



CHUGACHMIUT HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

This Annual Report summarizes key information about the Chugachmiut Head Start Program for the program year of 2010-2011



WHAT IS HEAD START?

Head Start is a program that helps young children between the ages of three and five grow up ready to succeed in school and in life. Programs work to meet high standards for delivering quality services to children and their families. Children who attend Head Start programs participate in fun activities while developing social skills. Head Start children also receive nutritious meals and the necessary health care in a safe environment.

Parents with children in Head Start participate in all aspects of the program. They help to govern, plan what children learn, and provide advice about needed services. Parents and other community members also volunteer in classrooms and other parts of the programs.

Head Start and Early Head Start welcome children with disabilities. Parents of children with disabilities are strongly encouraged to participate in their children's daily routines and activities.

The Chugachmiut Head Start program is part of the AI/AN branch of Head Start that provides services to American Indian and Alaska Native children. Our grant specifies that we provide services to 22 children and families in three villages in our region, these being Nanwalek, Port Graham and Seldovia. We are proud to have served these communities since 1995 (Seldovia-1998).

We Served.....

25 children over the 2010-11 school year ~ 21 in center based programs, and 4 in the home-based option. 12 were 3 year olds at enrollment for the year, 12 were 4 year olds, and one was 5, with 8 of these children returning for their 2nd year of Head Start. We were able to serve all of the eligible children in these communities that wanted to enroll in Head Start.

We served 23 families ~ 19 two-parent families and 4 one-parent families. 17 had one or more parents employed and 23 had a parent with a High School diploma, GED, or higher.



STAFF

We employed during the school year of 2010-2011 the following staff:

- Program Director
- Records Coordinator
- 2 Teachers-Nanwalek & Seldovia
- 1 Home Visitor-Port Graham
- 2 Teacher Aides/Cooks/Janitors
- 3 Substitutes
- 4 staff were past or present Head Start parents
- 1 Staff person completed her CDA
- 4 Staff were enrolled in CDA classes

We [congratulate](#) all of our staff who strive to meet the Head Start regulations for Credentialed Teachers.

HEAD START SERVICES

MEDICAL (AT END OF ENROLLMENT)

96% had medical homes

100% were up to date on immunizations

96% had medical insurance

DENTAL

36% had dental homes

80% received preventative care

DISABILITY

12% of enrolled children had IEP's and received on-site services provided by the Kenai Borough School District

NUTRITION

1533 Breakfasts were served

1696 Lunches were served

EDUCATION

23 children received developmental assessments

4 children received services through our Home-Based site in Port Graham

11 children transitioned to kindergarten

The average monthly enrollment for Head Start was 95%



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We believe that parents are the primary educators of their children , and as such must be involved to the maximum extent possible in the Head Start program.

We provide the following opportunities for our families:

Parent Orientation

Center Parent Committee Meetings

Policy Council-working together on program governance

Volunteer opportunities

Home Visits for both our center-based programs and home-based programs

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Family activity nights and parent days at each center

Family literacy nights

We also plan with the parent their family goals and the individual child goals. With these goals in mind we assist the parent in completing their goals by providing referrals and opportunities for self-sufficiency.

57% of families received at least one of the family services reported in the federal PIR (Program Information Report)

14% of our families had a parent attending job training or school

59% of our families had 1 parent employed, and another 18% have 2 employed parents

We share the responsibility for the children's goals, by having parent input into the curriculum, encouraging home activities for developmental goals for each child, and by individualizing classroom activities to support the learning needs of each child.



SCHOOL READINESS

A primary goal for Head Start is to prepare the children for successful transition to kindergarten. This is accomplished by:

- Individualizing the educational program to meet each child's needs
- Using Creative Curriculum (Teaching Strategies Gold) as a basis for planning and monitoring developmentally appropriate activities for the children
- Measuring each child's progress toward Kindergarten readiness through Outcome Measures Report generated 3 times a year in the Fall, Winter and Spring. This is completed through Teaching Strategies Gold in conjunction with the Head Start Outcomes Framework and the State of Alaska Early Learning Guidelines.

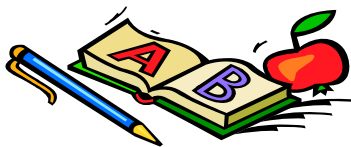
Other developmental assessment supports that we use to help us determine school readiness goals for each child include:

- Dial 3 development assessment completed at the beginning of the year
- Ages and Stages SE which is completed at the beginning of the year as well, and then at the child's next birthday, should it occur during the school year

TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

To assist with as smooth transition from Head Start to public school, Kindergarten bound children were provided with books about kindergarten and transitioning to "big school". Transition materials were provided to all parents at the last home visit.

In addition, Kindergarten visits were made to all three site village schools as a classroom field trip, where they were introduced to the teachers, toured the classroom and school, and saw many of their older siblings engaged in the learning process.



TOTAL GRANT FUNDING

Funding for the Chugachmiut Head Start is provided by the Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) through the AI/AN Program Branch of the Office of Head Start, as well as through the State of Alaska.

Total funding from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 was:

Office of Head Start ~ \$316,327

State of Alaska ~ \$30,000

CACFP (USDA) ~ \$12,606

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

During the fiscal year May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, a total of \$358,933 was expended by the Chugachmiut Head Start program

FEDERAL MONITORING

The last Federal Review for Chugachmiut head Start was in March 2009. There were several areas of non-compliance, but were reviewed and completed by August 2011. We are awaiting the final report as this is being written. We are expecting our new review to be this school year, by May of 2012, and we are working with staff to be in full compliance at this next review.



Masking for Russian New Years