

GLEAMNS Head Start

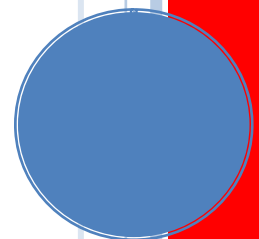
2008-09 Annual Report

July 2009



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Dear Parents, Friends, and Partners of Head Start

I am proud to present the Annual Report for GLEAMNS Head Start. This report is prepared to comply with the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007.

The reauthorization act states each Head Start agency must make available, in a public report, information (but not individually identifiable information about children or parents) from the prior fiscal year including:

- Total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source.
- An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.
- Total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served.
- Results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit.
- Percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams.
- Information about parent involvement activities.
- Agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten.

The hard work of dedicated staff and volunteers has made a positive impact on the families served as well as the community through partnerships and collaborations. Our accomplishments are a direct result of parents, staff, and community volunteers working together.

We look forward to yet another year of excellence as we continue to break the cycle of poverty for the children and families of GLEAMNS Head Start. If you would like additional information, please contact me at (864) 223-8434, extension 1011.

Sincerely

Elaine F. Kennedy

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Head Start Director

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GLEAMNS Head Start is a federally funded program designed to provide services to low-income children and their families. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They receive free medical and dental care, have healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting.

Services are provided to the entire family with a concentration on the child between the ages of 3-5 years old. Currently, we are funded to serve 1865 preschool children and their families in Greenwood, Laurens, Edgefield, Abbeville, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda, Lexington, Richland, and Fairfield counties.

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission has operated a highly successful Head Start Program since 1966. During the program's federal monitoring review in April 2007, we were awarded a Blue Certificate for having no program deficiencies. GLEAMNS has developed and maintained a reputation for fiscal excellence. An annual agency-wide audit and periodic monitoring visits are conducted by various funding sources.

Fiscal audits and reviews consistently disclose no disallowances or questioned costs. The last audit was completed August 2008 by Martin Smith and Company, Certified Public Accountants, located in Greenville, South Carolina.

BUDGET INFORMATION

| Categories | Total Budget for 2008-09 Fiscal Year | Proposed Budget for 2009-10 Fiscal Year |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Personnel | 6,269,695 | 6,279,492 |
| Fringe Benefits | 2,445,183 | 2,448,822 |
| Travel | 8,000 | 8,000 |
| Supplies | 634,819 | 640,613 |
| Contractual | 16,500 | 25,000 |
| Other | 2,374,550 | 2,309,960 |
| Direct Costs | 11,745,097 | 11,711,887 |
| Indirect Costs | 1,159,893 | 1,193,103 |
| Total Budget | 12,908,640 | 12,904,990 |

HEAD START PHILOSOPHY

The GLEAMNS Head Start Program is based upon the philosophy that all children, including the disabled child, need a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program to help them develop and to work toward solving their problems. We believe the child's entire family, as well as the community, should be involved.

VISION STATEMENT

GLEAMNS Preschool and Early Head Start Program is committed to working in partnership with our parents, our staff, and our community to provide every child and family enrolled with quality, comprehensive services that reflect our sensitivity toward cultural diversity throughout the program. We will provide exciting and fun learning opportunities that will help children transition to their next educational setting. It is our desire that every child and family will leave the program with positive experiences that reflect our dedication and commitment to all our children and their families so they will be prepared to face future challenges.

ENROLLMENT

From April 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, GLEAMNS Head Start served 2133 children and their families.

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|----------------------------|--------|
| Funded Enrollment | 1865 |
| Average Monthly Enrollment | 1867 |
| Average Daily Attendance | 88.40% |

[Prior Enrollment of Children]

- Children enrolled in Head Start for the second year: 787
- Children enrolled in Head Start for three or more years: 15

[Primary Language of the Families]

- English: 2004
- Spanish: 124
- Other: 5

GLEAMNS Head Start served a total of 2007 families.

