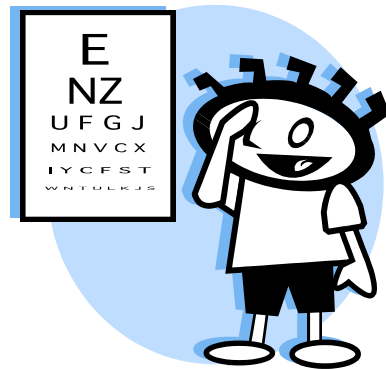
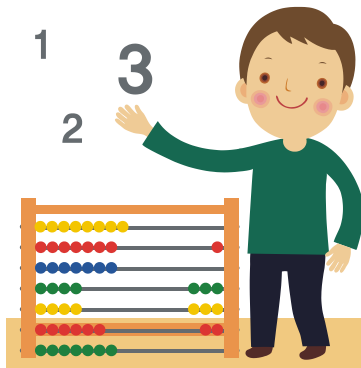


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HEAD START PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT



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**JEFFERSON COMPREHENSIVE CARE SYSTEM, INC,
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REPORT to the PUBLIC**

The report complies with the Head Start Reauthorization Act which stipulates 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 (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 the 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.

Funding

Public Funds Received:

Head Start Federal Funds (PA 22) \$2,760,593.00

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

TOTAL \$2,760,593.00

Private Funds Received:

TOTAL \$0

Budgetary Expenditures and Proposed Budget

The program's budget is developed by line items which include teacher salaries and benefits, classroom supplies and other teacher related expenses; family service staff and support for parent involvement activities; interventions which include health, mental health, disabilities and nutrition; staff professional development training and technical assistance; and supervision and support expenses.

<u>Head Start (PA 22)</u>		<u>Head Start T & TA (PA 20)</u>
Personnel	\$1,796,876.00	\$39,741.00
Fringe Benefits	\$407,449.00	
Travel	\$10,000.00	
Equipment	\$50,000.00	
Supplies	\$78,000.00	
Contractual	\$50,153.00	
Other	\$368,115.00	
Total	<u>\$2,760,593.00</u>	

The above amount reflects services to 517 Head Start children.

The Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start Program serves children 3-4 years of age in a center based option. The Head Start program is funded to make available a full range of child growth and development services and activities to five hundred seventeen (517) children in Pine Bluff and Altheimer (Jefferson County) Arkansas and Sheridan (Grant County) Arkansas.

A total of six hundred and thirty-two (632) children and families were served by the program for the 2009-2010 Program Year. The average monthly enrollment was 100 % with a full enrollment of five hundred and seventeen (517). The percentage of eligible children served was 99%.

The most recent Head Start Monitoring Follow-Up Review was conducted in January 2010. The objective of the review was to conclude that non-compliance discoveries were corrected.

The results of the financial audit are available upon request.

The percentage of children who received medical examinations was 87.05% and the percentage of children who received dental examinations was 83.33%.

Parent Involvement Activities

The first meeting with parents is Parent Orientation which is held prior to the first day the child attends a center. During this meeting, parents are offered the opportunity and encouraged to be involved in the total operation of the program. Parent Committee Meetings are held monthly at each Head Start site and each Parent Committee has a slate of officers. In addition, parents 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 to volunteer in the classroom to assist with and lead activities and to plan activities with the teaching staff. Parents also assist staff by working on projects at home with their child (ren) to reinforce learning in the home. We encourage father participation with their child(ren) through our annual observations of "Dining with Dad" and "Doughnuts with Dad". The Annual End of the year Parent Activity, which is planned by parents for parents, was a fantastic "Family Fun Day". The City of Pine Bluff Fire Department prepared the food, conducted "Fire Safety" training and permitted the children to board the fire truck. The City of Pine Bluff Police Department donated bicycles for door prizes to the children. Approximately 275 parents and children attended. With parents being their child's first and most important teacher, parents play an essential role in the development of their children. Hence, their involvement in every facet of the Head Start Program is vital to the achievement of the goals and objectives of the program.

Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start Program goals are developed with the outcome that children who attend Head Start are ready for kindergarten. Our ultimate goal is to close the achievement gap of our attendees through qualified staff, defined expectations and accountability, and program management. Ninety-nine (99) percent of the teaching staff have completed the requirements and received the bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education or Human Sciences (Family and Child Development). The remaining one (1) percent of the teaching staff has 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. In keeping with our kindergarten readiness objectives, the teaching staff focuses on building children's skills in the areas of social, emotional, physical, cognitive, language

and literacy. The teachers conduct home visits and parent conferences to keep parents abreast of their child's skills and development or 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, as a part of our transition activities, prior to the departure from the Head Start Program, Head Start children visit kindergarten classrooms in the school district where they will be enrolling. The purpose of this transition activity is to enable the children to become familiar with the kindergarten setting. Each year, parents are presented handouts from the school districts that contain information regarding the kindergarten program and the school district.

The Jefferson Comprehensive Care System, Inc. Head Start Program goals and objectives are ongoing to provide the delivery of quality child development services that will improve children's learning outcomes with the focal point being on every individual aspect of the child's development.