



City of Rockford

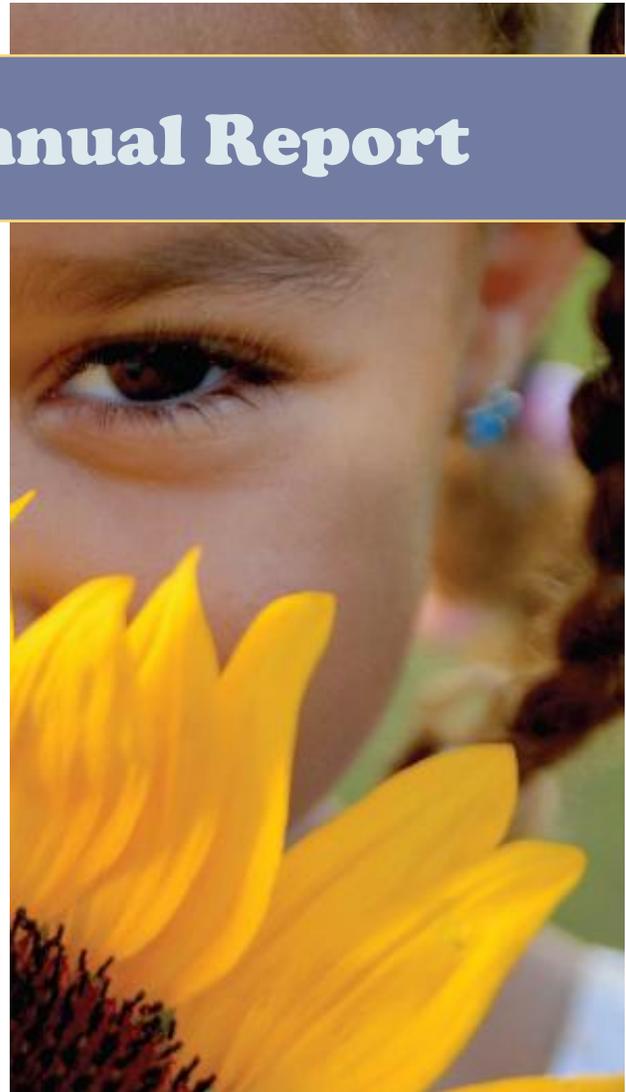


**Human Services Department
Head Start**

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2010 – 2011 Annual Report

Head Start has the overall objective of breaking the cycle of poverty by preparing children to be effective learners and by assisting families to achieve greater economic, social and personal self-sufficiency in support of their children.



Lawrence J. Morrissey, Mayor

George Davis, Executive Director
Joanne Lewis, Head Start Director

Head Start Locations

To the Citizens of Winnebago County:

Head Start services have been provided to families in Winnebago County since 1965. In 1975, the City of Rockford received the federal award from the Department of Health and Human Services to operate Head Start in Winnebago County. Each subsequent year continuation grants have been funded to provide comprehensive education and health services to children from low-income families. Parents and caretakers are provided services, information and referrals to meet the needs and goals of the entire family.

Parents and family members are the “forever” people in a child’s life. Head Start and Early Head Start programs build relationships with families that support family well-being, strong parent-child relationships and ongoing learning and development of parents and children alike.

Head Start employs 82 full and part-time staff, 22 are former or current parents. Head Start is funded to serve 591 children, ages 3-5 years old. Early Head Start serves 12 pregnant women and 80 children, ages birth to three years old. Grant funds are primarily spent in the community, through salaries, materials and services.

Eligibility for services is based on family income. The program strives to maximize a child’s strengths, provide a rich learning environment and prepare children for success in their home, school and community.

