

South County Community Action Agency Head Start 9/1/2009 -8/31/2010

REVENUES

Federal DHHS ACF	\$ 1,228,056
Federal DHHS ACF ARRA	\$ 55,816
State Head Start	\$ 57,074
USDA	\$ 73,216
Donations	\$ 1,671
In-Kind	\$ 320,968
	<u>\$1,736,801</u>

EXPENSES

	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>
Personnel	\$ 854,512	\$ 888,077
Contractual	\$ 50,515	\$ 45,405
Program Supplies and Activities	\$ 135,418	\$ 123,331
Travel	\$ 9,981	\$ 10,623
Training	\$ 25,111	\$ 19,115
Other	\$ 172,426	\$ 175,530
Total Cash Expenditures	\$ 1,416,607	\$ 1,458,472
Total In-Kind	\$ 320,968	\$ 320,968
Total Head Start Budget	<u>\$ 1,737,575</u>	<u>\$ 1,779,440</u>

In addition to periodic reviews and audits from Federal and State agencies, South County has an annual audit performed by an independent accounting firm in accordance with OMB Circular A-133. The most recent external audit was for the fiscal year ending September 2010 and was completed on April 2, 2011 by Parnelle Poirier & Associates, LLP. The auditors rendered an Unqualified opinion on the financial statements and noted that there were no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. A complete copy of the audit is available by contacting the Agency.



South County Community Action Agency's comprehensive services available to families including:

- ▲ Family Care and Community Partnership Program
- ▲ Youth and Family Services
- ▲ Employment and Training
- ▲ Adult Basic Education/GED/ESL
- ▲ LIHEAP/Weatherization
- ▲ Emergency Food and Shelter Services
- ▲ Basic Human Needs
- ▲ Even Start Family Literacy

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Locations & Staffing

Charlestown

4350 South County Trail

North Kingstown

415 Tower Hill Road
(Purchased July, 2010)

South Kingstown

SCCAA Main Office
1935 Kingstown Road

Westerly

Westerly/Chariho Family Opportunity Center
34 Pond Street

Staffing

6 Coordinators: Education, Social Service/Mental Health, Family Engagement/Program Support, Health, Nutrition, and Special Needs
8 Teachers
8 Teacher Assistants
4 Family Advocates
1 Family Engagement Manager
1 Head Start Director



**South County
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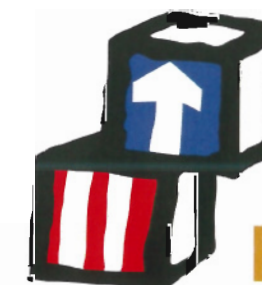
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South County Community Action Agency has been a Head Start provider since 1970.



Head Start focuses on school readiness and social skills that will help children learn throughout their lives. South County Community Action has a tradition of delivering high quality services that foster the healthy development of low-income children with the overall goal to impact positively on all facets of a child's life: education, early childhood development, health, safety, nutrition, and family.

Head Start serves children from ages 3 to 5 and their families. The program is family centered, based on the belief that children develop in the context of their family and culture and that parents are respected as the primary educators and nurturers of their children. We help parents identify their goals, provide access to community resources and help them however we can to make a better life for their children.

The South County Head Start Program continues to provide exemplary services.

The latest federal review, conducted in December 2007, concluded that no corrective actions were required and all areas reviewed were in compliance, including Health Services, Nutrition Services, Safe Environments, Mental Health Services, Disabilities Services, Family and Community Services, and Education and Early Childhood Development Services.

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Children who complete Head Start and will begin kindergarten are offered a variety of transition activities to create a smooth transition as they begin kindergarten. Efforts to prepare children for kindergarten include:

- ▲ Implementing a research-based preschool curriculum.
- ▲ Following the Rhode Island Early Learning Standards.
- ▲ Conducting formal assessments using the CreativeCurriculum.net System and setting educational goals.
- ▲ Distributing a Summer Learning Packet to support their learning during the summer months.
- ▲ Providing each family with a Health Summary
- ▲ Providing each family with a written summary of their child's developmental strengths and goals.
- ▲ Providing families with transition specific information, including a suggestion to visit the school where the child will attend kindergarten, a list of books for family reading and a list of readiness skills that children should have before entering kindergarten.
- ▲ Providing families with information on parent involvement activities in the public school.
- ▲ Sharing of Records with Elementary School staff, focusing on the child's academic and school readiness skills.
- ▲ Providing families with simple activities that they can do with their child to support what is being taught at school.
- ▲ *Be a Star Reader* encourages families to read with their children every night.



Enhancement Programs

Jumpstart

A National AmeriCorps program that enhances school readiness skills. College students are paired with preschool children in low income communities for a full year of individualized mentoring and tutoring. The researched based curriculum focuses on building language, literacy, social & emotional skills. Jumpstart took place at the South Kingstown and Westerly Head Start locations with students from the University of Rhode Island.

Positive Behaviors Interventions and Supports

Evidence based strategies to effectively prevent and respond to challenging problem behavior.

Outcomes:

- ▲ Build the capacity of Early Childhood Education Programs to support student behavior
- ▲ Improve program wide discipline systems and climate
- ▲ Increase instructional time for learning and development
- ▲ Improve behavior of all students
- ▲ Improve communication & collaboration between families and staff

SCCAA Head Start Program Wide Behavioral Expectations:

1. Take Care of Yourself
2. Take Care of Others
3. Take Care of Our Things

I am Moving, I am Learning

Began at SCCAA in March 2009, IMIL is a proactive approach to address childhood obesity in Head Start children. IMIL is:

- ▲ Intentionally planned movement activities
- ▲ A reinforcement of healthy choices
- ▲ A framework customized by each classroom teacher
- ▲ Facilitated by teachers who are actively engaged
- ▲ A Positive impact on behavior
- ▲ Promotes engagement
- ▲ Movement + Learning = School Readiness

Funded Enrollment

Head Start 154
Total Served 178
Average monthly enrollment 100%

Income Eligibility

Head Start 97% income eligible 3% over-income
Receives Public Assistance 28%
Homeless 6%

Children Receiving Medical & Dental Services

Head Start Children Receiving Medical 85%
Head Start Children Receiving Dental 90%

Parent Involvement Activities

- ▲ Monthly Parent Meetings
- ▲ Monthly Parent Activities in each class
- ▲ "Bowling for Books"
- ▲ "Books at Breakfast"
- ▲ "Literacy Lunch"
- ▲ *Picturing America*: Head Start Night Out at The Museum
- ▲ CPR and First Aid Training
- ▲ Parent Appreciation Events
- ▲ End of Year Celebrations
- ▲ Volunteer opportunities in the classroom
- ▲ Opportunities to prepare classroom materials at home
- ▲ Monthly Policy Council Meetings
- ▲ Parent Satisfaction Survey
- ▲ Self Assessment
- ▲ Health Advisory Meetings
- ▲ Education Advisory Meetings
- ▲ Volunteer/Substitute Training
- ▲ Employee Interviews

