment, on average
during the year was 93%
- 94% of eligible children were served.

97%

HS/EHS children had a medical exam; .

93%

HS/EHS children had a dental exam; Also, 60% of HS/EHS children received additional dental treatment.

70%

HS children were up-to-date with required immunizations; 63% EHS children.

"Me gustan las socializaciones que hacen recreativas con los padres y niños que ayuda mucho en las habilidades que desarrollan los niños y sobre todo que nos ayuda a los padres y entender mas a nuestros niños cómo educar con amor y respeto"

"I enjoy the socialization activities that are organized for parents and children because they are fun and help children develop important skills. Most importantly, they help us as parents better understand our children and learn how to educate and guide them with love and respect."

"Having my children in the Head Start program was a great experience. It opened many doors for me and my family, and I wouldn't be as successful as I am today with out the support of my children's classroom team and family advocate."

Parent Quotes, 2026

Thank you to our community partners & volunteers!
Thank you Policy Council leaders, staff & Semcac Board of Directors.



Community Assessment

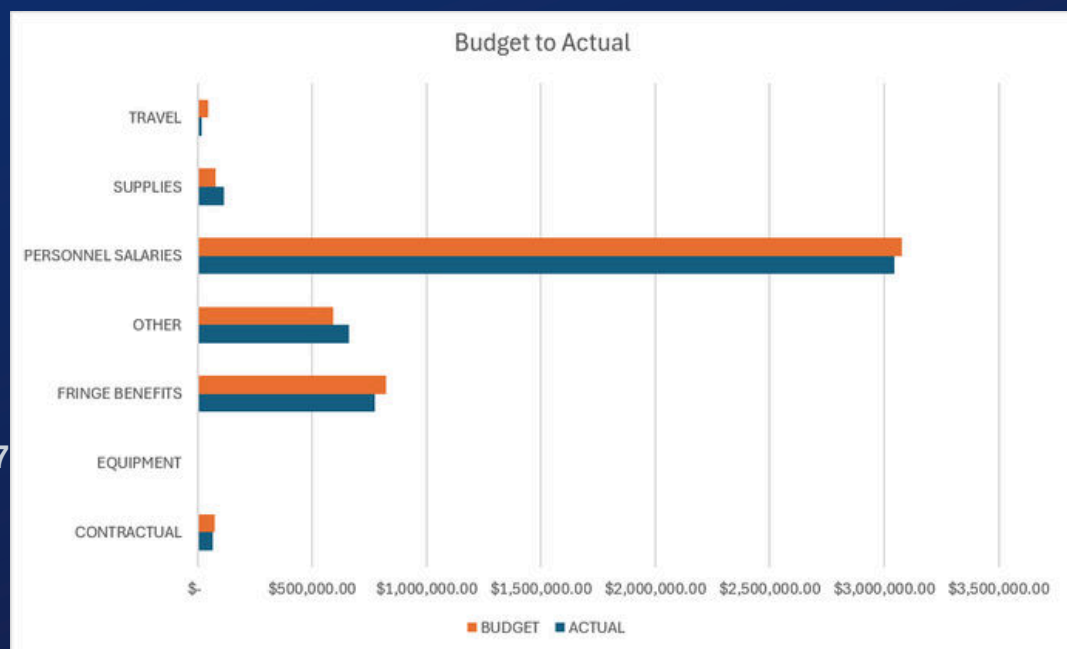
Semcac Head Start completed an extensive community assessment in partnership with stakeholders to create a baseline for planning for the years 2024-2029.

Our evidence of the need in our service area is based upon research conducted by our Leadership Team. We utilize the previous year's community assessment data to focus our research then use state and local data to determine community needs.

- Three of our six counties- Winona, Fillmore, and Mower- are deemed moderate-to-high risk based on income and poverty data. The other three counties – Dodge, Houston, and Steele- are identified as low-to-moderate risk. This is because of the larger cities that are within or near these counties, which offer higher paying jobs such as at Mayo Clinic.
- Mower and Winona counties have the highest percentages of people living in poverty. Our programming has adjusted to the needs in both counties. We offer center-based services in Head Start and Early Head Start as well as Early Head Start home-based services to families from pregnancy to age three-years. Offerings have been adjusted to better meet the needs of families, such as transitioning half-day classrooms in Mower County to full days.

FUNDING

Source	Amount
Federal	\$3,282,933
State	\$803,511
Pathways	\$293,534
CACFP	\$178,393
Great Start	\$134,382.77
Total	\$4,692,763.77



** Numbers are projected and not final numbers

Semcac's independent auditor's report is posted online
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School readiness results

81 students transitioned to kindergarten ready to succeed!



4 year old outcomes by child characteristics

Data collection requires 2 checkpoints; the numbers below reflect info collected from 81 Head Start students.

	Fall 2025	Spring 2026	Growth Value
Social/Emotional _____	82	93	11%
Physical _____	91	97	6%
Language _____	80	94	14%
Cognitive _____	85	96	11%
Literacy _____	81	92	11%
Mathematics _____	82	92	10%

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, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Kasson, LaCrescent-Hokah, LeRoy-Ostrander, Owatonna, Spring Grove, & 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.

Semcac Mission

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

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