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HEAD START

NeighborImpact Head Start Program

2009-2010 School Year

Annual Report

A Word from the Director...

It is a pleasure and honor to share with you the accomplishments of our Head Start Program. In the 2009-2010 program year, NeighborImpact's Head Start Program improved the odds and closed the achievement gap for over 400 of Central Oregon's most vulnerable children.

We all know that being ready for school matters. It matters to children. It matters to families. And, it matters to our community.

Children who are behind in reading in first grade have only a one-in-eight chance of ever catching up, and without good social skills, strong parental support and good health, the chances are even slimmer.

To build school readiness, Head Start integrates high-quality early education with other critical components: health, nutrition, mental health, parent education, parent engagement and family support. This strategy works: In June, 90% of 4-year-old children in our program met school readiness measures. When these same children began the program in September, only 34% were at age level.



We do not get these wonderful outcomes alone. Success for children and families is made possible through amazing local partners, a community that cares about children, individual generosity, along with NeighborImpact's federal and state grant funds. As I rely on my team at NeighborImpact, our team relies on you—our strong community of health care providers, educators, government agencies, volunteers and non-profit partners—to assist us in serving children and families.

Our vision is a Central Oregon where every child is ready to succeed in school and life. Please accept sincere thanks for supporting our work!

Betty Shuler,

NeighborImpact Early Care and Education Director

Who are the Children?



Answer: They are our Community's most vulnerable and at risk pre-school age children.

Poverty takes a terrible toll on young children not only intellectually but emotionally. Imagine the sense of security a vulnerable young child gains from knowing that each day he or she will ride a warm bus to a safe and beautiful classroom and be welcomed by kind and gentle teachers, provided with nutritious hot meals and given opportunities to play and learn social and cognitive skills.

During the 2009-2010 school year we served ...

- 437 Children living in families in poverty
- 22 Children living in foster care
- 63 Children with identified disabilities
- 45 Children experiencing homelessness
- 85 Children who had experienced substantial early childhood trauma

NeighborImpact Head Start had funding to meet the needs of 62% of eligible children in Crook County, and 59% of eligible children in Deschutes County.

Preparing Children for Success in School and in Life

Head Start begins preparing children for success in school the day they enter the program.

Each child's skills and knowledge are assessed three times during the year. These assessments are used to create educational goals for each individual child, plan lessons to incorporate these goals in the classroom learning environment and document children's school readiness.



Teachers work with families to build children's skills, especially in the areas of Social/Emotional Development, Physical Development, Cognitive Development, Mathematics, Language and Literacy Development.

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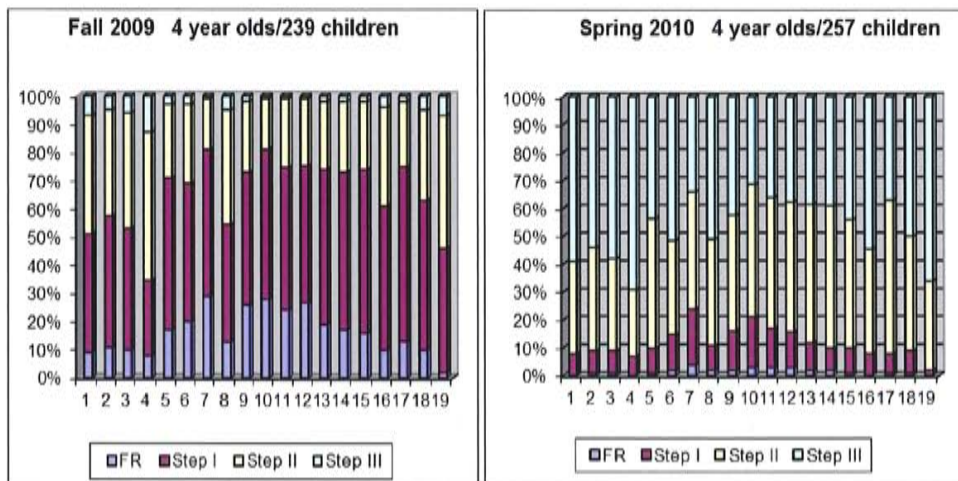
Head Start supports the whole child and their family; including crisis intervention and prevention and treatment of child abuse. Head Start ensures children receive health, dental, vision, hearing and mental health care. Head Start teaches parenting skills and sets the stage for a parent's critical role and responsibility for their child's education.