Joanne Lewis, Director

City of Rockford Head Start

Human Services Department

Administration Office

612 N. Church Street, 61103

Home Base Option: 24

Early Head Start Home Base Funded Enrollment: 84

Fairgrounds Head Start

902 Acorn Street, 61101

Funded Enrollment: 136

Henrietta Head Start

200 N. Johnston Ave, 61101

Funded Enrollment: 224

Orton Keyes Head Start

653 Ranger Street, 61109

Funded Enrollment: 136

Circles of Learning,

Child Care Partner

2909 N. Main Street, 61103

Funded Enrollment: 51

Early Head Start Funded Enrollment: 8

Rockford Day Nursery,

Child Care Partner, 61104

2323 S. 6th Street

Funded Enrollment: 20

Head Start Program Options

Four program options are available to families:

Part-day (3.5 hours per day, four days a week)	Home-base (Home visit 1.5 hours a week)
Full-day center based (8 hours per day, five days a week, during the school year)	Full-day, full-year (Full-day, year round services, provided through a child care partner)

Early Head Start Program Options

Two program options are available to families:

Home-base (Home visit 1.5 hours a week)	Full-day, full-year (Full-day, year round services, provided through a child care partner)
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Head Start
Funded Enrollment: 591
3–5 years of age

- 656 - Children Served
- 611 - Families Served
- 124 - Two Parent Families
- 487 - Single Parent Families
- 13 - Homeless Families Served
- 99% - Average Monthly Attendance
- 96% - Income Eligible Children Served

Early Head Start
Funded Enrollment: 92
Birth - 3 years old and pregnant women

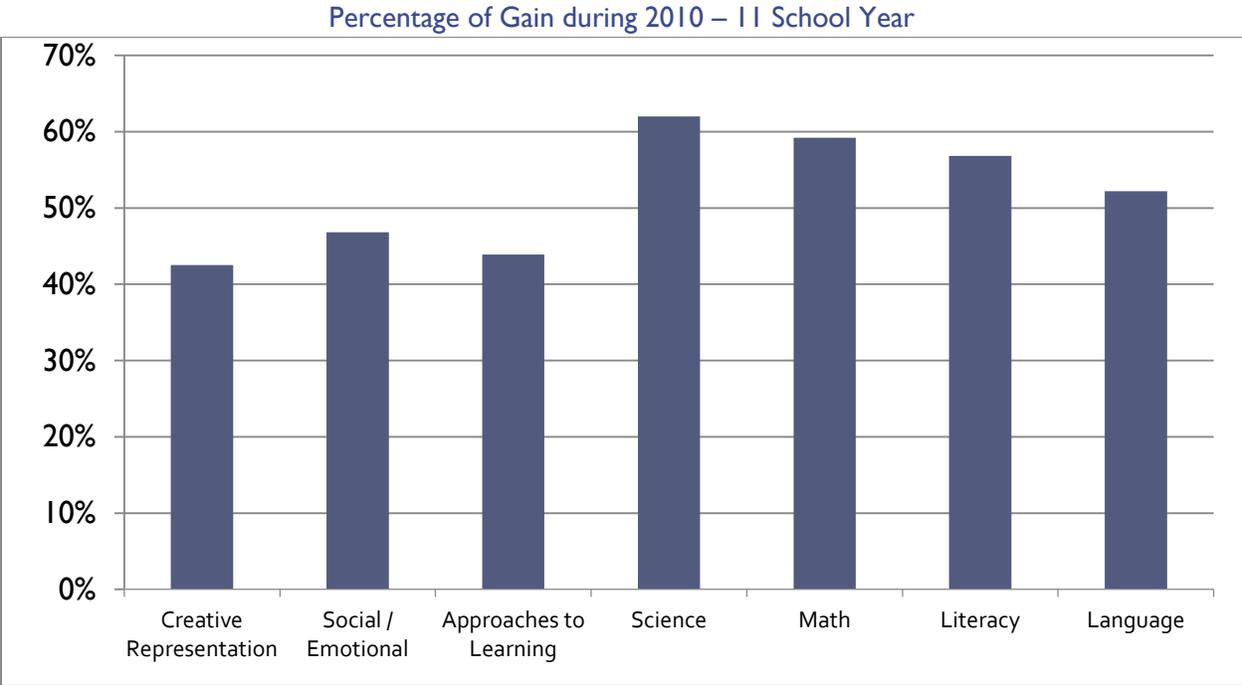
- 137 - Children Served
- 103 - Families Served
- 20 - Two Parent Families
- 83 - Single Parent Families
- 5 - Homeless Families Served
- 8 - Pregnant Women Served
- 96% - Income Eligible Children Served

Transportation- Head Start provides door-to-door transportation for the majority of children attending part day, center based classes. All children are securely seated in safety vests.

