



EARLY HEAD START PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Pursuant to the Head Start Act as amended in 2007, Head Start and Early Head Start grantees must make available to the public an annual report. The following is the 2015 calendar year report for Meeting Street's Early Head Start Program.

Funding

Meeting Street receives funding for a home based Early Head Start program to serve 72 children and families residing in Providence, RI.

Meeting Street received \$789,996 in Early Head Start grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Expenditures were allocated as follows:

Operations

- \$532,056 for personnel and benefits
- \$31,451 for program supplies
- \$126,150 for other expenses
- \$86,178 for indirect expenses

Of the total funding for other expenses, \$14,161 was designated for staff training and technical assistance.



In addition, Meeting Street provided \$223,956 in federal matching funds. These matching funds were generated by services to children dually enrolled in our Early Intervention and Early Head Start programs, volunteer services provided by parents and community members as well as curriculum extension activities completed by parents and/or caregivers of program participants.



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The projected budget for 2016 is \$1,015,825 with \$812,660 in federal funds and \$203,165 in matching funds. Projected expenditures are as follows:

Operations

- \$578,452 for personnel and benefits
- \$12,014 for equipment
- \$23,250 for program supplies
- \$4,900 for contractual expenses
- \$87,957 for other expenses
- \$86,514 for indirect expenses

There is \$19,573 designated for staff training and technical assistance. There are funds allocated to improve fidelity to the curriculum through ensuring all home visiting staff are fully trained and supplemental training will be provided to enhance overall knowledge of child development. In addition, a focus on home visitor safety and community violence will be provided. This is in addition to a wide array of other content areas determined to be of high priority through the collaborative efforts of EHS staff, management, and Policy Council members.

Total number of children and families served

During the period August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, Meeting Street Early Head Start served 86 families: 98 were children and 4 were pregnant women. In addition, the program remained fully enrolled serving 72 children throughout the entire program year.

Meeting Street Early Head Start served 25 children with disabilities. Twenty-one were determined eligible to receive early intervention services prior to enrollment in Early Head Start, and 4 were determined eligible during this program year.

Medical & Dental Updates

During the program year August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, 100% of children had a medical home at the end of enrollment, in addition to 98% holding health insurance. After much perseverance 95% of children met all of the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) age-related requirements and 100% were determined to be up to date on immunizations applicable to their age. One of the significant accomplishments of this program year was the efforts to secure a dental home for the clients in our program. At the start of the program year only 44 clients had an established dental home. After much development of skills of home visitors in exploring the importance of dental health with parents we were pleased to end the year with 89 children having an established dental home. In addition, 90% of age-eligible children received routine dental care.



Parent Engagement Activities

Engaging parents is an area we at Meeting Street pride ourselves in excelling at. Families participating in the Early Head Start program have an opportunity to attend one of three socialization groups that are held weekly. During these groups staff work diligently to foster the parent child relationship through a variety of activities and learning opportunities. In addition, parents are encouraged to engage with one another in order to enhance their support systems and learn from those potentially facing the same stressors or working their way through the same milestones with their child.

Aside from the socialization offerings we also welcome the parent voice through the option to participate in Parent Committee meetings and events. During this program year the Parent Committee, Policy Council, and Program Staff collaborated to organize and execute the following events; a Harvest Festival in September, an Elections event in October, a Parental Stress Workshop in February, A Parent Wellness Event in May, and a Farmer’s Market Excursion in June. In order to organize the above events the Parent Committee held 4 meetings throughout the year. We had an average of 3 to 5 parents who participated in the Parent Committee meetings, our hope is to increase the number of parent participants in the next program year.



School Readiness



Meeting Street’s home based Early Head Start program utilizes the Growing Great Kids curriculum. This evidence based curriculum addresses all early childhood domains of learning and development and coincides with the Early Learning Outcomes Framework. In the winter of 2015, we evaluated progress towards school readiness with the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment tool. The following outlines the results we obtained. It is our intent to utilize this data to continue to provide meaningful professional development around individualizing curriculum in order to enhance the areas we recognize as needing further development.

Data collection for winter 2015 revealed the following:

- Social Emotional domain: 85% of children meeting or exceeding expectations.
- Gross Motor domain: 88% of children meeting or exceeding expectations.
- Fine Motor domain: 94% of children meeting or exceeding expectations.
- Language domain: 70% of children meeting or exceeding expectations.
- Cognitive domain: 91% of children meeting or exceeding expectations.

