



HEAD START

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Serving the counties of Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Saline, Seward, Thayer and York in Nebraska and Smith in Kansas with Head Start and Early Head Start services.





Head Start 0-5

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start 0-5 program delivers comprehensive and high quality services designed to foster healthy development in low-income and at risk children. Head Start services are responsive and appropriate to each child's and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience. Head Start provides a range of individualized services in the areas of:

- Education
- Special Education
- Nutrition
- Medical, Dental, and Mental Health
- Social Services

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership operates a home-based Early Head Start Program serving 90 children ages 0-3 and pregnant mothers. Families receive weekly home visits for 1½ hours and two socialization opportunities a month. The primary focus of the Early Head Start program is child development, parenting, goals to strengthen the family, and self sufficiency.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership provides center-based Head Start services to 249 children ages 3-5. In the 2010-2011 program year, Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start Program collaborated with Crete Public School, Deshler Public School, Jefferson Public School, Thayer Central Public School and York Public School in an effort to provide quality preschool services to more at risk children in these communities. The program provides 3½ hours of class time, four days a week. The program is at no cost to families and provides 1/3 of a child's daily nutritional requirement.



Parent Involvement

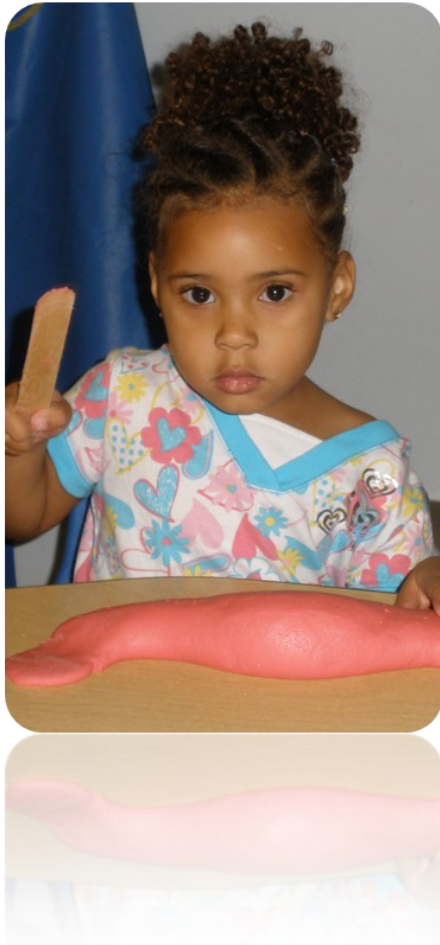
Parent involvement begins at the time a parent chooses to enroll their child in Early Head Start or Head Start. Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start program realizes that **parents are the first and primary teachers of their children.**

We provide a variety of opportunities for parent involvement, so that they might become involved to the level to which they are able. Some of these opportunities include:

- Welcoming parent participation in classrooms, whether merely as observers or as volunteers who help with daily activities.
- Working with parents to schedule home visits and socializations at a time when they are best able to fully participate.
- Participating in parent/teacher conferences throughout the year.
- Providing input for implementation of curriculum goals and planning.
- Participation in literacy goals through home activities.
- Participating in and taking leadership roles in parent committee meetings and parent activities.
- Representing their parent committee while serving on the Policy Council.
- Working with other community groups.
- Attending parenting classes and other trainings given by the program throughout the year.

Blue Valley Community Action is dedicated to father and male involvement in the Head Start Program. We recognize that fathers or male figures that are involved in raising their children make a positive difference in a child's life. Involved fathers provide a positive male role model, they are someone for their child to play with, and children with active fathers often do better in school. We provide opportunities for fathers or male figures to become involved with and to strengthen the relationship with their child. Some of these opportunities include:

- Donuts for Dads: Fathers and male figures are invited to eat breakfast and participate in classroom activities.
- Building Birdhouses: Fathers and male figures build and paint birdhouses with the children.
- Career Day: Fathers and male figures share with the information about their careers with the children; they read books to the children about different careers.
- Tailgate Party: Fathers and male figures play games, do art projects, scavenger hunts and picnic.



