

Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

Reporting Period April 1, 2004- September 30, 2004 (6 months) Due October 15, 2004

Please indicate on this sheet if there are any corrections to the following:

Grantee Name: RED ARROW / GREAT BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE

II. Briefly list any classroom/center **physical quality improvements** you have implemented in the past 6 months (e.g. new learning materials, new equipment, and other physical improvements to your center).

RA=Moved sandbox and purchased new cover

Shampooed all carpets and had floors professionally cleaned

Reorganized infant/toddler playground

GB= New art materials, science and discovery area including planting areas on the playground (bulbs & seeds) and tadpoles for classroom exploration. A new shelving unit was purchased so items not needed in the toileting area could be safely stored.

III. Please identify any **outside consultants** (e.g. nurse, event speakers, musician, artist, curriculum consultant, etc.), paid or not, who came to your center in the past 6 months. Estimate their total number of hours at your center and the total number of children they reached.

Type of Outside Consultant	Was Consultant Paid ?	Estimated Number of Hours	Estimated Number of Children Reached
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.5 FTE	1050 for entire agency RA=114, GB=24
Mental Health Consultant	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.2 FTE	1050 for entire agency RA=114, GB=24
Nutrition Specialist	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	150 hours	1050 for entire agency RA=114, GB=24
Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	12 hours	40 @ RA
Nursing Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	100	1050 for entire agency, RA=114
Speech & Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	10	40 @ RA
MATC/UW Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	100 +	1050 for entire agency, RA=114, GB=24
Birth to Three	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input type="checkbox"/> No	100	110 for various sites RA=8. GB=24

IV. Please summarize all **staff training events** sponsored by your center during the past 6 months, by category and total number of staff in attendance. Please include any other training not listed.

Staff Training Event	Total Number of Events	Total Number of Staff in Attendance	Comments
Classroom Curriculum / Child Development (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	RA=9 GB=1	RA=20 GB=1	
Health & Safety (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	RA=1 RA=1	RA=24 RA=4	RA=SIDS for all For all staff who open & close
Staff Career & Personal Development (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	RA=9	RA=20	RA=Specific to job description
Other (please specify) Staff Preservice Training occurred for various job positions on 8/20, 8/23, 8/24, 8/25, 8/30, 9/1, 9/7, 9/8, State Certification Course, Introduction to the Child Care Profession beginning 9/13—ending 10/13	RA=10 RA= 8 GB=8	RA=12 GB=1 RA= 20 GB=9	RA=As needed for professional development (local, state, national) Topics of preservice training include: Getting to Know Early Head Start and Head Start, Review of Licensing Information, Child Abuse & Neglect Information, Establishing Your Team, Knowing What's in the Toll Kit, Working with Families Orientation, Conducting Home Visits, Creating Family Partnership Agreements, Nutrition Orientation, Personal Safety, Supervisory Training

V. Please summarize the total number of **family educational /social /participatory events** sponsored by your center in the past 6 months, and estimate the total number of participants.

Type of Family Event	Number of Events	Number of Total Participants
Family Education (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	RA=10	RA=60 at each event
Health & Safety Education (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)	RA=4 (Nutrition, CPR, safe home)	RA=20 at each event
Social Events (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)	RA=6 GB=1	RA=60 -80 at each event GB=8
Teacher Conferences	RA=12 GB=2	RA=128 GB=6
Advisory Board Meetings	RA=6 PAC RA=6-8 HSPC	RA=30 PAC at each RA=3 HSPC at each
Other major ways in which families are involved:	RA=Week of the Young Child, Open door policy, Even Start,	

VI. What was the most significant happening at your center in the past six months?

RA=Increase collaboration with Even Start program and increase in children & families with a second language

Increase in literacy and numeracy trainings in all classrooms

GB=Great Beginnings was reviewed by National Federal Early Head Start and Head Start Reviewers during our On-Site Peer Review in April, 2004. The Great Beginnings site was identified as implementing “exemplary” practices for children with disabilities. They were the only site within the entire agency to receive such an honor. Few programs throughout the United States are granted this status.

RA, GB & VR =In June '04 our Centers for Excellence was awarded Wisconsin’s PK-16 Leadership Council Programs of Distinction Award. Only 4 programs in the state were awarded this honor.

Thank you for completing this Excellence Initiative program report. We look forward to finding out what is new with your center.