

Region VII Head Start Association Statistical Fact Sheet



The Region VII Head Start Association represents the four state Head Start Associations in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.

The Association is led by a 16-member Board of Directors composed of four representatives from each of the four states. Work of the Association is carried out through the following committees: Advocacy Committee, Executive/Finance Committee, Partnership/Membership Committee and Professional Development Committee.

Our mission is to promote and support the effectiveness of Head Start Associations and members to ensure quality services for children and families.

Our vision is to be recognized as the premiere regional association in the nation.

NEBRASKA

- 18 Grantees
- 6,363 Actual Enrollment
(6,204 children, 159 pregnant women)
- 5,094 Funded Enrollment
- 46% Two-parent families, 54% Single-parent families
- 858 Child development staff employed by HS & EHS
- Average salary for Head Start Teachers
\$20,586.83 -Associates Degree in ECE/Related field
\$24,423.92 -Baccalaureate Degree in ECE/Related field

IOWA

- 18 Grantees
- 9,575 Actual Enrollment
(9390 children, 185 pregnant women)
- 7,807 Funded Enrollment
- 46% Two-parent families, 54% Single-parent families
- 1,229 Child development staff employed by HS & EHS
- Average salary for Head Start Teachers
\$20,290.00 -Associates Degree in ECE/Related field
\$25,274.39 -Baccalaureate Degree in ECE/Related field

KANSAS

- 27 Grantees
- 11,431 Actual Enrollment
(11,148 children, 283 pregnant women)
- 8,286 Funded Enrollment
- 43% Two-parent families, 57% Single-parent families
- 1,472 Child development staff employed by HS & EHS
- Average salary for Head Start Teachers
\$22,578.12 -Associates Degree in ECE/Related field
\$26,073.36 -Baccalaureate Degree in ECE/Related field

MISSOURI

- 27 Grantees
- 21,637 Actual Enrollment
(21,374 children, 263 pregnant women)
- 17,453 Funded Enrollment
- 35% Two-parent families, 65% Single-parent families
- 2,512 Child development staff employed by HS & EHS
- Average salary for Head Start Teachers
\$21,238.41 -Associates Degree in ECE/Related field
\$23,454.94 -Baccalaureate Degree in ECE/Related field

REGION VII PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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| ✓ Children with up-to-date or on schedule, immunizations | ----- | 103% (HS) | 99% (EHS) |
| ✓ Children completing dental exams | ----- | 94% (preschool only) | |
| ✓ Children receiving dental treatment | ----- | 82% (preschool only) | |
| ✓ Teachers with an ECE related degree, CDA or State Certificate | ----- | 94% (HS) | 71% (EHS) |
| ✓ Families participating in a goal setting process resulting in a FPA | ----- | 87% (HS) | 91% (EHS) |
| ✓ Families receiving at least one family service | ----- | 71% (HS) | 90% (EHS) |
| ✓ Ratio of parent volunteers to total enrollment | ----- | 1 : 1.10 (HS) | 1 : 1.05 (EHS) |

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EARLY HEAD START

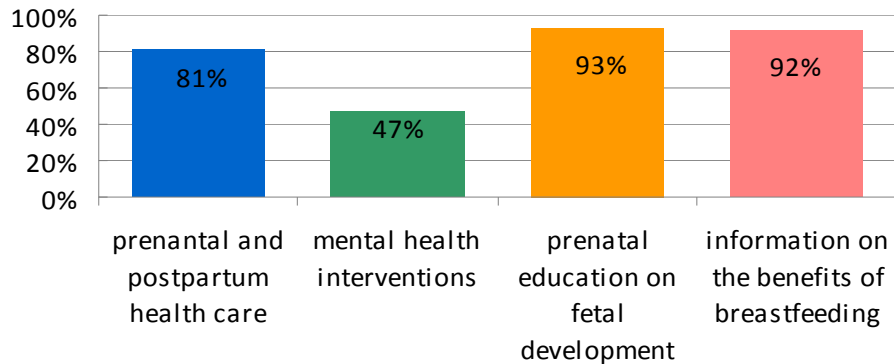
Early Head Start (EHS) was established by Congress as a program to serve pregnant women and their families. The program provides guidance, information and direct services to foster the healthy development of children and their families during the child's most formative years.



Today 600 EHS programs serve approximately 45,000 low-income families. Early Head Start:

- Teaches families healthy parenting skills.
- Assesses children for appropriate physical, social and emotional development.
- Provides referrals to appropriate health care and social welfare providers.
- Identifies resources in areas of job training, medical/dental care and family counseling.
- In the 2006-2007 program year EHS served 890 pregnant women in the Region VII area.

Program Services for Pregnant Women



Region VII Head Start Association Foundations of Support™

In support of the Association's mission, R7HSA provides more than 15 **Foundations of Support™** to member State Associations addressing the challenges of building a strong and supportive infrastructure that will ensure success and empower State Associations providing an opportunity to grow and expand while maintaining autonomy.

Management Acceleration Program (MAP)

MAP is an expansive training effort to provide New Directors and Managers, who have been in their current position two years or less, a solid foundation of Head Start principles and management skills. Program Governance, Fiscal Management and Internal Monitoring Systems, as well as areas of the Head Start Performance Standards are integrated throughout the training content.

Coordinated Training *Think Tank*

The Coordinated Training *Think Tank* is an opportunity to coordinate state training opportunities; assess gaps and barriers in training; support and promote state-wide and regional trainings to ensure success; address federal initiatives; and strengthen programs through identified review findings.

Regional Awards and Scholarships

Each year R7HSA recognizes individuals and organizations for their contributions to the Regional Head Start community. The recipients of these awards are honored at the R7HSA Annual Conference.

- The Children's Champion Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated their support in Children's causes.
- The Tom Mayer Award of Excellence recognizes an individual with outstanding contributions in the Head Start field.
- Region VII Awards and Scholarships* are given to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to their local communities or achieved success while overcoming obstacles in their lives.

* not inclusive of awards and scholarships given by NHSA



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