

Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start
Report to the Public
2008-2009

The Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start Program serves children 3-4 years of age in center based options. The Head Start Program is funded to provide comprehensive child development services to five hundred seventeen (517) children in Pine Bluff, Arkansas (Jefferson County) and Sheridan, Arkansas (Grant County).

Our average monthly attendance in our program for this reporting period was 89%. The percentage of all Head Start eligible children in our service area that are receiving services is 51%. Our last Federal Head Start Monitoring Review was conducted in January 2008. A Federal Follow-up Review was conducted In January 2010 for the purpose to determine non-compliance issues were resolved. The Head Start Program has not received the results of the Follow-Up Review.

The percentage of children who received medical examinations was 97% and the percentage of children who received dental examinations was 96.51% during the program year.

The first meeting with families is the Parent Orientation. During this meeting, parents are offered the opportunity to be involved in the total operation of the program. Parents attend center parent committee meetings, serve on the Policy Council and governing board, Health Advisory Council and participate in the program Self-Assessment. Parents have a standing invitation and are always welcome in the classroom to help with or lead activities, plan activities with the teaching staff. Parents also assist staff by working on projects at home and reinforcing learning at home. We encourage father participation with their child(ren) through our annual observations of "Donuts with Dad" and "Dining with Dad". In the "Dining with Dad" activity, more than two hundred (200) fathers participated. With parents being their child's first and most important teacher, parents play an essential role in the development of their children, therefore; their involvement in every facet of the Head Start Program is vital to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the program.

Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start Program has a qualified staff. Ninety-five (95) percent of the teaching staff have completed the requirements and received the B.S. degree in Early Childhood or Human Sciences (Family and Child Development). The remaining five (5) percent of the teaching staff have obtained the Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education. The program begins preparing children for kindergarten the first day they enter into our Head Start centers. The teaching staff concentrates on building children's skills particularly in the areas of social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language and literacy. The teachers conduct home visits and parent teacher conferences to focus on their child's skills and how they are making progress. Our program utilizes the Creative Curriculum as the foundation for kindergarten readiness. In addition, our program collaborates with local school districts and the state assigned LEA to further support kindergarten readiness. Through the collaboration with local school districts, our Head Start children visit kindergarten classrooms in the school district they will be enrolling in prior to their exiting our program so that they will become familiar with the kindergarten setting. Each year, parents are given handouts from the public school districts that contain information regarding the kindergarten program and the school district.

**Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc.
Head Start Grant Budget FY 08-09**

<u>Head Start (PA 22):</u>		<u>Head Start T & TA (PA 20):</u>	
Personnel	\$1,696,708.00	T & TA	\$39,741.00
Benefits	\$374,269.00		
Contractual	\$69,500.00		
Travel	\$15,000.00		
Other Services	\$386,815.00		
Supplies	\$89,000.00		
Total	<u>\$2,631,292.00</u>		
Inkind	\$658,860.13		

The above amounts reflect services to 517 Head Start children.

**Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc.
Head Start Grant Expenditures FY 08-09**

<u>Head Start (PA 22):</u>		<u>Head Start T & TA (PA 20):</u>	
Personnel	\$1,710,897.44	T & TA	\$39,741.00
Benefits	\$383,633.63		
Contractual	\$39,836.68		
Travel	\$10,286.46		
Other Services	\$419,892.11		
Supplies	\$66,947.16		
Total	<u>\$2,631,493.48</u>		
Inkind	\$658,860.13		
USDA			
Reimbursement	\$381,178.71		

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This report complies with the Head Start Reauthorization Act which specifies that Head Start Programs make public on an annual basis the following information:

- a) The amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- b) An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- c) The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served.
- d) The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit.
- e) The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams.
- f) Information about parent involvement activities.
- g) The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten.
- h) Any other information required by the Secretary.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE FUNDS RECEIVED

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Funds Received:

Head Start Federal Funds (PA 22) \$2,631,292.00

Head Start Federal Training and Technical Assistance (PA 20) \$39,741.00

Total Federal Funds Received \$2,671,033.00

The Audit Report for the period ending May 31, 2009 is available for public review.