

# Hamilton Center, Inc. - Early Head Start Vigo County, Indiana Annual Report July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



Early Head Start (EHS), a program serving children prenatal through age three, and their families. The program is designed to prepare our most vulnerable young children to succeed in school and in life beyond school. The program has comprehensive child development services to promote the development of the infants and toddlers as well as family support services to enable parents to fulfill their roles as parents and to move toward self-sufficiency.

## Audit Results

- September 2018: The annual audit for Hamilton Center, Inc. was completed by Blue & Company, LLC for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The Early Head Start Program was found in compliance.

## Performance Indicators

Funded Enrollment	Total Enrolled	Children	Pregnant Women	Families Served	Average Monthly Enrollment	% of Eligible Vigo County Children Served
80	147	145	2	117	100%	15%

Children with an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care	Children with up-to-date immunizations appropriate for their age	Children up-to-date on age-appropriate oral health care
145 / 100%	129 / 88%	111 / 76%

## Characteristics of Enrolled Families / Children

- 83% Children are from low income families living in Vigo County
  - 30% Children are eligible because of status as a foster child or being homeless
  - 44% Families are two-parent families
  - 75% Families are working and / or in school
  - 60% Families have a high school degree/GED, 11% some college, and 9% a Bachelor degree
  - 5% Families experienced homelessness during the program year
- Enrollment: 31% infants, 32% toddlers, 36% two-year-olds and 1% Pregnant Women  
66% White, 15% Bi-Racial, 9% African American, 0% American Indian, 0% Asian and 0% Other

## Type of Services Provided

- 959 Home Visits with families
- 238 days of full-day Center (childcare) services
- 97% Children received a developmental screening
- 18% Children referred to First Steps Services



## Funding Sources

- \$1,038,606 Office of Head Start Funding
- \$281,636.91 Local In-kind, Services & Materials
- \$41,509.36 Child & Adult Care Food Program
- \$0.00 CCDF payments

## Fiscal

2017 - 2018	Personnel	Fringes	Travel	Supplies	Other
budget	61%	21%	1%	2%	15%
expenditures	55%	20%	0.1%	7%	17.9%

## Parent Involvement Activities

- 88% of families participated in a FPA process to set goals to enhance their family functioning
- 45 Fathers participated in program activities
- 160 Parents served as Volunteers for the program
- Parent Committee: Met twice during the year
- Policy Council Meetings: Provided policy review and set the direction for the program

## School Readiness Outcomes

The program uses the ISTAR-KR (Indiana Standards Tool for Alternate Reporting of Kindergarten Readiness) to assess the development of all children at regular intervals. Parent report and observations are included as part of the assessment. Information gathered is then used to plan for group activities, home visits and for individualization for specific children. The following chart represents on-target development, excluding children with an active IFSP.

Area of Development	September	January	April
Physical Health & Development	91%	98%	100%
Social / Emotional Development	91%	98%	100%
Approaches to Learning	98%	98%	100%
Language & Literacy	76%	85%	92%
Cognition & General Knowledge	83%	98%	100%



## Staff

- 24 -- staff members, including 2-- current or former parents
- 10 -- Hold Bachelor or Higher Degree

## Summary of Community Assessment

- Parents have reported the major barriers toward obtaining self-sufficiency as being lack of transportation, difficulties in establishing good credit, and trying to find a higher wage job.
- Program demographics mirror the community
- The need for Early Head Start is much larger than the program's current capacity
- Quality licensed childcare, especially for Infant & Toddlers is lacking in the community

## Community Programs Partnering with EHS Include

Healthy Families - Vigo County Health Department - West Vigo High School Consumer Science Class - Women Infant & Children Program (WIC) - Department of Child Services (DCS) - Vigo County Public Library - Vigo County Purdue Extension Office - CASY - Vigo County Head Start - First Steps - MD Wise - Project Linus - Covered Bridge Special Education District - United Way Success by Six - Lion's Club - Indiana State University - Wabash Valley Community Foundation (Terre Haute Day Nursery Funds)