476 Children transported in 2010-2011	34 Routes run each day Monday - Thursday
15 Bus Drivers employed by Head Start	18 Buses owned by Head Start

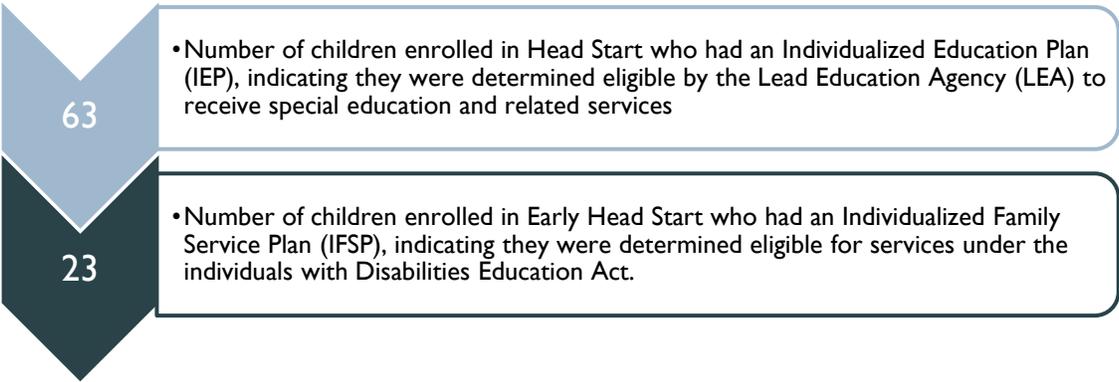
Education—Teachers serve as educators and partners with families. They focus on a child’s individual development. Ongoing child assessments are shared with parents to review progress and set goals. A variety of experiences and materials promote children’s development in key areas.

Child Outcomes in 2010-11 demonstrate significant progress. The grid shows the gains made in specific developmental areas during the program year. Assessments are completed three times during the school year: November, February and May.



Partnerships with community organizations enrich children’s educational experiences. Partners include Discovery Center Museum, Burpee Museum of Natural History, University of Illinois Extension, Rockford Public Library and Music Academy in Rockford.

Services for Children with Special Needs (IEP/IFSP)



PNC Foundation - In December of 2010, PNC Foundation awarded a grant to Head Start. The grant provides \$25,000 a year for three years, totaling \$75,000, to enhance music, math, science and history appreciation. The initiative uses the programs and resources of Music Academy in Rockford, Burpee Museum of Natural History and Discovery Center Museum to develop special activities and curriculum materials. It also provides professional development for teachers in inquiry-based techniques that promote learning across these areas. Parents and guardians participate in children’s learning both at home and through family events.

Health Services—Children must be healthy to grow and learn. Head Start works with each family to provide medical and dental services, immunizations and other health assessments.

During the 2010-11 school year:

- In Head Start:**
- 100% of enrolled children had an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute medical care.
 - 94% of children were determined by a health professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
 - 98% of children had an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute dental care.
 - 95% of children completed a professional dental exam during the operating period or within the last 12 months.