- Two parent families: 229
- Single parent families: 1778

[Employment Status of Parents]

Of the 1778 one-parent families, 1137 parents are employed, and 641 parents are not employed. Of the 229 two-parent families, there are:

- 40 households with both parents employed
- 163 households with one parent employed
- 26 households with both parents unemployed

[Homeless Families]

- Total number of homeless families served: 5
- Total number of homeless families who acquired housing: 4

DISABILITIES

- Number of children determined to have a disability prior to enrollment: 96
- Number of children determined to have a disability between enrollment and end of enrollment: 94
- Total number of children determined to have a disability: 190

The program has 14 collaborative agreements with school districts in our service area. We received a preschool grant from the State Department of Education to assist with providing services to children with disabilities in Abbeville County.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Mental health services are provided to children, parents, and staff through contracts with Beckman Mental Health Center, Lexington Mental Health Center, and private consultants. Our mental health consultants provide training to promote mental wellness, such as stress management, team building, and behavior management. Seventy-seven (77) children were served by a Mental Health Professional.

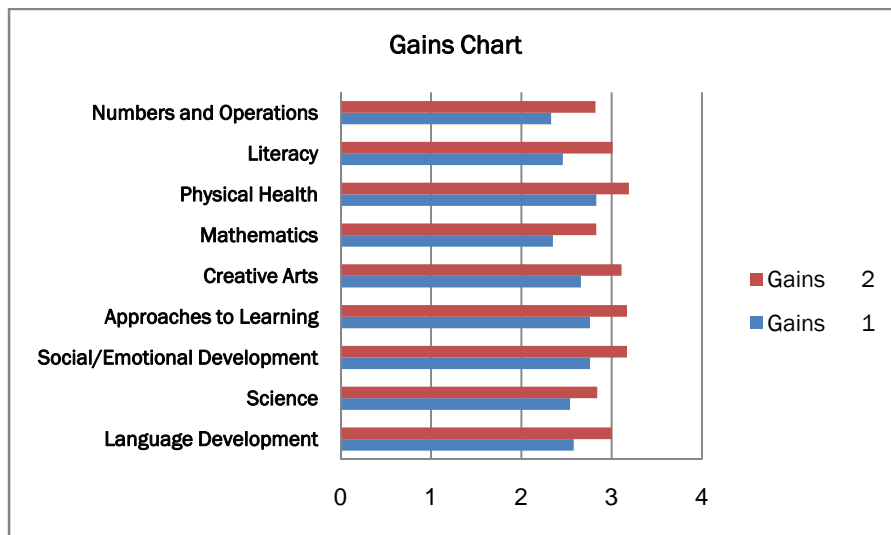
EDUCATION SERVICES

Throughout the school year, we observe and record each child's growth in the following categories:

- Initiative
- Social Relationship
- Creative Representation
- Music/Movement
- Language/Literacy
- Logic Math

These observations and recordings are based on a scale that ranks observed behaviors or skills for Level "0" to Level "4". The three- and four-year-old children served in GLEAMNS Head Start began the 2008-09 school year at an average of 2.7 across the board. In the winter, children's scores improved to an average of 3.0.

Below is a breakdown showing average growth of 1896 children in those developmental areas.



During the school year, we joined in partnership with Edgefield County School District in the PEACH Project, which is a three year project related to reading and literacy. This project will allow children at the Edgefield Center to attend school during the summer. Benedict, Platt Springs, and Pineview Centers were also involved in a partnership with Richland School Districts 1 and 2 in Bridges to Early Learning, which is a literacy program.

We are still in the process of acquiring NAEYC accreditation for all centers. Currently, Greenwood, North Hodges, Edgefield, Saluda, and Pontiac Centers have earned accreditation. Abbeville, Rikard, and Pineview Centers are scheduled to go through the accreditation process during our 2009-10 school year.

