Edmonds Community College Head Start/ECEAP & Early Head Start

Empowering Families Since 1983!



Annual Report 2017-2018

Mission Statement

To inspire learning and contribute to the health and well-being of enrolled low–income children ages 0-5 and their parents by providing exemplary services and exceptional educational programming. We believe success comes through partnerships with parents and community.

Letter from the Executive Director

Community Neighbors-

The 2017-2018 school year was a year of audits for our program. The program completed a fiscal audit from the State of Washington and an audit from Office of Head Start. We still await the results of the audit from Head Start, but the state fiscal audit resulted in no major findings.

In 2017-2018, the program applied for and received expansion grant money from the State of Washington's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) to serve 76 families for the 2018-2019 school year. The ECEAP grant will allow us to serve families with a little higher income level than Head Start. This will help families who are working and still struggling to make ends meet.

Leadership parents in our program attended a Washington State Head Start & ECEAP (WSA) -Parent Summit. As a result of this attendance, they helped to spearhead a new "WorkStart" program. This program trains parents to work in Head Start. Parents in this program attend weekly training and then are required to volunteer in the classroom to apply what they have learned.

We look forward to an exciting 2018-2019 school year!

Ginger Williams Ginger Williams Executive Director





Our Program Services...

Head Start

Child development and family support services available for children ages 3 to 5 who are low-income and reside in Snohomish County. Services include comprehensive preschool, home visits, parent and child activities, health screenings, meals, opportunities to volunteer, and parent involvement activities. Part day preschool classes 4 days a week to help support school readiness.

Early Head Start—Home Base

Our Early Head Start program serves families with children birth to three years in a Home Base model. Home Base involves weekly home visits that offer child development activities to help enhance school readiness goals at an early age.

The home base program also offers monthly socialization events for each family. Group socializations are a time that parents and their children can come together and focus on interacting with each other while participating in age appropriate activities.



Parent Involvement

We need parents and family members to become involved in the program to ensure strong parent leadership in guiding the direction of the program. We encourage parents to visit their child's classroom, become a program volunteer, attend parent meetings, and work with your child at home. We believe that parents are their child's first teacher.





Families We Serve

Edmonds Community College Head Start & Early Head Start served more than 450 families in the 2017/2018 school year. Each child comes to us with a family; therefore, we work with families to help children become more successful in school. We know that if a child is hungry, cold, or feeling sick, they will not be at their full learning potential. We make sure each family has their basic needs met so that they are more successful at focusing on meeting their child's educational needs.





Parent Education, Classroom Volunteer Opportunities & Parent Leadership Opportunities



We Supported Families with Community Resources in 2017-2018!!

Emergency/Crisis Intervention	271	
Housing Assistance	103	
Mental Health Services	39	
ESL Training	112	
Adult ED	179	
Domestic Violence Asst.	8	
Child Support Assistance	15	
Health Education	304	
Parent Education	352	
Finance Education	39	
Total: Over 1,400 Community Resource Referrals		

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School Readiness!

Edmonds Community College Head Start & Early Head Start strives to achieve high standards in our services to children and families. Therefore we have set school readiness goals so that children leave our program with skills and competence in the following areas:

- -Positive Approaches to Learning
- -Social Emotional Development
- -Language/Literacy Development

- Improved Cognition
- Physical/Motor Development

Our program tracks children's growth and development in these areas with a data base tracking system that aligns with Washington State public school system. We work closely with public schools for a smooth kindergarten transition which helps to ensure that children are ready for Kindergarten!

Quality Programming

- 100% Preschool Teacher have an Associates or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood
- 95% Teachers in Home Base have a BA Degree in Social Work
- 92% of all teaching/home visiting staff have more than 5 years' experience with our program.



Program Overview

- 9 Classroom Sites
- 132 Families Enrolled in EHS-Home Base Services
- 283 children enrolled in Part Day Head Start preschool classrooms
- 415 children enrolled program wide
- 90% of staff work directly with children & families

Spring 2017-2018 Child Outcomes

Percent of children meeting or above state early learning standards (116 children transitioning to kindergarten).

Math	90%
Literacy	94%
Cognitive	94%
Language	91%
Physical	94%
Social/Emotional	94%

Healthy, Growing Children

Edmonds Community College Head Start & Early Head Start knows that healthy children are happy, learning children. Some requirements of our program are to complete developmental assessments, track well-child exams and health screens for every child. These assessments have helped many children receive much need-ed services and resources that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. We know that the earlier a child receives services, the more successful they will be in school.



care while in program.

- Outside Play (weather permitting)
- USDA Meals Day

Edmonds Community College - Head Start & Early Head Start

Offering free preschool programming and family services to low-income families who qualify!

- Preschool classes 4 days a week for 3-5 year olds.
- Home Base services for children birth to three years.
- Hearing/vision screens.
- Child development assessments.
- Parent engagement activities.

Serving Snohomish County Since 1983!



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