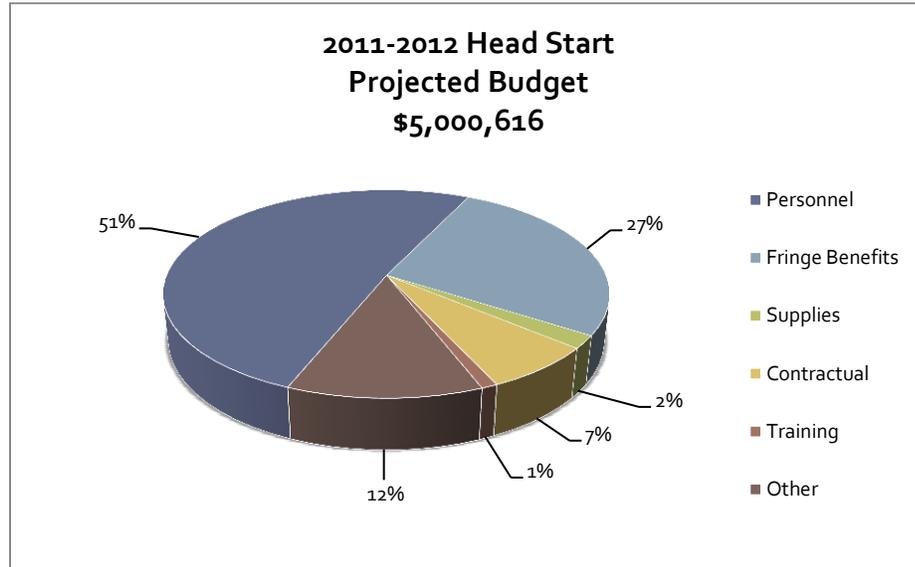
- In Early Head Start:**
- 98% of enrolled children had an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute medical care.
 - 75% of children were determined by a health professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
 - 71% of children had an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute dental care.
 - 95% of children were up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary oral health care.



Go, Slow & Whoa—Head Start received a nutrition grant from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The grant funds provide information to children and families about the benefits of healthy eating and activity. The grant award is \$20,000 for a two-year period.

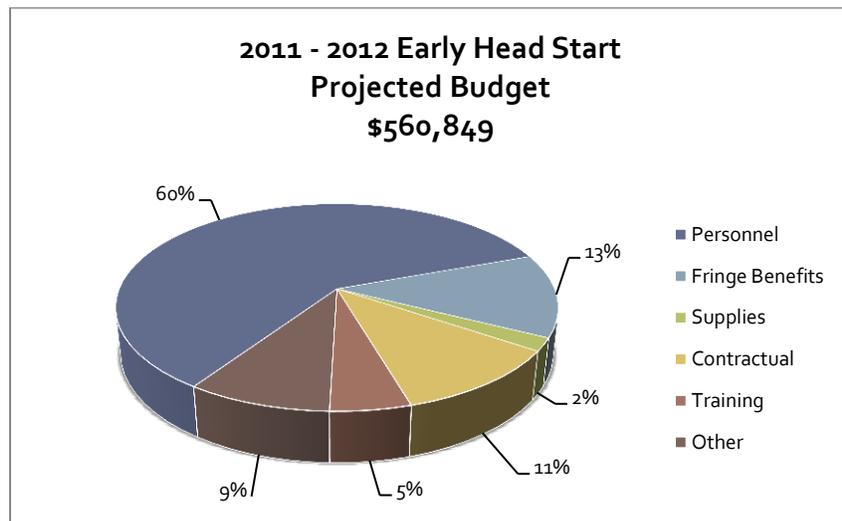
In March of 2011 the Administration for Children and Families conducted an on-site monitoring review of the Early Head Start program. Based on the information gathered during the review it was determined that the program was in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements.

Head Start had a triennial review conducted by the Office of Head Start in November 2009. In February 2010, the Office of Head Start acknowledged that the City of Rockford Human Services Department, Head Start is in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements.



Funding Sources

96% - U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
 3% - USDA via State Board of Education
 1% - Miscellaneous



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Audit—Lauterbach & Amen conducted the annual financial audit for the year ending December 31, 2010. City of Rockford is in compliance with the requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management Budget (OMB) Circular A-133. There were no findings specific to the Head Start program.