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Head Start/Early Head Start Funding Report

Early Head Start	Funding 2013-2014
US Dept. of Health and Human Services	\$719,959
In Kind	\$179,990
Total Early Head Start Funding	\$899,949
Head Start	
US Dept. of Health and Human Services	\$3,765,684
In Kind	\$1,131,089
Total Head Start Funding	\$4,896,773
Detroit Early Head Start	
US Dept. of Health and Human Services	\$3,190,542
In Kind	\$799,283
Total Detroit Early Head Start Funding	\$3,989,825

Enrollment Data		
Program	Grant Number	Persons Served
Detroit Early Head Start	05CH8300	400 children 40 pregnant moms
SFS Early Head Start	05CH8419	104 children 5 pregnant moms
Wayne County Head Start	05CH8257	821



Medical and Dental Exams			
Program	Grant Number	Doctor Visit Participation	Dental Visit Participation
SFS Early Head Start Children	05CH8419	96	83
Pregnant Mothers Early Head Start	05CH8419	5	n/a
Wayne County Head Start Children	05CH8257	803	683
Detroit Early Head Start Children	05CH8300	368	102
Pregnant Mothers Detroit Early Head Start	05CH8300	40	3

Federal Review & Audit

A Federal Review was conducted on Starfish Family Services Early Head Start program in November, 2013 which resulted in two non-compliances that were brought into compliance. A Federal Review was conducted on the Wayne County Head Start program in November, 2013 which resulted in a deficiency status. Annual self-assessments were conducted for Head Start, Early Head Start and Detroit Early Head Start. Head Start had 3 non-compliances which were brought into compliance. Early Head Start had 2 non-compliances which were all corrected. Our newest program, Detroit Early Head Start, which had been in operation for 2 years at the time of the assessment, held its second Self-Assessment. Starfish and its delegates had 25 non-compliances. New systems were created to address these non-compliances.





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Parent Involvement

Starfish actively encourages parents to become substantially involved in their children's education. Head Start served 821 children in 2013-14, with 535 volunteers including 431 parents. Early Head Start served 104 children in 2013-14, with 107 volunteers including 71 parents. Detroit Early Head Start served 400 children in 2013-14, this program had 285 volunteers. The majority of these volunteers were parents.

Parents served on Parent Committees, Policy Committees, Policy Councils, staff interview panels and other committees—and participated in the Self-Assessment Team to monitor compliance with Head Start Performance Standards. Additionally, parents participated in parent orientation, parent field trips, parent-child activities and school readiness activities.

School Readiness

Starfish invested great energy in strengthening relationships with both parents and school districts to ensure the successful transition of our Head Start children, including those with disabilities, to K-12 education systems. Activities included visits to local schools, kindergarten teachers visiting our sites, and parent training. During classroom time, teachers prepared children for kindergarten transition through a wide array of stimulating activities. Head Start teachers also focused on kindergarten transition during time spent with parents during home visit week. In September of 2013, 314 Starfish Head Start children transitioned to kindergarten.

Our Early Head Start and Detroit Early Head Start programs continue to use the HighScope curriculum in both our center-based and home-based programs. Information on the HighScope curriculum is provided to parents throughout the school year and parents are updated quarterly on their child's individual progress using the HighScope Child Observation Record. During home visits and parent/teacher conferences parents were updated on their child's individual progress as it relates to school readiness. During the 2013 – 2014 school year the children in Early Head Start showed the highest gains in Creative Representation and Detroit Early Head Start showed the highest gains in Exploration and Early Logic and Social Relations.





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Thrive by Five Detroit

In June of 2014, we received an award for an additional grant to serve Detroit children birth to five with Early Head Start and Head Start services. This new award is part of a Federal pilot and only 6 cities nationally received this new type of programming. With an award of \$60 million over a 5 year period, or \$12 million each year, our Starfish led collaborative will serve an additional 1032 children from birth to five, and pregnant mothers. This new pilot builds upon our existing program, with additional emphasis on teacher professional development and coaching, unprecedented parent engagement and increased comprehensive supports to support strong families and kindergarten readiness. We began services under this new grant in fall of 2014.

