

# Blackfeet Early Childhood Center Program Annual Report Fiscal Year 11 (Aug 1, 2010-July 31, 2011)

Section 644 of the Head Start Act requires that (2) "Each Head Start Agency shall make available to public a report published at least once in each fiscal year that discloses the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year..."

The Blackfeet Early Childhood Center (BECC) operates within the boundaries of the Blackfeet Reservation. The BECC encompasses the Head Start (HS) Program which serves children ages 3 to 5 years old and the Early Head Start (EHS) Program which serves children ages birth to 3 years old and pregnant women. The overall mission of the BECC is to provide low income children with a quality, enriching, age appropriate learning environment and experiences in order to promote school readiness.

The BECC operates six centers in various locations on the Blackfeet Reservation: Central (Browning); Blackfeet Community College; Seville; Heart Butte; Starr School; and Babb. All centers, with the exception of Starr School and Babb, provide both Head Start and Early Head Start services. The Browning or Central Center also houses the administration offices.

## FISCAL

Total Funds received from Federal dollars for the Fiscal Year 11 was **\$3,732,605.00**. It was broken down into four budgets: Head Start 3-5; Head Start Training/Technical Assistance; Early Head Start 0-3; and Early Head Start Training and Technical Assistance. Each Budget was then divided into the following Expenditure Categories: Salaries; Fringe; Travel; Equipment; Supplies; Contractual; Construction; Other; and Indirect. The Training and Technical Assistance Budgets only consist of Other, Travel, and Supplies.

Other funding received consists of USDA Reimbursements totaling **\$241,845.34**.

491/4011 HS		492/4012 HS T/TA		495/4013 EHS		497/4014 EHS T/TA	
EXPENDITURES	Budgeted	EXPENDITURES	Budgeted	EXPENDITURES	Budgeted	EXPENDITURES	Budgeted
Salaries	1,609,605.12	Other	9,600.96	Salaries	804,132.94	Travel	20,417.28
Fringe	350,013.59	Travel	18,612.96	Fringe	158,668.67	Supplies	2,677.40
Travel	32,307.45	Supplies	643.08	Travel	30,152.56	Other	5,858.32
Equipment	69,104.50			Equipment	0.00		
Supplies	124,866.03			Supplies	72,722.26		
Contractual	85,095.50			Contractual	0.00		
Construction	0.00			Construction	0.00		
Other	225,016.81			Other	112,896.68		
Indirect	0.00			Indirect	212.89		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,496,009.00</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,857.00</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,178,786.00</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,953.00</b>

The total ACTUAL expenditures for the BECC Program for the year amounted to **\$3,732,606.09**, exceeding the budgeted amount by \$1.09. The over-expenditure amount will be covered by the Blackfeet Tribe.

491/4011 HS		492/4012 HS T/TA		495/4013 EHS		497/4014 EHS T/TA	
EXPENDITURES	Actual	EXPENDITURES	Actual	EXPENDITURES	Actual	EXPENDITURES	Actual
Salaries	1,603,195.88	Other	8,994.39	Salaries	835,526.14	Travel	20,417.28
Fringe	327,534.88	Travel	18,819.62	Fringe	144,004.98	Supplies	1,311.55
Travel	32,561.33	Supplies	643.08	Travel	30,416.76	Other	7,597.92
Equipment	37,195.55			Equipment	2,577.00		
Supplies	132,137.39			Supplies	55,789.06		
Contractual	97,801.01			Contractual	0.00		
Construction	0.00			Construction	0.00		
Other	240,506.06			Other	101,163.32		
Indirect	34,200.00			Indirect	212.89		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2,505,132.10</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28,457.09</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,169,690.15</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29,326.75</b>

The Blackfeet Tribe's tribe-wide audit was conducted in the summer of 2011 for FY 10. Those results are not compiled as of the date of this report.

### CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED

The enrollment year for Head Start began September 7, 2010 and ended May 8, 2011. Early Head Start's enrollment year began August 2, 2010 and ended July 15, 2011.

The Head Start program was funded for 290 children in a full-day center based setting. By age, Head Start served 132 3-year olds and 158 4-year olds. The Cumulative enrollment for FY 11 was 290, with 15% of those children leaving the program and not re-enrolling.

