



# THE H GROUP EARLY HEAD START Annual Report 2008-2009

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The H Group, formerly Franklin-Williamson Human Services, is a not for profit, community behavioral health agency which has operated over forty years providing comprehensive services to children, youth, and adults across a broad geographic region in southern Illinois.

Within The H Group, the Youth and Family Division provides an array of services to families with young children such as Early Intervention, Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Services, and Early Head Start.

The H Group has received Early Head Start funding since 1988. The H Group EHS program maintains enrollment of 85 children or pregnant women who live in Franklin or Williamson counties of southern Illinois.

Early Head Start operates throughout the year and enrollees receive home based services which include weekly 90 minute home visits, group socialization opportunities, parent involvement activities, parent meetings, and assistance with linkage to community resources.

## Family Services

The H Group Early Head Start has built strong collaborative relationships with partners such as Southern Illinois University Carbondale Dental Hygiene Program and Community Dental Center (Medicaid Dental Clinic), University of Illinois Extension, SIUC Family Practice, SIUC Nutrition Department, and John A. Logan College. Through collaborative efforts, the program regularly offers families services such as bi-annual dental clinics including exams, cleaning, and fluoride varnish; monthly cooking classes in which participants learn about budgeting, nutrition, food safety, and food preparation; parenting classes which provide current perinatal information as well as a question and answer session with a family practice physician, and CPR classes. The community collaborations additionally serve as an important resource for staff professional development on a range of topics. Through strong collaboration with SIUC Community Dental Center, EHS is able to provide a dental home for many program families.

### **Parent Involvement Activities**

- Home Visits
- Group Socializations
- DICE (Dad's Involved in Children's Education)
- Cooking Classes
- Motherhood Classes
- CPR Classes
- Parent Committee Meetings
- Policy Council Meetings
- Field Trips
- Home Work
- Annual Self Assessment
- Health Services Advisory Committee
- Family Feast

## Transition Services

The H Group Early Head Start program assists children and their families with the transition into Head Start or other early childhood programs. Once children become three years old, EHS continues to provide services until a successful transition has been made into a preschool program.

## 2008-2009 Enrollment Information

Total number of children and pregnant women served 167	Average Monthly Enrollment 85 (100%)	Percentage of eligible children and pregnant women served 100%
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## 2008-2009 Medical and Dental Services Information

Number of children with continuous, accessible health care 98%	Number of children with continuous, accessible dental care provided by a dentist 86%
Number of children up-to-date on EPSDT schedule for well child care 89%	Number of children up-to-date on required age appropriate immunizations 96%

## Audits and Federal Reviews

The last financial audit was conducted in 2009 by BKD,LLP. The H Group received an unqualified report with no significant material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies.

The last Triennial Federal Review was conducted 01/09/2008 by Office of Head Start. The program had one finding related to CFR Part 230, Appendix B which was corrected within 90 days and subsequently the program was found in compliance with Head Start Performance Standards, applicable laws, regulations, and policy requirements.

## 2008-2009 Funding

Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Head Start Federal Grant	\$657,258
Non-Federal Share (The H Group match)	13,938
Miscellaneous	1,080
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>\$672,276</b>

## Proposed Budget and Actual Expenditures

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Personnel (Salaries & Fringe)	497,660	513,028
Supplies (Office supplies, food, cleaning supplies)	10,858	20,600
Occupancy (Electricity, water, building repair, janitorial services)	25,694	23,829
Transportation (Gas for vehicles, auto insurance, car repairs)	25,260	24,050
Minor Equipment (Purchase, repair & depreciation of small equipment)	8,317	7,800
Rent/Lease (Lease of Marion EHS, cars, small equipment)	20,390	17,000
Other (Telephone, postage, liability ins, registrations, Administrative expenses)	63,164	45,856
Program Related Expenses (Child care, program activities)	6,433	3,803
T/TA	16,209	15,281
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$673,985</b>	<b>\$671,247</b>