

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: EBENEZER - ST PAUL AVE 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).

New Curriculum Model-Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc.'s Development Director purchased new materials for block areas. Several classrooms received new blocks as well as block area enhancements such as block play families, block play people with differing abilities, community block play people, plastic farm animals, plastic jungle animals, plastic dinosaurs, and plastic vehicles.

Art Program-Framed prints representing each of the twelve artists in Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc.'s Art Enhancement Program are now hanging throughout the center.

Music Program-Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc.'s Program Director purchased new CD players for all classrooms in need of them. In addition, she purchased new CDs and CD holders.

Literacy Program-Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc.'s Training Specialist purchased materials to enhance Ebenezer's Literacy Program, including new book shelves, books, and writing materials. Prints of book covers were purchased, framed, and hung in the book areas.

- 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 the Consultant Paid?	Estimated Number of Hours	Estimated Number of Children Reached
Child Care Health Consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	240	266
Spanish Instructor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	48	158

- 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.)	2	45	
<i>Health & Safety</i> (SIDS, CPR, Fire Safety, Etc.)	4	50	
<i>Staff Career & Personal Development</i> (Career Options, Staff Training, Yoga, Etc.)			
<i>Other</i> (Please Specify)			

During this reporting period, four staff at our St. Paul Avenue Center renewed their CDAs and four staff submitted CDA applications to the Council For Professional Recognition.

Also during this reporting period, Ebenezer worked very hard to ensure that all staff were current with CPR and First Aid before the kick-off of our 2005 Summer Program. Throughout the course of the Early Childhood Excellence Center Grant, we were able to have two staff trained to teach American Red Cross CPR and First Aid. It has truly helped keep our staff current with their CPR and First Aid Certification. We will continue to work with the American Red Cross to provide annual CPR and First Aid trainings for our staff, families, and communities.

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.)	6	119
Health & Safety Education (CPR, Fire, Nutrition, Etc.) May 4 th -Prevent Blindness Wisconsin screened 28 children at our center. We assisted one child with obtaining free glasses.	1	28
Social Events (Fun Nights, Holiday Celebrations, Etc.) April 7 th -In Celebration of the Week of the Young Child, parents were invited to eat breakfast with their children. April 10 th -In celebration of National Library Week, our Board President read I LIKE ME by Nancy Carlson and gave each child an autographed copy of the book. May 9 th -In celebration of Mother's Day, all Moms were invited to participate in a Moms-N-Muffins Event! June 22 nd -Culver's Night-Scoopie (the Culver's mascot), free custard, and free custard tokens were provided to families during pick-up time.	1 1 1 1	3 75 34 84
Teacher Conferences	1	35
Advisory Board Meetings	1	21

<i>Other Major Ways In Which Families Are Involved</i>		
April-Child Abuse Prevention Month-Child abuse prevention materials and blue ribbons were distributed to all families.	1	75
April 22 nd -Keep Milwaukee Beautiful Parent Packs were distributed to all families.	1	75

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

On June 14th, in celebration of Flag Day, our St. Paul Avenue Center received a visit from Reservists from the 440th Air Force Reserve Base. Channels 4, 6, 12, and 58 as well as reporters from the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel covered the event.

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

Over the timeframe of the entire Early Childhood Excellence Initiative, the most significant happening at Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc. was the development of the following programs. These programs have allowed us to provide a well-rounded, quality child care program.

New Curriculum Model-Ebenezer Child Care Centers, Inc. studied four curriculum models/theories (High Scope, The Creative Curriculum, Reggio, and Montessori) and took best practices from each to create a unique curriculum all our own! We continue to work on making our classroom environments more home-like to create a smooth transition between home and our centers.

Art Enhancement Program-Art enrichment binders that highlight a different artist and art medium monthly were created. All classrooms plan and implement art enrichment activities suggested in the binder on a weekly basis. In addition, framed art prints representing each artist in the art enrichment binder are on display at each center.

Music Enhancement Program-Music enrichment binders that highlight a different music style and musical instrument were created. All classrooms plan and implement music enrichment activities suggested in the binder on a weekly basis. In addition, staff were trained in the Musikgarten Curriculum and Musikgarten materials and instruments were purchased. All classrooms plan and implement weekly activities from the Musikgarten Curriculum.

Language Enhancement Program-Literacy enrichment binder that highlight a different children's author monthly were created. All classrooms plan and implement language enrichment activities suggested in the binder on a weekly basis. In addition to the binders, "author tubs" were created. Each tub contains a variety of books by the author - some hardcover, some paperbacks, and some board books. In addition, the tubs contain a variety of teaching tools such as board games, numerous storytelling props, flannel board activities, character puppets and stuffed animals, and literature-based manipulatives, math, science, dramatic play, and art activities.

Child Care Health Consultant Position-The role of our Child Care Health Consultant is to promote optimal health for our families and staff. Some of the most beneficial activities our Child Care Health Consultant performs include the following:

- ❑ Planning and implementing educational programs for children (hand washing, tooth brushing, sun safety, etc.).
- ❑ Sharing health-related information with parents and staff through educational programs, one-on-one conversations, pamphlets, etc.
- ❑ Consulting with staff regarding health concerns
- ❑ Helping to maintain up-to-date health and immunization records of children.

Our Child Care Health Consultant created a health curriculum binder that was presenting to child care providers at a training in May of 2005. Teachers utilize the health curriculum binders to plan and implement weekly health and safety activities.

Family Fun Nights-The purpose of our "Family Fun Nights" is to provide the opportunity for our families to participate in fun activities together! Not only do children and their parents/caregivers get to spend quality time with each other... parents/caregivers learn about topics related to raising children such as sleep dilemmas, dental health, and the importance of reading with children. Our "Family Fun Nights" begin with a nutritious meal served family-style and are followed by activities for children and their parents/caregivers participate in together.

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