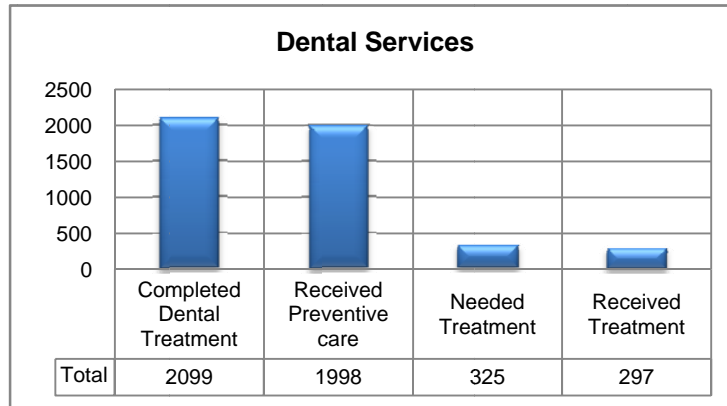
HEALTH SERVICES

| | AT ENROLLMENT | AT END OF ENROLLMENT |
|--|---------------|----------------------|
| Total number of children with health insurance | 1995 | 2032 |
| Enrolled in Medicaid/EPSDT | 1771 | 1806 |
| Enrolled in State CHIP, combined CHIP/Medicaid, or State-only funded insurance program | 13 | 12 |
| Private health insurance | 198 | 203 |
| Military health insurance | 13 | 11 |

| | AT ENROLLMENT | AT END OF ENROLLMENT |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Without health insurance | 144 | 109 |
| Number of children with ongoing source of continuous and accessible medical care (Medical Home) | 1968 | 1983 |
| Number of children with up-to-date immunization | 1706 | 1766 |
| Number of children determined by health care professional to have received all immunization possible but have not received all immunization appropriate for age | 409 | 322 |
| Number of children with ongoing source of dental care (Dental Home) | 1839 | 1976 |

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Number of children up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive health care: 1854
- Of the number of children screened, the number diagnosed as needing medical treatment: 130
- Of the number of children diagnosed, the number who received or are receiving treatment: 105



VOLUNTEERS

- Total number of persons providing any volunteer services: 2655
- Volunteers who are current or former parents: 1853

PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES 2008-09

- Leadership Training for fathers encouraging male involvement
- Open House at all Head Start Centers
- Head Start Awareness Day at Finlay Park, Columbia, South Carolina
- Family Cluster entitled Dress for Success: focusing on job readiness, sharpening interviewing techniques, and writing a “knock out” resume
- Black History Month Program
- Fatherhood Luncheon on December 18: Topic – 24/7 Dad
- Goal Setting Workshop for Parents
- Men on the Move Program (November 2008) focusing on Modeling Positive Behavior
- “Cat in the Hat Activities” during the month of November to promote Family Literacy and Parent Involvement
- Daddy Career Day
- Cinco De Mayo festival in appreciation of cultural diversity

EARLY HEAD START

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

GLEAMNS Early Head Start is a federally funded program designed to provide services to low-income infants, toddlers, and pregnant mothers. Our funded enrollment for the Early Head Start Program is 60. Currently, Early Head Start services are provided in Greenwood and Saluda counties.

BUDGET INFORMATION

| Categories | Total Budget for 2008-09 Fiscal Year | Proposed Budget for 2009-10 Fiscal Year |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Personnel | 441,688 | 437,530 |
| Fringe Benefits | 173,812 | 172,225 |
| Travel | 0 | 0 |
| Supplies | 26,757 | 28,359 |
| Contractual | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 64,306 | 67,977 |
| Direct Costs | 706,563 | 706,091 |
| Indirect Costs | 81,712 | 83,131 |
| Total Budget | 788,275 | 789,222 |

ENROLLMENT

From April 1, 2008, to March 31, 2009, GLEAMNS Early Head Start served 59 infants and toddlers and 26 pregnant women.

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|----------------------------|-------|
| Funded Enrollment | 60 |
| Average Monthly Enrollment | 63 |
| Average Daily Attendance | 85.5% |

[Prior Enrollment of Children]

- Children enrolled in Early Head Start for the second year: 38
- Children enrolled in Early Head Start for three or more years: 0

[Primary Language of the Families]

- English: 64
- Spanish: 4
- Other: 0

GLEAMNS Early Head Start served a total of 68 families.

- Two parent families: 3
- Single parent families: 65

[Employment Status of Parents]

Of the 65 one-parent families, 49 parents are employed, and 16 parents are not employed. Of the 3 two-parent families, there are 3 households with one parent employed.