"Colton was lucky to have 2 years in Head Start. His overall improvement has been amazing! He's also shown an interest in learning that his sister unfortunately didn't have the opportunity to be a part of. This is an amazing program." —Head Start Parent

NeighborImpact Head Start Works

Four year-old children left Head Start ready for school.



Purple represents pre-learning, crimson represents basic level skills, yellow represents student's age level, aqua indicates skill mastery.

Head Start is accountable.

Evidence-based assessment demonstrated that ninety percent of four year-old children transitioning to kindergarten in the fall left the program in the spring meeting or exceeding typical preschool development levels.

Even children with extraordinary challenges such as disability, child abuse, homelessness or not understanding and speaking English, showed substantial improvement and growth from the beginning of the school year to the end.

Preparing children for school is not only about mastery in literacy and mathematics but also about communication skills, comfort with routines, excitement for learning, interacting well with other children and most importantly believing they can succeed.

Not only do children who attend NeighborImpact's Head Start program enter school ready to learn, they are also more likely to graduate from high school and college and have better jobs. Providing high quality pre-kindergarten for economically disadvantaged children is the most cost effective strategy for closing the achievement gap.

Engaging Parents in their Children's Lives

Engaging parents make all the difference in the lives of children.

From the very first meeting with the family, parents are engaged in the program. Parents participate in monthly parent center committee meetings which provide opportunities to participate in program decision-making; learn and practice activities to engage their child; and learn more about the critical role they have as their child's first and most important teacher and advocate.



"Thank you to everyone. You guys do a wonderful job. My daughter loves coming to school and loves learning."

Parents also increase their knowledge of child development and parenting strategies; and develop relationships with other parents. In the family partnership agreement process, families set goals and work on strategies to complete goals. Parents are referred to community resources that can help them attain goals. NeighborImpact also provides client access to child care resources, food bank distribution centers, housing center education classes and emergency services.



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NeighborImpact is dedicated to empowering individuals and families to succeed and become engaged citizens in the community.

What do our parents have to say?

"My child loves Head Start. She can't wait until it's the next morning so she can be at school."

"I am extremely satisfied and impressed with my son's learning improvement and new skills and knowledge gained. I would recommend this program to all parents."

"As an ECE person who taught and directed programs, I am VERY pleased at what Mollie is learning and the compassion of the staff. Excellent program."

"I am really satisfied with the school and teachers. The school and program has helped my kids and family so much and in so many ways. Everyone is doing such a great job. My girls are doing so much better and have grown so much. Thank you very much for your time and patience with my family. "

Policy Council Leading the Way

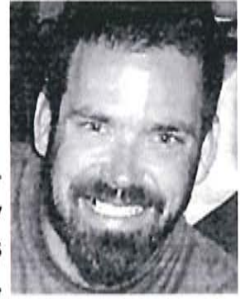
Each classroom elects a representative and alternate to the Policy Council, a body that shares governance responsibilities with the NeighborImpact Board of Directors for the Head Start program. Parents volunteer in the classroom, share their gifts with the program, and participate in the Health Services Advisory Committee, Fathers and Friends Committee, Program Self-Assessment Committee and other subcommittees of the Policy Council.



Leading the Way...

On Friday, October 8th, 2010, NeighborImpact dedicated the Redmond Head Start Center in memory and honor of Jonathan C. McKim.

Jon McKim was a compassionate and inspirational parent leader and a dedicated father. He began his journey with Head Start and NeighborImpact in 2003 when his daughter Alyssa was enrolled in Head Start in Redmond. He served three years on the Policy Council, where he was elected as Sergeant at Arms, Liaison to the NeighborImpact Board and OHSA Representative. Jon participated in Father Involvement training and became a leader and mentor to other fathers. Jon traveled to Salem, Seattle and Washington, D.C. to attend Head Start events and advocated for Head Start with elected officials. In the past two years, Jon served on the NeighborImpact Board of Directors and at the time of his sudden death was Vice President of the Board and Chair of the Board's Early Care and Education Committee. Jon will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.



