

New Directions Early Head Start
Program Information Report
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New Directions Early Head Start had a total of 196 infants and toddlers and 17 pregnant women enrolled from the 2007-2008 program year. Sixty-two of the children were enrolled for the second year, and 18 were enrolled for three years or more. The program is funded for 135 slots through ACF, which is the same number as the previous two years. The number of children and pregnant women who dropped out and did not re-enroll was 61 or 29% of the total. Fifty-five of these spots were subsequently filled, six children left the program after August 10th and were not replaced until September. *See Table 1.*

Table 1: Enrollment

	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
Total infants, toddlers, and pregnant women were enrolled in NDESH during the Program Year	213		230		225	
Total enrollment of pregnant women	17	8%	24	10%	22	10%
Total enrollment of children	196	92%	206	90%	203	90%
Children enrolled in NDEHS for their second year	62	32% of children	50	24% of children	80	39% of children
Children enrolled in NDEHS for three or more years	18	9% of children	17	8% of children	25	12% of children
Administration for Children and Families funded enrollment of children and pregnant women	135		135		135	
Foster children	4	2% of children	1	<1% of children	3	1% of children
Turnover						
Children and pregnant women for EHS programs who dropped out and did not re-enroll	61	29%	*62	27%	58	26%
<i>Replacement of those who dropped out</i>	*55	90%	*60	97%	58	100%
Enrolled less than 45 days	11	5%	9	4%	16	7%

* Two children who left at the end of July were not replaced at the partner agency that is ending its partnership in September.

* Six children left in the middle of August and were replaced in September.

For the 2007-2008 program year, the number of children up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, including all appropriate tests and physical examinations was 179 (91% of all children) at the time of the PIR report. We continue to work with the State to obtain lead testing results for children. We have developed a partnership with WIC. Four children were diagnosed as needing medical treatment through our screening process. All 4 children received treatment. Twenty –six children received needing treatment for the following - 16 for asthma, 2 for hearing difficulties, 2 for being overweight, 5 for vision problems, and 1 for diabetes. *See Table 2.*

Table 2: Medical Services

Medical Services	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children
Total children up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care, including all appropriate tests and physical examinations*	179	91%	177 PIR report	86%	168 PIR report	82%
Diagnosed as needing medical treatment	4	2%	27	13%	31	15%
Received or are receiving medical treatment after diagnosis	4	<i>100% of those diagnosed</i>	27	<i>100% of those diagnosed</i>	31	<i>100% of those diagnosed</i>
Treatment received for:						
Anemia	0		0		2	
Asthma	16		11		17	
Hearing Difficulties	2		3		3	
Overweight	2		5		3	
Vision Problems	5		2		1	
High Lead Levels	0		2			
Diabetes	1		1			

** Determined by a medical professional*

At enrollment, 90% of children had up to date immunizations. At the end of the enrollment period, 178 children, or 91% of children, had up-to-date immunizations. *See Table 3.* Nationally and in Delaware, 83% of two year olds were immunized in 2005 according to the Annie Casey Foundation.

Table 3: Immunization

	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children
Children up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for age						
At enrollment	176	90%	189	92%	181	89%
At end of enrollment year	178	91%	192	93%	181	89%
Children up-to-date on all immunization possible at the time, but not all appropriate for age						
At enrollment	7	4%	7	3%	8	4%
At end of enrollment year	6	3%	5	2%	10	5%

Ninety-one percent of children enrolled were screened for preventive dental care as part of their well-baby examinations. Eight children had professional dental examinations during the program’s operating period or within the last 12 months. We will continue to work with dentists and parents to increase this number. *See Table 4.*

Table 4: Preventive Dental

	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children
Screened as part of the series of well-baby examinations	179	91%	172	83%	182	90%
Received professional dental examinations during the programs’ operating period or within the last 12 months	8	4%	16	8%	5	2%

One hundred ninety children completed routine screenings for developmental, sensory and behavioral concerns. Five children left the program within 45 days and did not get all the screenings completed. The program had 18 children determined to have a disability or disabilities. Of those with a disability, 11 were determined to have a disability prior to this year's enrollment, and 7 were determined to have one between the time of enrollment and the end of the year. Of those 18 children, 16 had IEP or IFSP, and all 16 were eligible by the LEA or Part C agency to receive special education and related services or Part C services under an IEP or IFSP. Of these eligible children, 2 did not receive special education or related services. *See Table 5.*

Table 5: Disabilities

Disability Status	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children	No. of children	% of children
Total determined to have disability or disabilities	18	9%	17	8%	24	12%
Time of determination						
Disability determined prior to this year's enrollment	11	6%	12	6%	17	8%
Disability determined between time of enrollment and end of enrollment year	7	4%	5	2%	7	3%
Eligibility						
Children with an IEP or IFSP	16	8%	15	7%	18	9%
Eligible by the LEA or Part C agency to receive special education and related services or Part C services under an IEP or IFSP	16	8%	15	7%	16	8%
Eligible, but have not received special education and related services	2	13% of eligible children	1	7% of eligible children	8	50% of eligible children

The past program year’s enrollment included 17 pregnant women. Two women enrolled in their first trimester, 5 in their second trimester, and 10 enrolled in their third trimester. Five of the women’s pregnancies were identified as medically “high risk.” Fifteen women received prenatal and postpartum health care. Seventeen women received prenatal education on fetal development and information on the benefits of breastfeeding. Seventeen women, or 100% of enrolled pregnant women, also received mental health interventions and follow-up, a slight increase from the previous year, in which 96% of enrolled pregnant women received the same service. Three women received dental examinations or treatments within the last 12 months. *See Table 6.*

