

Crossroads Lake County Adolescent Counseling Service

Early Head Start

2008-2009 Annual Program Report

	<u>Aug 08–Sep 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<u>Income:</u>		
Federal Grant	\$ 647,780	\$ 647,780
ARRA Grant	\$ 3,062	
Other	<u>\$ 4,964</u>	<u> </u>
Total Income	\$ 655,806	\$ 647,780
<u>Expense:</u>		
Personnel	\$ 374,262	\$ 383,532
Fringe	\$ 70,945	\$ 88,211
Contractual	\$ 16,236	\$ 21,286
Supplies	\$ 9,719	\$ 11,837
Travel	\$ 2,780	\$ 4,417
Equipment	\$ 43,469	\$ 5,643
Other	<u>\$ 138,395</u>	<u>\$132,854</u>
Total Expense	\$655,806	\$647,780

Crossroads Early Head Start addresses the needs of EHS children by providing families knowledge of and connections to available resources in the community. This is made possible by a yearly grant provided by the Federal Government, funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), and outside contributions.

Head Start Families and Volunteers generated the following non-federal match to federal grant dollars through volunteer time and donations: \$200,929 representing 124% of the required amount.

Crossroads Early Head Start 2008-2009 Program Information

- An estimated 20.1% of children under the age of 5 in Lake County reside in households with incomes below the Federal Poverty Level. The population estimate for this age range is approximately 12,871. This translates to approximately 2,574 children under the age of 5 living in poverty in our community.
- Crossroads Early Head Start's federally funded enrollment allows our program to provide services for 60 children ages 0-3 (program slots may also be utilized for pregnant mothers). Our average monthly enrollment was 60.
- In 2008-2009, our program provided services to 108 recipients. Of these individuals, 88 were children ages 0-3 and 20 were pregnant mothers.

Crossroads Early Head Start Infants and Toddlers Received the Following:

- 83 children (94%) received medical exams
- 78 children (88%) received dental exams
- 83 children (94%) were up-to-date on all immunizations

Services/Number of families provided those services:

- Emergency/crisis intervention-37
- Housing assistance-31
- Mental health services-31
- English as a Second Language (ESL) training-20
- Adult education programs (such as GED)-17
- Job training-6
- Substance abuse prevention/treatment-7
- Child abuse/neglect services-17
- Domestic violence services-4
- Child support assistance-11
- Health education-80
- Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals-5
- Parenting education-80

Results of the Most Recent Early Head Start Review by the Secretary and the Financial Audit

- Crossroads most recent federal triennial review of the Early Head Start program was conducted in 2007. There are currently no unresolved findings. Our next triennial review will occur in 2010.
- The last year end financial audit was performed for Fiscal Year 2009 ending June 30, 2009
- There were no audit findings from the most recent audit.
- The audit report was approved by the Crossroads Board of Trustees.
- The IRS 990 has been prepared and filed by our auditor.

Efforts to Prepare Children For Kindergarten

- In order for children to be prepared for school, they must be supported in all areas of development. Our program provides guidance and education for families so that they are aware of those needs in addition to providing support and strategies to assist children in meeting developmental goals.
- Crossroads Early Head Start provides a developmentally appropriate program based on accepted theories of child development. Our program is individualized by implementing goals based on the identified needs of the child and family. Each family's culture is respected and family members are encouraged to participate. In our program, children learn through active exploration of materials. Through the use of the Creative Curriculum for Infants and Toddlers, as well as the PIPES curriculum as a guide, our program helps children learn about themselves, their feelings, communication, problem solving, and fine and gross motor skills. To facilitate learning in all developmental domains we utilize strategies that provide an environment rich in activities, materials, and settings that foster learning and school readiness. The home environment is also a natural setting to encourage strong relationships between our home visitors, parents/caretakers, and children. Through careful planning and observation we are able to individualize our program to meet each child's unique needs.

Parent Involvement

Crossroads Early Head Start staff work in partnership with parents to build mutual understanding and trust to help ensure the optimal development of enrolled children. Each year the program conducts a parent survey to provide input into program plans for activities, speakers, and trainings. The program offers many opportunities for parent involvement, including our EHS Policy Council and Parent Committee. Our monthly “Family Celebrations” focus on family cohesion with parents choosing a theme, planning, and leading, activities. Each year we sponsor a “Pamper Mom” and a “Dad’s Night” to show our appreciation for the time and talents parents share with our program. We offer parent recognition and incentives for socialization attendance, quarterly incentives for the highest number of completed home visits, as well as recognition of families that meet their socialization goals. Parent involvement is a vital component that is one of the greatest strengths of our Early Head Start program.