

Sunbeam Family Services Early Head Start Annual Report 2008-2009

Sunbeam Family Services' Early Childhood Services program provides comprehensive services at three childcare centers in Oklahoma City, as well as home based services to 56 children and pregnant women. Services are provided through funding from Early Head Start as well as private pay and state funding.

As an EHS program, the primary mission is to provide comprehensive early childhood services for children. All children are provided a safe, nurturing environment in which they are given the opportunity to learn and experience success, with additional services provided to children with special needs. Parents are partners with Sunbeam EHS in the education of their children, participating in home visits, parent-teacher conferences, training and a wide array of opportunities to make decisions about program operations and services.

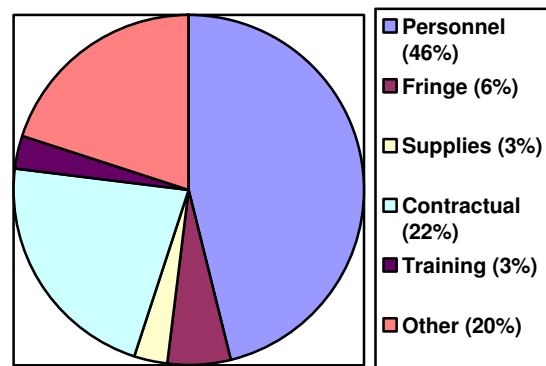
Sunbeam's EHS services are contracted with the Latino Agency's Tony Reyes Bi-Lingual Child Development Center and with Oklahoma City Public School's Emerson Alternative High School. In addition, Sunbeam directly operates services at our own child development center and all home based related activities.

2008-2009 Funding Facts

Total Agency Public and Private Funds

Federal	\$1,366,527
Other	\$5,433

2008-2009 Early Head Start Budget



Federal Program Review

Based on information from the most recent Sunbeam EHS federal review (2006), it was established that the program is in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements.

Audit

Sunbeam's most recent fiscal audit revealed the consolidated financial statements present fairly the financial position of Sunbeam Family Services. For a more detailed report, contact Sunbeam Family Services.

School Readiness and Parent Involvement

Children and families enrolled in Sunbeam's Early Head Start program receive much more than just daily childcare or basic educational services. Our comprehensive program ensures children and families also receive health, mental health and community based services at low or now cost. By tracking children's health and mental health needs, we are better able to ensure each child receives needed services throughout the program year.

Quarterly developmental assessments are also conducted on each child, and individualized lesson plans are established on a weekly basis. Additionally, since parents are such an integral part of their child's development, EHS teachers meet at least four times per year with each child's family to develop goals and discuss their child's development. Involving parents in their child's education at an early age leads to Kindergarten readiness and future school success. During the last program year, over 100 parents volunteered within the program.

Services Provided 2007-2008

Total number of children and pregnant women served, including drops and replacements	252
Total number of Children served	218
Pregnant Women Served	34
Funded Enrollment	120
% eligible children served	0.02%
Average monthly enrollment	120
Total number of children with health insurance	218
Number of children up-to-date on age appropriate preventive health care	80
% of children with completed dental screening	73%

Quality Improvement

In 2007, Sunbeam EHS began participating in the Oklahoma State Pilot program, a statewide initiative to increase and enhance early care and education to children 0 thru 3 years of age. With this additional funding and support, Sunbeam EHS has been able to recruit and retain a bachelor degreed teacher in each of our EHS classrooms, as well as refurbish the classrooms with new furniture, toys and supplies.

Future Plans

In July 2009, Sunbeam Family Services will become the operating partner of Oklahoma City Educare, a state-of-the-art early childhood center designed to serve 200 children.

