



The financial data in this report follows the grant year stated above, while the program data follows the program year stated above.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

As the community's Head Start and Early Head Start Grantee, Lincoln Action Program operates three distinct program options to serve eligible children and their families: Early Head Start home-based services; Early Head Start and Head Start Full-Day, Full Year services; and Head Start Part-Day, Part-Year services. The addition of program expansion funding in September 2009—made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act—gave Lincoln Action Program the opportunity to serve more children in both its Early Head Start home-based and Head Start Part-Day, Part-Year program options.

The Early Head Start home-based program option increased the total of children served through its home-based option from 117 to 195 children. With this expansion, this program option also broadened the reach of its services to rural Lancaster and Saunders Counties.

Through its Head Start Child Development Center, the agency operates a Full-Day, Full-Year program option serving serves 23 Early Head Start children and 52 Head Start children.

Delegate Lincoln Public Schools operates a Part-Day, Part-Year Head Start program which serves a total of 444 Head Start children, 36 of which are expansion enrollment slots. Delegate Wahoo Public Schools provides Part-Day, Part-Year Head Start services to 44 children in Saunders County through the operation of Head Start classrooms in Wahoo and Ashland.

FUNDING & BUDGETS

Funding

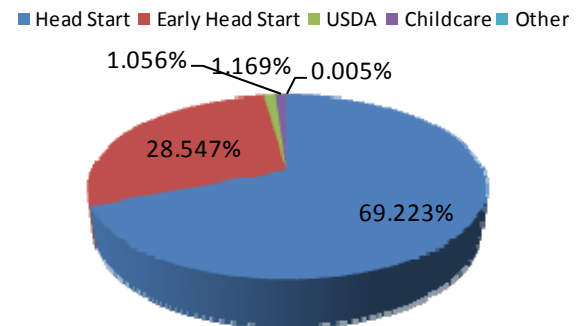
Revenues

Head Start	3,695,681
Early Head Start	1,524,077
USDA	62,406
Childcare	56,388
Other	253
Total Revenues	5,338,804

Expenditures

Head Start	3,695,681
Early Head Start	1,524,077
USDA	62,406
Childcare	56,388
Other	253
Total Expenditures	5,388,804

February 1, 2009 - January 31, 2010



AUDIT

An independent audit for the period of October 1, 2009—September 30, 2010 was completed by WIPFLI LLC. A copy of the complete audit report is available upon request.



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ENROLLMENT

TOTAL NUMBER OF FAMILIES SERVED	
Program	Served 09-10
Head Start	580
Early Head Start	213
Program Wide	793

TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED	
Program	Served 09-10
Head Start	611
Early Head Start	299
Program Wide	910

AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT		
Program	Funded Enrollment	Average Monthly Enrollment
Head Start	540	98%
Early Head Start	218	95%
Program Wide	758	97%

PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED			
	Eligible population	Eligible children served	Percentage
Program wide	2,605*	910	35%

**Based on 2010 US Census data. Includes children that would income qualify, but does not take into account children with disabilities.*

MONITORING REVIEW

The triennial federal review of the Community Action Head Start and Early Head Start programs was completed on May 7, 2010. The agency received the results of the review in August 2010.

Among a number of Grantee (Community Action) and Delegate (Lincoln Public Schools [LPS] and Wahoo Public Schools [WPS]) strengths identified, the resulting report issued by the Office of Head Start emphasized the importance of Grantee Community Action's revision of its program to respond to identified changes in the community, particularly the growth of immigrant and refugee communities in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Noted actions taken in response to these changes included:

- The prioritization of maintaining and hiring additional Bilingual Family Advocates in order to provide linguistically- and culturally-appropriate services to families whose native language is not English;
- The use of LanguageLinc, an accredited small business housed within the agency, to secure additional translation and interpretation services, including the translation of Policy Council by-laws and orientation materials, releases, and event flyers; and
- The design of socialization events and parent activities offered in Arabic and Spanish.

Reviewers also identified three areas in which improvement is needed in order for Community Action to fully meet applicable Head Start Performance Standards. As stated in the report, Community Action must:

- Ensure the strengthening of Delegate LPS' performance in obtaining physical and dental examinations and blood lead screenings for children as required by the Nebraska EPSDT program;
- Ensure Delegate LPS' performance or obtainment of screening procedures on all enrolled children to identify concerns regarding children's sensory skills within 45 calendar days of their entry into the program; and
- Develop and implement additional procedures for the ongoing formal monitoring of Delegate LPS.

The program has made significant strides in the areas identified as needing improvement since receiving the August 2010 report. Following their April 28, 2011 follow-up visit to Community Action, staff of the Region VII Office of the Administration of Children and Families reported that they would document the program as compliant in these identified areas in their follow-up report to the Office of Head Start.



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MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXAMS

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	Lincoln Public Schools Head Start	Lincoln Action Program Head Start	Saunders County Head Start	Early Head Start
Dental	77%	89%	98%	N/A*
Physical	94%	100%	102%	101%
Immunizations	98%	100%	104%	102%

* Dental screening is not required for children of this age but is encouraged.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

Parents are the foundation of Head Start and Early Head Start. Parents are encouraged to be involved in the program through:

- Decision-making opportunities through Policy Committees and Policy Council, and Health Services Advisory Committee
- Participation in program activities and events
- Planning of family activities and group socializations
- Volunteering in the classrooms or with activities and working at home with their child
- Parent Committees

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN

Lincoln Action Program Head Start and Early Head Start help to prepare children for kindergarten by nurturing their overall development. We help to ascertain that their nutritional needs are met and that they are healthy and ready to learn. Children have the opportunity to learn in group settings, helping to ensure that they are socially and emotionally prepared for the classroom. Head Start staff actively support families by facilitating seamless transitions and continuity from Head Start to kindergarten.

