

Early Childhood Excellence Center Program Report

Reporting Period

April 1, 2005- June 30, 2005 (3 months) Due July 15, 2005

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

Grantee Name: HEAD START FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER

- II. Briefly list any classroom/center **physical quality improvements** you have implemented in the past 3 months (e.g. new learning materials, new equipment, and other physical improvements to your center).

We replaced the couches in the classrooms with new ones in order to create a more comfortable, cozy, quiet area for the children. We purchased cordless listening centers which will allow the children to listen to books on tape from anywhere in the classroom. Music and movement CDs were purchased to extend children's learning. New computers were purchased for parents to use at the center to update resumes, learn basic computer skills, and to go online to view children's assessment information on CreativeCurriculum.net. Access to the internet will allow parents to search for appropriate activities to do at home with their children, as well as information on child development. Staff purchased new, updated informational brochures for parents on topics about health, child development, and mental health issues. With summer approaching new outdoor equipment and activities were also purchased.

- 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 3 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	2.5	40
Master Gardeners	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	6	40
First Readers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes X No	6	40
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- IV. Please summarize all **staff training events** sponsored by your center during the past 3 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
<i>Classroom Curriculum / Child Development</i> (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	4	8	Creative Curriculum Assessment training through paid consultant from Teaching Strategies
<i>Health & Safety</i> (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	4	11	All classroom staff were certified in Infant and Toddler CPR First Aid Code React
<i>Staff Career & Personal Development</i> (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	1 1	2 1	Program Recruitment Training "World Works" Coaching Seminar
<i>Other</i> (please specify)	1	2	Program Governance Training for Staff and Parents

- V. Please summarize the total number of **family educational /social /participatory events** sponsored by your center in the past 3 months, and estimate the total number of participants.

Type of Family Event	Number of Events	Number of Total Participants
<i>Family Education</i> (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	2	18
<i>Health & Safety Education</i> (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)	0	
<i>Social Events</i> (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)	3	62
<i>Teacher Conferences</i>	1 conference per family	40
<i>Advisory Board Meetings</i>	2	2
<i>Other major ways in which families are involved:</i>		

Conferences Field Trips Classroom Volunteer Planning curriculum Individual Health and Behavior Plans Initial Home Visits Integrated Service Teams Volunteer Banquet CAP Awards Banquet Portage County Family Fun Festival		
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VI. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center in the past three months?

The end of the year celebration was well attended by parents and community volunteers. The activities for the day were planned by parents and each family received a booklet of developmentally appropriate activities to do with their children over the summer.

VII. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center over the timeframe of the entire Early Childhood Excellence Initiative?

The Early Childhood Excellence Initiative provided our Head Start program with the opportunity to develop best practices in our classrooms and to work with community child care centers to enhance the practices in their programs. The use of outside evaluators and the ECKERS provided our program with a new perspective and helped us to develop goals across our entire program.

With the additional funds the program was able to focus on enhancing the Language and Literacy components in the classroom and in parent and community trainings. We were able to purchase a wider variety of quality materials that can be offered to children and to parents as resources. The purchase of more computers for the classrooms and for the parent room ensured that technology is promoted and available to both children and parents.

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