"I would like this to be my next step in advocating for the less advantaged."

-on his petition to become a NeighborImpact board member

December 2005



We are proud to be able to support his legacy through the Jonathan C. McKim Head Start Center. The dedication event was attended by community members and staff and was covered by the press. After a brief ceremony, a beautiful new building sign was unveiled by Jon's daughter, Alyssa, and his mother, Kit.

Other Parent Leaders...

Two of NeighborImpact Head Start parent leaders received state-wide honors at the fall meeting of the Oregon Head Start Association.



Kevin Charity awarded OHSA's Father of the Year.

Through his experience with NeighborImpact Head Start, Kevin came to understand the importance he has in the critical role of father—his children's primary educator, nurturer and advocate.

Kevin took advantage of leadership opportunities and has become a role model for his children and other fathers in the program.

Congratulations Kevin on your achievement!

Laura Beebe honored with OHSA's Leadership Award, Region X Head Start Association Leadership Award.

Laura Beebe received OHSA's Leadership Award and we are very pleased to announce that Laura went on to receive the Region X Head Start Association Leadership Award.

Laura's application will now be forwarded to the National Head Start Association as Region X's nominee for the national parent leadership award. Laura was the chair of the Head Start Policy Council during the 2009-2010 school year and a past Head Start parent. In addition, Laura (demonstrating even more leadership) was elected to serve on the NeighborImpact Board's Executive Committee in 2011. Congratulations Laura! We wish you the best of luck on the Executive Committee and at the national level competition.



2009-2010 Program Facts

- ◆ Served 464 highest need children in 439 families in classrooms in the communities of Bend, LaPine, Redmond, Sisters, Sunriver, and Prineville.
- ◆ 97% of children served received medical exams, and 96% received dental exams. All children with identified needs received treatment.
- ◆ Maintained 100% enrollment and maintained a waitlist for services throughout the service area of Crook and Deschutes Counties during the school year.
- ◆ Full compliance with all federal regulations including a perfect triennial federal monitoring review in December 2008 and annual finding free fiscal audits in FY2008, FY2009, and FY2010.
- ◆ Increased inclusion for children with disabilities by purchasing a wheelchair-accessible bus.
- ◆ Provided dual language learners additional assessments in their home language.
- ◆ Provided 94,411 miles of school bus transportation services.
- ◆ Served 88,052 nutritious meals to children.



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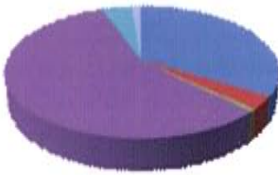
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This project is financed in part with 44%, or \$1,459,772 of federal funds, and receives less than 1% of funding in nongovernmental sources.

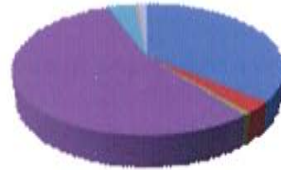
2009-2010 Program Year Money Matters

Revenue Sources	Budgeted Revenue	Actual Revenue
Federal Head Start	1,520,618	1,598,304
Federal Head Start ARRA	144,429	129,403
Federal CSBG ARRA	25,788	23,121
Oregon Prekindergarten Head Start	2,555,323	2,449,767
USDA/CACFP	198,335	186,642
Foundation Grants		12,104
Oregon Housing & Community Services/E2C2	55,227	56,288
Donations		1,950
TOTALS	\$ 4,499,720	\$ 4,457,579

Budgeted Revenue



Actual Revenue



Expenses	Proposed Budget	Budgetary Expenditures
Wages & Benefits	3,291,517	3,309,482
Equipment & Supplies	200,361	190,826
Child & Family Services	437,759	372,972
Property/Rent	96,401	95,770
Staff Training & Mileage	95,504	85,552
Other Fees & Services	51,434	39,509
Administrative	326,744	363,468
TOTALS	\$ 4,499,720	\$ 4,457,579

Proposed Budget



Budgetary Expenditures



Great Support Produces Great Results

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