Kindergarten Preparation

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start programs help to prepare children for kindergarten by getting parents involved in their child's education at an early age and by nurturing their overall development.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start program measures child learning outcomes utilizing the Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum Gold. Teachers observe children and enter these observations into the system along with parent input, photos, and work samplings. An assessment of the child's skill level in all developmental domains is conducted three times a year (fall, winter and spring). The assessment results are analyzed to develop individual child goals and objectives as well as small group activities.

Blue Valley Community Action Partnership's Head Start program utilizes the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) to support teachers' unique professional development needs and to set program wide goals. The CLASS tool focuses on effective teaching, helps teachers recognize and understand the power of their interactions with students, and increases teacher effectiveness. The CLASS tool is used for individualized teacher coaching and mentoring.

The Head Start staff communicate with Kindergarten staff to align curriculum and assessment tools as well as target areas of development. Head Start staff actively support families by facilitating seamless transitions and continuity from Head Start to kindergarten.



Enrollment Information

Funded Enrollment:

Early Head Start Expansion ARRA	50
Early Head Start	40
Head Start	249

Actual Enrollment:

Early Head Start Expansion ARRA	82
Early Head Start	59
Head Start	285

Enrollment by Eligibility:

Income Eligibility	352	83%
Over Income	26	6%
Receipt of Public Assistance	23	5%
Foster Children	10	2%
Homeless	15	4%

Average Monthly Enrollment:

100%
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Number of Families Served:

Early Head Start Expansion ARRA	56
Early Head Start	43
Head Start	263

Enrollment by Ethnicity:

Hispanic or Latino Origin	70	16%
Non-Hispanic or Latino Origin	356	84%

Health Service Information

Health Insurance:

Children with health Insurance	373	87%
Combined SCHIP/Medicaid	343	92%
Private health insurance	30	8%
Children without Health Insurance	36	8%

Medical Services:

Completed dental examinations Head Start	268	94%
Needed and received follow-up treatment	42	
Completed dental screening Early Head Start	102	73%
Completed Physical Examination	368	91%
Needed and received follow-up treatment	19	



Funding and Budgets

Head Start 0-5 Budget for the year ending April 30, 2011

Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$1,423,680.00
Contractual Services	\$43,497.00
Travel and Transportation	\$27,804.00
Insurance	\$35,896.00
Space and Other Rents	\$108,891.00
Supplies	\$173,876.00
Utilities	\$29,571.00
Equipment	\$56,166.00
Other Direct Costs	\$163,259.00
Indirect Costs	<u>\$311,786.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,374,426.00

Revenues:

Federal Funds	\$2,374,426.00
Child & Adult Care Food Program	\$83,156.00
Non Federal Contributions	<u>\$594,128.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$3,051,710.00

Early Head Start Expansion American Recovery & Reinvestment Act for the year ending September 29, 2011

Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$353,361.00
Contractual Services	\$1,523.00
Travel and Transportation	\$6,738.00
Insurance	\$9,809.00
Space and Other Rents	\$19,837.00
Supplies	\$48,365.00
Utilities	\$7,998.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Other Direct Costs	\$97,636.00
Indirect Costs	<u>\$77,386.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$622,653.00

Revenues:

Federal Funds	\$622,653.00
Non Federal Contributions	<u>\$76,481.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$699,134.00



Funding and Budgets

Projected Head Start 0-5 Budget for the year ending April 30, 2012

Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$1,629,347.00
Contractual Services	\$40,430.00
Travel and Transportation	\$24,339.00
Insurance	\$40,476.00
Space and Other Rents	\$108,386.00
Supplies	\$23,790.00
Utilities	\$24,704.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Other Direct Costs	\$132,082.00
Indirect Costs	<u>\$357,957.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$2,381,511.00

Non Federal Match: \$595,378.00

Early Head Start 0-3 Supplemental Budget for the year ending September 30, 2012

Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$402,826.00
Contractual Services	\$3,600.00
Travel and Transportation	\$9,998.00
Insurance	\$10,776.00
Space and Other Rents	\$21,756.00
Supplies	\$13,372.00
Utilities	\$12,300.00
Equipment	\$0.00
Other Direct Costs	\$44,981.00
Indirect Costs	<u>\$88,219.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$607,828.00

Non Federal Match: \$79,290.00