

CATAWBA COUNTY SCHOOLS EARLY HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT

2010 - 2011



Program Information

- Early Head Start Home Based program
- Funded for 80 pregnant women, infants and toddlers
- Budget - \$802,152 Office of Head Start - expended

The Second Year

Catawba County Schools successfully continued operation of the Early Head Start home-based program. A Federal Review was completed and the program passed with no areas of non-compliance or deficiencies. The program obtained resources from the community to assist families with unmet needs. Our program has become an integral component of the continuum of services for low-income families with young children and serves as a resource to local agencies.

Catawba County Public Health collaborated with the EHS program to provide dental exams for all enrolled children from age 1. They also provided nurses to complete home visits for newborns and their parents.

The EHS program was reorganized under the Catawba County Schools Curriculum and Instruction department. Our program obtained space at the Sweetwater Early Childhood Education Center at to allow all staff to be located in one space. The site provides a dedicated space for socializations and group meetings.

**Catawba County Schools
Early Head Start**

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DEMOGRAPHICS

Families served

Pregnant women served	10
Children under 1 year	23
Children 1 year old	32
Children 2 years old	40
Children 3 years old	21

Enrollment by Eligibility

Income below 100%	108
Receipt of public asst.	4
Status as homeless	5

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity

Hispanic or Latino	37
Non-Hispanic	89
Asian	1
Black/African American	27
White	48
Bi-racial	13
Other	37

Enrollment by Primary Language

English	98
Spanish	28

EHS Budget – Office of Head Start

Personnel	64.8%
Benefits	17.8%
Supplies	5.1%
Equipment	1.3%
Other	5.8%
Training & Technical Asst.	5.2%

*Catawba County Schools provides in-kind support which is primarily administrative support. The percentage of personnel cost is higher due to the nature of providing a home-based program.

The Catawba County Schools Early Head Start program has completed the following:

- ◆ Maintained funded enrollment
- ◆ Collaborated with local resources including the local CDSA, LEA, etc.
- ◆ Reorganized staff to better reflect the needs of the program
- ◆ Ensured children enrolled were up to date on immunizations
- ◆ Provided education to the Governing Board and Policy Council
- ◆ Provided families with assistance in obtaining Medicaid, SSI, TANF, etc.
- ◆ Met 45 day and 90 day screening requirements
- ◆ Established Health Services Advisory Committee
- ◆ Passed Federal Review with no deficiencies or areas of non-compliance
- ◆ Established a dedicated site for socializations

Goals for the 2011-2012 include:

- ◆ Enhance literacy program
- ◆ Development of parent education groups
- ◆ Increase community awareness of program

