

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: RED ARROW / GREAT BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE

- 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).

RA= Poorly designed lofts in two of our classrooms were removed, lofts were turned into storage for teaching staff, new flooring was installed, Licensing acceptable blinds were ordered and installed, classrooms were freshly painted and teaching staff are very excited about the physical classroom improvements. Remaining large motor equipment that had been ordered has now been placed in the classrooms. Specialty books have been ordered for each classroom that include topics on death of a family member, birth of a child, death of a pet, imprisonment of a family member, eating healthy foods, and healthy bodies.

GB= The site is ready to have their accreditation visit and continue to add sensory materials for classrooms and outdoor play to enhance sensory stimulation for their infants and toddlers.

- 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
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner	x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.5 FTE	1050 for entire agency RA=103 GB=25
Mental Health Consultant	x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	1.2 FTE	1050 for entire agency RA=103 GB=25
Nutrition Specialist	x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	150 hours	1050 for entire agency RA=103 GB=25

Library Storyteller	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input type="checkbox"/> No	12 hours until May '05	40@RA
Nursing Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input type="checkbox"/> No	50	RA=103
Week of Young Child Musician	x <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	19	RA=103
Birth to Three	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes x <input type="checkbox"/> No	110	RA=8 GB=25
Very Special Arts	X yes	20	RA=54 GB=12

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
Classroom Curriculum / Child Development (classroom training, Birth to 3, etc)	RA=19 GB=5	RA=19 until 5/05 then 12 GB=45	Each site holds monthly site meetings, each team meets monthly and all directors meet monthly GB had training on "Ounce Observations"
Health & Safety (SIDS, CPR, fire safety, etc)	RA=1 within the past 3 months- will begin training in August '05	RA=6	Agency pays for staff to complete CPR & First Aid Certification
Staff Career & Personal Development (career options, staff training, yoga, etc)	RA=1	RA=26	
Other (please specify) Summer Institute	RA=1	RA=1	

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
Family Education (managing money, reading to your child, cultural heritage, etc.)	RA=1	83
Health & Safety Education (CPR, fire, nutrition, etc.)		
Social Events (fun nights, holiday celebrations, etc.)	RA=5 GB=1	RA=400 GB=25 children and adults
Teacher Conferences	RA=1 GB= 1	RA=70 families GB=5
Advisory Board Meetings	RA=2	RA=20

VI. What was the MOST SIGNIFICANT happening at your center in the past three months?

RA=The safety and difficulty in supervising the loft area in 2 classrooms had been discussed often, staff was very happy with results of a safer, more age appropriate classroom environment.

GB=Readying our center for NAEYC accreditation visit

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

RA= Walking into our building, one can hear more conflict resolution. There is improved teacher interactions, more process art, longer free choice periods, more blocks. Much of this is the result of Excellence \$. I feel DCPC made a wise decision in hiring mentors. The mentors were able to facilitate implementation of improved practices after a training. The mentors understood child development and were able to maintain best practices while increasing the quality of activities that promote literacy mathematics, and scientific skills. Excellence funding also made it possible to purchase new materials that created staff and child enthusiasm for learning.

GB=The move from a family child care serving eight children in an Allied Drive apartment to serving 28 children in a 3 classroom center is most significant.

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

Dane County Parent Council

Center for Excellence Highlights-April 1, 2005-June 30th, 2005
Compiled by Elaine Strom, Center for Excellence Project Coordinator

April

- ✦ Celebrated Week of the Young Child by inviting two musical artists to provide interactive workshops for our preschool children. Nineteen classrooms had the opportunity to engage in meaningful musical experiences.
- ✦ 2nd Step Kits were purchased for our classrooms. 2nd Step is our anti-violence curriculum that is used in our preschool classrooms.
- ✦ Training Coordinator and Project Coordinator completed the ECERS-R in some of our preschool classrooms.
- ✦ Training Coordinator and Project Coordinator completed NRS assessments in many of our classrooms.
- ✦ Rectangle tables were purchased in an infant/toddler room based on ITERS assessment.
- ✦ Books on health and safety were purchased for our infant/toddler rooms.
- ✦ Body socks were purchased for our class of homeless children.
- ✦ Aprons, an infant seat and a dust buster were purchased for one of our infant/toddler sites to improve cleanliness and safety.
- ✦ A resistance tunnel, weighted lap pads, weighted vests, pressure vests, body play bags, and body sox were ordered to support children with sensory integration needs.
- ✦ Worked with MATC in offering a credit bearing Administration class for our staff.
- ✦ Two of our sites participated in the Very Special Arts Program.

May

- ✦ The Training Coordinator was hired to replace the former training coordinator who has left the agency to start her own family child care.
- ✦ Large motor manipulatives were purchased and distributed to all classrooms.
- ✦ AV equipment was ordered to enhance the delivery of training. (wireless mics, document reader)
- ✦ Training stipends were awarded to our 3 family providers connected with our Centers for Excellence, Chris Garrett, Nancy Bradley, Mary Ellen and Richard Tremelling.
- ✦ Mary Ellen and Richard Tremelling have received notification of their program being NAFCC accredited! Mission accomplished!
- ✦ An employee at Great Beginnings-Verona Road completed the Early Child Care Apprenticeship program-18 credits!
- ✦ Two of our staff completed their AA degrees in Early Childhood Education.
- ✦ Each of our Center for Excellence Head Start programs conducted End-of-year celebration parties at their respective sites.

June

- ✦ The Excellence Training Coordinator and another DCPC employee received certification to train others in CPR.
- ✦ Excellence Coordinator presented a workshop to Madison Metropolitan School Districts' summer program volunteers.
- ✦ Two DCPC employees attended Creative Curriculum Training in Los Angeles, CA. This is in preparation for our conversion from High Scope to Creative Curriculum in Fall, '05
- ✦ Horizontal 2 inch window blinds were installed in 5 classrooms replacing unsafe vertical blinds.
- ✦ Two lofts were removed, walls repaired, old flooring removed, new flooring replaced in two classrooms thus making the space open, airy, useable and more inviting.
- ✦ Shelving units for the two lofts have been purchased, assembled and placed in the loft areas for teacher storage.
- ✦ The Satellite Family Child Care team will attend the NAFCC national conference to be held in July, registration, flight and hotel will come from Centers for Excellence.
- ✦ Many DCPC and community child care staff attended the Summer Institute held in June. Center for Excellence contributed \$2,000 to this training.
- ✦ Project Coordinator attended a Center for Excellence training held in Oconomowoc.
- ✦ Training Coordinator has made many connections with those interested in setting up an informational booth at our Wellness Fair to be held at the Sheraton Hotel, October 24th, 2005.
- ✦ Training Team led by Center of Excellence training coordinator and project coordinator guide the training to be included in Preservice 2005 for all DCPC staff.

Ongoing Activities for our program year 2005

- ✦ Center for Excellence Project Coordinator serves on the Employer of Choice Committee and Safety Task Force
- ✦ Center for Excellence Project Coordinator and Training Coordinator lead the Training Task Force Team
- ✦ Center for Excellence Project Coordinator serves on hiring team when hiring lead teachers.
- ✦ Two of our Early Head Start and four of our Head Start sites participated in the Very Special Arts Program
- ✦ Project Coordinator submits articles in agency newsletter, "The Arrowhead" regularly
- ✦ Training Coordinator and Project Coordinator are guiding the efforts of our WOW team. (Working on Wellness)