

SAGINAW ISD



Head Start

SISD Saginaw County Head Start
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2007-2008 Report to the Public

In accordance with Public Law No: 110-134; Reauthorization of the Head Start Act on December 12, 2007 – Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007, Saginaw Intermediate School District wishes to proudly make available the following *Report to the Public*.

Brief overview of the Head Start program:

- Anti-Poverty Program (Launched in the mid-1960s)
- Preschool: Child Development Program (High quality curriculum, instruction and assessment, as well as child outcomes accountability)
- Social Service Program (Family Partnership Agreements, housing, emergency & crisis assistance, homelessness, utilities, other family goals for services, etc.)
- Workforce Development Program (Parents encouraged to become Head Start workers, assistance with job training, employment, school)
- Family Development and Empowerment Program (Policy Councils, Shared Program Governance/approvals, Parent Policy Committees, family engagement/input to the program)
- Community and Economic Development Program (federal to local partnership, investment in communities, 20% of costs are shared by the community)
- Comprehensive Services Program (Parent education, health care, oral health care, mental health, social/emotional health, nutrition, etc.)
- Extraordinary levels of federal oversight and accountability with over 1,800 performance standards, annual self-assessment in meeting all the performance standards, on-going internal and external monitoring, monthly program information and pupil head count reporting to federal government, annual federal risk management assessment, annual financial audits, annual report to the community, and triennial on-site federal peer review.

The following items and information are required by law:

1. Based on current community assessment data, there are more than 2,000 children, ages 3 and 4, eligible for Head Start services in Saginaw County. SISD Head Start is funded to serve about half of the eligible population, or 1,011.

Total amount of public funds for 2007-2008 was \$6,606,082.

2. Total amount of local non-federal share/in-kind needed to retain the Head Start program for families in Saginaw County in 2007-2008 was \$1,651,521.
3. Budgetary expenditures support the costs for the program to serve more than 1,011 children/families with over 180 staff providing comprehensive Head Start family & child services, including:

Education:

- Creative Curriculum focuses on cognitive, social, emotional, intellectual and physical development, which is individualized for every child.

Family Services:

- Family partnership building and outreach along with assisting families with emergency assistance, employment, housing, and crisis intervention.

Parent Involvement:

- Parent education, classroom volunteer, home visits, conferences, parent clubs, family fun activities, Policy Council and other parent committee involvement.

Nutrition:

- Nutritious meals and snacks, menu planning committee, physical activity promotion and obesity prevention.

Disabilities and Special Needs:

- Support for Head Start children and families, referrals, coordination with local school districts for special education.

Mental Health:

- Onsite consultations for parents, children and staff.

Health and Safety:

- Medical and wellness coordination, medical home support, and oral health & dental services and resource coordination, referrals for specialty services.

4. SISD Head Start is funded to serve 1,011 Head Start eligible families in Saginaw County. During the 2007-2008 program-year, SISD Head Start served 1,147 Head Start eligible children (1,090 families) and another 18 children/families eligible for the Great Start School Readiness state-funded preschool program.
5. During the 2007-2008 program-year, SISD Head Start was thoroughly audited by a triennial peer review team. No program deficiencies were found; four findings were observed and immediately resolved. For the 2007-2008 program-year, SISD Head Start was determined to be at 100% compliance with all federal performance standards.

6. SISD Head Start annual financial audit also produced no findings.
7. The percentage of enrolled children that received dental exams was 83%.
8. The percentage of enrolled children that received medical exams was 85%.
9. Average daily attendance for the program-year was over 85%, meeting the federal requirements.
10. 120 children with disabilities (12%) were provided Head Start services during the program-year, exceeding the federal mandate to serve at least 10% students with disabilities.
11. Child Outcomes Summary: Head Start children are formally assessed regarding their progress in the curriculum in 50 objectives relating to the four (4) areas of child development, i.e., Social/Emotion Development, Physical Development, Cognitive Development and Language Development. With respect to these four areas of child development, the children are assessed three (3) times each year – fall, winter and spring. This occurs via the Creative Curriculum Developmental Checklist and reported in our CC-NET, web-based system.

Based on the on-going individual child assessment results, the SISD Head Start program monitors academic gains between the fall, winter and spring. Items and assessment results align with the Michigan Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten. Child and aggregate program outcomes are then generated by 19 domains, listed below:

Language	Literacy
Mathematics	Science
Social-Emotional Development	Phonological Awareness
Ability to identify at least 10 letters	Number Awareness and Operations
Approaches to Learning	Physical Health & Well Being
Creative Arts	Understanding/Using Complex Vocabulary
Growing Complex/Varied Vocab.	Understand/Use Language for Expression
Associating Sounds with Written Words	Book Knowledge/Appreciation
Print Awareness & Concepts	Recognizing Words as Units of Print
Knows Letters of Alphabet are a Special Category of Visual Graphics that can be Individually Named	

In aggregate, children during the 2007-2008 program-year realized significant gains in every domain. The most gains were realized in language development, literacy, math, science, social-emotional, letters identification and numbers/operations (gains of more than 50%). Areas for program improvement include phonological awareness, book knowledge and appreciation, and uses of increasingly complex and varied spoken vocabulary.

12. Parent activities throughout the 2007-2008 program-year included:

Activities:

Father and Child Breakfast - 80 (Focus was on Literacy)

Mom's Day Out - 20/25 (Health) (Mayor was guest Speaker)

Multi Cultural Event - (Food tasting, pictures, Breakfast, Different cultures was represented) - **(Average attendance was 25-30 parents per site)**

Family Fun Event (Story teller, Parent and Child Activities, Harvest Fest: **(Average attendance was 25-30 parents per site)**)

End-of-the-year activities (Picnic, Carnivals, Parent and Child Activities) - **(Average attendance was 25-30 parents per site)**

Speakers: (Parent Club Meetings)

MSU Extension (Michigan State Cooperative Extension)

Birth-5 Program

Autism awareness and training

Can Council – Abuse and Neglect issues

BV Fire Department per safety issues

Michelle Valentine - (Health Coordinator)

Rachel Diffins - (Disability Manager)

Margarette Stephens - (Nutrition Manager)

Mary Baukus- (Mental Health Consultant)

Police Officer - Jose' Douglas per Crime Prevention

Handouts: (Parent Club Meetings) (Average was 3-10 parents per site)

Handout about Literacy

Head Lice Information

Setting Goals

United Way information

Love and Logic

Children and Secondhand Smoke

Social Development

Safety outdoors/Walking in Neighborhood

Oral Health information

Support Groups for Autism

MRSA

Income Tax Preparation

Fire Safety

Christmas Store Referrals

Toys for Tots Referrals

Mental Health

Car Seat Safety

Oral Health & Dental Hygiene

Other information:

During the 2007-2008 program-year, SISD Head Start employed more than 180 personnel and operated in 30 different locations spread across the county. SISD Head Start operates at 19 center-based sites (41 classrooms); 10 of those sites were within local public school district sites, and 9 of them were at community-based/faith-based sites. SISD Head Start also operated in collaboration with 7 Family Child Care Homes and 4 Child Care Center Partnerships.