

## **2009-2010 Program Year Highlights**

The following information is being published in accordance with the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

**2009 Head Start  
Expenditures  
Total \$9,041,716**

### **Total Served**

Head Start: **1604**

### **Average Monthly Funded Enrollment**

Head Start: **1477** (at least 99.93 % of the funded enrollment slots were filled at any given time)

### **Medical Exams Completed**

Head Start: **1398** (87.16%)

### **Dental Exams Completed**

Head Start: **1425** (88.84%)

### **Funding Sources:**

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Head Start Program is funded by the Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families-Office of Head Start to serve 1,478 low-income children in St. Clair County, Illinois. The Head Start Program Basic Grant received funds in the amount of \$9,041,716 and the Head Start Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) receive funds in the amount of \$103,826. In addition, DHHS awarded the program funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) with actual final expenditure report due December 2010 for the following: Head Start ARRA Cost-of-Living Adjustment (\$161,512), and Head Start Quality Improvement (\$558,577). Funds were also received from the Child Care & Adult Food Program for the reimbursement of meals served to the enrolled children in the amount of \$390,714 for fiscal year ending March 31, 2010. A Reading is Fundamental Grant was

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also awarded to the program in the amount of \$9,319.

**2010 – 2011 Proposed Budget for 2010 – 2011**

Salaries -----	\$ 4,558,149
Fringe Benefits -----	2,205,132
Travel -----	15,858
Supplies -----	43,656
Contractual -----	1,738,131
Other -----	42,514
Direct Cost -----	8,603,440
Indirect Costs -----	680,024
Total Approved Budget	<b>\$ 9,283,464</b>

**Parent Involvement Activities:**

- Opportunity to develop Family Partnership Agreements/Goals
- Policy Council Meetings
- Parent Committee Meetings
- Health Advisory Committee
- Reading is Fundamental – Literacy Activities
- Parent Trainings
- Home Visits and Teacher Conferences
- Parent Orientation
- Male Involvement Activities
- Classroom Volunteers
- Program Self Assessment

**Agency Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten:**

In order to help children in Head Start develop the necessary skills they need to be successful, the program provides a well-rounded curriculum. The curriculum is developmentally and linguistically appropriate. It is inclusive of children with disabilities, supportive of independence, nurturing and provides an environment which promotes acceptance and respect. The curriculum is supportive of each child's social-emotional development, physical growth and development, cognitive and language skills and is open to parents. This encourages their involvement in every aspect of the children's development.

The High Reach Learning Curriculum used by the program is based upon knowledge of theory and research in early childhood education coupled with an understanding of valued best practices. The curriculum incorporates the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework and Illinois Early Learning Standards.

Transition activities begin the first day of a child's enrollment and culminate with transition activities between the Head Start Center, parents and the Local Education Agencies (public school) for the children.

### **Results of Program's Most Recent Audit:**

The most recent Southern Illinois University Financial Audit and Compliance Examination was released on March 11, 2010 for the year ending June 30, 2009. There were no findings for the Early Head Start program.

### **Results of Most Recent Onsite Monitoring Visit:**

The most recent Onsite Monitoring Visit for SIUE Head Start was May 2008. The program was deemed a program in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements in March 2009.

### **2009 – 2010 Program Accomplishments:**

Family Consultants and Community Workers participated in a Family and Community Development Specialist Training/Credentialing program. All participating employees successfully completed the training and received the Family and Community Development Specialist Certificate.

Several parents, staff and a former Head Start participant received awards at the Illinois Head Start Association's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference in Springfield, Illinois. The awardees are: Bolayoko Adeniyi who received the Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship, Courtney Haynes who received the Father of the Year Award and Sybilfelita Cox who received the Teacher of the Year Award.