

Early Childhood Development and Care

Community Goal: *Increase the number of economically disadvantaged young children who are ready for school by 50% by 2014.*

Investment: *\$915,500 distributed to 6 agencies*

Outcome 1: Children, ages birth-five, will demonstrate developmentally appropriate skills.

Investment: \$357,247

Number Served: 496 young children demonstrated developmentally appropriate skills

Results:

- 78% of Head Start children made developmental progress.
- 100% of children enrolled at Waypoint with behavior concerns maintained enrollment.
- 92% of Young Parents Network children demonstrated progress towards or maintained age-appropriate language development.

Outcome 2: Parents of young children will demonstrate the knowledge and skills to promote their children's successful development.

Investment: \$407,382

Number Served: 350 parents of young children demonstrated the knowledge and skills to positively impact their children's development.

Results:

- 98% of parents utilizing Crisis Child Care reported a reduction of stress as a direct result of using the care.
- 85% of parents with children enrolled in Head Start demonstrated an increase in knowledge and/or skills.
- 94% of parents enrolled in the Young Parents Network home visitation program demonstrated an increase in knowledge and skills.

Outcome 3: Providers of early childhood services will demonstrate improved program quality.

Investment: \$153,871

Number Served: 61 early childhood care and education providers demonstrated improved program quality.

Results:

- 100% of PACES providers met 95% of the DHS checklist requirements by the third Home Consultation visit.
- 80% of assessed classrooms in the QECE program maintained or improved their quality of care.
- 94% of teachers and directors of center-based early childhood care programs stated that QECE improved their understanding of quality in the classroom.

Next Steps

- Expand Play & Learn pilot