

## Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

**Reporting Period**  
**October 1, 2004- March 31, 2005 (6 months) Due April 15, 2005**

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

Grantee Name: WAUKESHA COUNTY HEAD START

- 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).

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We continue to enhance our classrooms with new supplies and equipment, as well as, replace classroom equipment as it needs replacement. We have mentioned a representative sample of these items in this report but have not listed all of the items. These items range from multicultural baby dolls and puzzles to children’s tables. We have enhanced our art centers with items such as fun stampers and rolling pin painters. We have purchased magnets, rainsticks, tactile beads, rattles, pounding benches and chucky vehicles. We have purchased various items for our dramatic play areas (such as kitchen utensils and phones). We have new discovery chests in our sensory areas. We have purchased Spanish language books for both our staff and parents to use with our children. We also have strengthened our literacy focus with photo language library materials.

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- 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
Mental Health Consultant	X Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Average range of 10 -12 hours per month	8
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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
<b>Classroom Curriculum / Child Development</b> (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	13	253	Many of our trainings/meetings focus on both child and family topics and issues. I have included them in this category and not duplicated the numbers in the category titled "Other". The content of some of the other trainings listed in this category crossed over and included health and safety topics. I, again, did not duplicate the numbers in the "Health and Safety" section.
<b>Health &amp; Safety</b> (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	3	27	See comments listed above.
<b>Staff Career &amp; Personal Development</b> (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	4	15	
<b>Other</b> (please specify) Home Visiting Conference, Hispanic Institute, Compassionate Partnering workshops	6	23	See comments listed above.

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
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<b>Family Education</b> (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	7	410  Many of our other family activities include family education topics. We include family education, in some way, in every activity we have for our families.
<b>Health &amp; Safety Education</b> (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)	6	83
<b>Social Events</b> (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)	5	1748
<b>Teacher Conferences</b>	2	287
<b>Advisory Board Meetings</b>	5	96
<b>Other major ways in which families are involved:</b>		

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

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As we stated in the last report, it is difficult to select one significant happening in our center. We are always inspired and energized by what we learn at trainings and meetings, but equally inspired by the work we do daily with the children and the families. Our staff are truly supportive of each other and celebrate, with each other, the children and their families, our “small” and “big” successes. We are in this work because it is our passion and that is where we get our energy and our spirit. We experience significant happenings each day we do our work.

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