Table 6: Pregnant women’s services

Enrollment	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of women	% of women	No. of women	% of women	No. of women	% of women
Total	17		24		22	
Under 18 years of age	0	0%	0	0%	2	9%
Enrollment period						
First Trimester	2	12%	1	4%	3	14%
Second Trimester	5	29%	5	21%	12	55%
Third Trimester	10	59%	18	75%	7	32%
Identified as medically “high risk”	5	29%	4	17%	5	23%
Services received						
Prenatal and postpartum health care	*15	88%	*23	96%	22	100%
Prenatal education on fetal development	17	100%	*23	96%	21	95%
Information on benefits of breastfeeding	17	100%	*23	96%	20	91%
Mental health interventions and follow-up (includes substance abuse prevention and treatment)	17	100%	*23	96%	20	91%
Dental examination and/or treatment within the last 12 months	3	18%	6	25%	10	45%

*One pregnant woman enrolled in July and just beginning to receive services.

*Two pregnant women were enrolled and left the program in a short period of time. They received prenatal care, but did not have a prenatal care visit during the period in which they were enrolled.

The total number of families served in the 2007-2008 program year was one hundred sixty four. Thirty-three percent (n=54) of these families are two-parent families. Both parents/guardians are employed in 7 families, one parent/guardian is employed in 41 families, and both parents/guardians are not working in 6 families. Both parents/guardians are in job training or school in 1 family, one parent/guardian is in job training or school in 7 families, and neither is in job training or school in 46 families. Sixty-seven percent (n=110) of the families served are single-parent families. The single parent/guardian is employed in 54, or 49%, of these families. In more than half of single parent families (n=56, 51%), the parent/guardian is not working. The parent/guardian is in job training or school in 16 families. The parent/guardian is not in job training or school in the remaining 94 families. *See Table 7.*

Table 7: Families and employment status

	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
Families	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families
Total families served	164		183		184	
Two-parent families (2PF)	54	33% of families	54	30% of families	63	34% of families
Both parents/guardians are employed	7	13% of 2PF	6	11% of 2PF	9	14% of 2PF
One parent/guardian is employed	41	76% of 2PF	39	72% of 2PF	48	76% of 2PF
Both parents/guardians are not working (unemployed, retired, disabled)	6	11% of 2PF	9	17% of 2PF	6	9.5% of 2PF
Both parents/guardians in job training or school	1	2% of 2PF	1	2% of 2PF	1	1% of 2PF
One parent/guardian in job training or school	7	13% of 2PF	7	13% of 2PF	3	4% of 2PF
Neither parent/guardian in job training or school	46	85% of 2PF	46	85% of 2PF	59	94% of 2PF
Single-parent families (SPF)	110	67% of families	129	70% of families	121	66% of families
Parent/guardian is employed	54	49% of SPF	60	47% of SPF	51	42% of SPF
Parent/guardian is not working	56	51% of SPF	69	53% of SPF	70	58% of SPF
Parent/guardian is in job training or school	16	15% of SPF	23	18% of SPF	24	20% of SPF
Parent/guardian is not in job training or school	94	85% of SPF	106	82% of SPF	97	80% of SPF

The most prevalent level of education of any family member was less than a high school degree for 63 families (38% of all families), followed by a high school degree or GED for 64 families (39% of all families), then some college, vocational, or associate degree for 32 families (20% of all families), and finally a bachelor's or advanced degree for 5 families (3% of all families). Ratios are similar to both previous years shown. *See Table 8.*

Table 8: Highest Education Level of Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Education Level	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families
Less than high school degree	63	38%	70	38%	66	36%
High school degree or GED	64	39%	76	42%	74	40%
Some college, vocational, or associate degree	32	20%	31	17%	39	21%
Bachelor's or advanced degree	5	3%	6	3%	5	3%

The number of families that participated in the WIC program was 141 (86% of all families). Forty families (24% of all families) received cash benefits or other services under the TANF program. Eighteen families (11% of all families) received SSI benefits. *See Table 9.*

Table 9: Government Assistance Program Participation

Program	2007-2008		2006-2007		2005-2006	
	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families	No. of families	% of families
WIC: Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	141	86%	160	87%	164	89%
TANF: Temporary Assistance to Needy Families	40	24%	60	33%	48	26%
SSI: Supplemental Security Income	18	11%	23	13%	18	10%

Primary Language

Of all participants in the program, 74% primarily speak English at home. For 51 of the participants (24% of all participants), the primary language of the family at home is Spanish. Two participants' primary language was European and Slavic and two participants were using the American Sign Language as their primary language.

Family Partnership Process and Family Services

Of the total number of families, 164 (100% of all families) participated in a family goal setting process which resulted in an individualized family partnership agreement in 2007-2008. The previous program year, 100% of all families participated as well.

All families received at least one family service during the program year. Seventy –one families (52%) received emergency/ crisis intervention (addressing an immediate need for food, clothing shelter). Almost all the families received health and parent education services. Twenty-seven families (16%) received a mental health referral or assistance.

Homeless Families

Eight homeless families were served during the enrollment year; 10 homeless children were served. One homeless family acquired housing during the enrollment year. Three families were support during the program year so they did not become homeless.

Volunteer Information

The program had 381 volunteers for the 2007-2008 enrollment year. Of the 2007-2008 volunteers, 247 (65% of all volunteers) were former or current Head Start or Early Head Start parents.