[Homeless Families]

- Total number of homeless families served: 0

DISABILITIES

- Number of children determined to have a disability prior to enrollment: 4
- Number of children determined to have a disability between enrollment and end of enrollment: 0
- Total number of children determined to have a disability: 4

The Early Head Start program has 1 collaborative agreement with BabyNet (Part C Provider) in our service area.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Number of children who were served by a Mental Health Professional: 0

Mental health services are provided to children, parents, and staff through contracts with Beckman Mental Health Center, Lexington Mental Health Center, and private consultants. Our mental health consultants provide training to promote mental wellness, such as stress management, team building, and behavior management.

HEALTH SERVICES

| | AT ENROLLMENT | AT END OF ENROLLMENT |
|---|---------------|----------------------|
| Total number of children with health insurance | 59 | 59 |
| Enrolled in Medicaid/EPSDT | 59 | 59 |
| Enrolled in State CHIP, combined CHIP/Medicaid, or State-only funded insurance program | 0 | 0 |
| Private health insurance | 0 | 0 |
| Military health insurance | 0 | 0 |
| Without health insurance | 0 | 0 |
| Number of children with ongoing source of continuous and accessible medical care (Medical Home) | 59 | 59 |
| Number of children with up-to-date immunization | N/A | 59 |
| Number of children determined by health care professional to have received all immunization possible but have not received all immunization appropriate for age | N/A | N/A |
| Number of children with ongoing source of dental care (Dental Home) | 59 | 59 |

MEDICAL SERVICES

- Number of children up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive health care: 59
- Of the number of children screened, the number diagnosed as needing medical treatment: 0
- Of the number of children diagnosed, the number who received or are receiving treatment: 0

VOLUNTEERS

- Total number of persons providing any volunteer services: 216
- Volunteers who are current or former parents: 163

HEAD START CENTERS

| Center | Address | Phone Number | Number of Children |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Abbeville | 706 Carolina Circle Abbeville, South Carolina 29620 | (864) 459-5275 | 120 |
| Batesburg-Leesville | 118 David Drive Batesburg, South Carolina 29006 | (803) 532-4039 | 74 |
| Benedict | 2007 Henry Street Columbia, South Carolina 29204 | (803) 779-7156 | 40 |
| Blythewood | 125A Boney Road Blythewood, South Carolina 29016 | (803) 754-9666 | 60 |
| Edgefield | 141 S.E. Diggs Road Trenton, South Carolina 29847 | (803) 275-4060 | 110 |
| Fairfield (Elementary Site) | 175 Medley Road Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180 | (803) 635-1775 | 40 |
| Fairfield (Kelly Miller Site) | 255 Kelly Miller Road Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180 | (803) 712-9694 | 20 |
| Greenwood | 1401 By Pass 25 SE Greenwood, South Carolina 29646 | (864) 223-9748 | 208 30 - EHS |
| Lexington | 134 Gibson Court Lexington, South Carolina | (803) 951-3215 | 40 |
| McCormick | 615 Clayton Street McCormick, South Carolina 29835 | (864) 852-6010 | 80 |
| North Hodges | 212 North Hodges School Road Hodges, South Carolina 29653 | (864) 374-7404 | 120 |
| Pineview | 1916 Pineview Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29209 | (803) 695-1311 | 160 |
| Platt Springs | 1309 Platt Springs Road W. Columbia, South Carolina 29169 | (803) 794-9707 | 120 |
| Pontiac | 500 Spears Creek Church Road Elgin, South Carolina 29045 | (803) 462-6977 | 57 |
| Rikard | 215 Rikard School Road Prosperity, South Carolina 29127 | (803) 364-0406 | 176 |
| Saint Andrews | 1400 Saint Andrews Road Columbia, South Carolina 29210 | (803) 750-0053 | 160 |
| Saluda | 117 S. Bouknight Ferry Road Saluda, South Carolina 29138 | (864) 445-9009 | 120 30 - EHS |
| Sanders | 125 GLEAMNS Street, Suite A Laurens, South Carolina 29360 | (864) 984-4814 | 160 |

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