Semcac Head Start annual report

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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.

Together we build bright futures. www.semcac.org/head-start

To empower all children and families to reach their goals, we will foster strong relationships, offer multi-generational support, and provide family, education & health services.
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- 100% of families received health and parenting education.
- 99% of Head Start children, and 98% Early Head Start children had a medical home.
- 95% children enrolled in Head Start were up-to-date for their age for immunizations.
- 90% Head Start children & 73% Early Head Start children had a dental exam. 48 HS children had necessary dental treatment.

Parent Engagement
- 100 Head Start, 48 Early Head Start fathers/ father figures, were involved in their child’s learning & development experience. (conferences, visits, etc.)
- 169 Head Start & 44 Early Head Start families received emergency/crisis intervention such as addressing need for food, clothing or shelter.

Parent Survey Quotes, 2019

- It (Head Start) helped me be able to keep my family stable. I am able to work/look for work when needed. The home visit and family nights is what I feel helped the staff to get to know me and my family. It also helped me get to know sides of my child that I probably wouldn’t experience at home.

- Head Start is a second home for kids. Families feel comfort knowing their kids are safe.

- 21 children were treated for vision problems.

Funded Enrollment
- 322 children = 250 Head Start, 72 Early HS
- 367 children in 325 families were served; variance due to turnover.
- Actual monthly enrollment, on average during the year was 100%
- 27% of 1435 eligible children, served.

Thank you to our 400 community partners & 97 volunteers, parents, Policy Council leaders, staff & Semcac Board of Directors for your support. 48 HS/EHS former & current parents volunteered with the program.
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 at www.semcac.org/wp-content/uploads/Audit-Report-9-30-18-FINAL.pdf
Semcac is a Community Action nonprofit


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. Classrooms are located in the counties of Dodge, Fillmore, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona. (Austin, Caledonia schools, LaCrescent-Hokah schools, LeRoy-Ostrander schools, Owatonna, Preston, 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 all year in Fillmore, Houston, Mower & Winona Counties.

Semcac Mission

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

126 students will transition to kindergarten ready to succeed!

They met or exceeded widely held expectations. Results of average % HS children:

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Prepared for Kindergarten

- Program goal was met: 100% of children made strong progress toward "full proficiency" across all domains of learning.
- Services are individualized based on development and needs.
- Our dual language learners were comparable with English language speakers in most areas.
- A total of 54 children with disabilities were served. 18 children were identified due to our screening efforts.