Early Head Start was funded to serve 104 children in a full-day center based setting and 11 pregnant women, for a total Early Head Start enrollment of 115. By age, Early Head Start served: 24 children less than 1 year of age; 36 1-year olds; 60 2-year olds; 45 3-year olds; and 32 pregnant women. The Cumulative enrollment for FY 11 was 197, with 19% of those children leaving the program and not re-enrolling.

No children in either program received a Child Care Subsidy.

97% of the children enrolled in the Head Start program were Native American while 99% of the children enrolled in the Early Head Start were Native American.

Overall, the Head Start program operated 17 classrooms and the Early Head Start operated 13 classrooms.

The Blackfeet Early Childhood Center served 431 families during FY 11. 62% were Head Start and 38% were Early Head Start. Of the overall families served, 46% were two-parent families; 54% were single-parent families. In terms of employment, 47% of the families served by the BECC had, if not both, at least one parent/guardian employed. 53% of the overall families had no parent(s) employed. 48% of the overall families served received TANF or SSI. There were no indications of the number of families receiving Unemployment Insurance. 55% of the BECC families received WIC services.

Both Head Start and Early Head Start programs have regularly scheduled activities to promote a father's and/or father figure's involvement in their child's education and development. 42% of the fathers and/or father figures took part in these activities.

33 of the overall (431) families served by the Blackfeet Early Childhood Center experienced Homelessness. Of these families, 12 acquired housing during the enrollment year.

### **MOST RECENT PROGRAM REVIEW**

The most recent program review took place on May 1-6, 2011. There were six findings in the following areas, corrective actions are also listed:

1. *Fiscal- 92.32(d)(1), 92.32(d)(2) – grantee did not maintain property records and did not document a physical inventory that was conducted 2 years ago; A complete inventory of all BECC property and equipment is currently being compiled.*
2. *PDM -648.A(g)(3)(B)- Criminal Background Checks; Completed as Oct 1, 2011.*
3. *PDM – 644(a)(2)(D)(A)(c)(E)(B)(F)(G)- Did not publish Annual Report for FY2010 and make available to the public; Completed as of December 13, 2011. Awaiting Policy Council and Governing Board approval before publication. Projected publication date in Glacier Reporter is December 22, 2011.*
4. *Fiscal – 642 (d)(2)(A) – Grantee did not make monthly credit card expenditure report to Policy Council or Tribal Council; Fiscal Department has made monthly credit card expenditures reports and voucher payments available to the Policy Council and Governing Board as of September 2011. Current credit accounts are Staples, Home Depot, Exxon, Conoco, Albertson's and Sam's Club.*
5. *Nutrition –(1304.52 (d)(3) – Nutrition service not overseen by a qualified Dietitian or Nutritionist. The Blackfeet Community Hospital's Registered Dietician, Destiny Anderson, will review, correct, and approve all Head Start and Early Head Start menus, assuring that all proposed menu foods are suitable for consumption and meet the developmental and dietary needs of children ages birth to 5 years old.*

### **HEALTH**

Four Health Advisory Committee meetings were scheduled throughout the year. Three were held, one in October, one in January and one in April. A meeting was scheduled for July but was cancelled due to the fact that there weren't any BECC employees available during that time.

281 Head Start children and 102 Early Head Start children were up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care. Of these children, there were no Head Start children diagnosed with a chronic condition and only 1 EHS child diagnosed with a chronic condition that needed medical treatment. That child did receive medical treatment.

32 pregnant women received services through EHS in the following areas: Prenatal and Postpartum health care; mental health interventions and follow up; substance abuse prevention and/or treatment; prenatal education on fetal development; and information on the benefits of breastfeeding.

The number of Head Start children with up-to-date immunizations both at time of enrollment and at the end of the enrollment year was 289. The number of Early Head Start children with up-to-date immunizations at the time of enrollment was 134 and at the end of the enrollment year was 100. Age-appropriate preventive dental care was administered to 102 Early Head Start and 290 Head Start children. 46% of the Head Start children receiving preventive dental care were diagnosed as needing further treatment.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The total number of persons providing any volunteer services to the Head Start or Early Head Start programs was 948. 79% of those volunteers were current or former Head Start or Early Head Start parents.

### **SCHOOL READINESS ACTIVITIES**

The Head Start program had 145 children and Early Head Start had 72 children that were age eligible to transition to Kindergarten and Head Start, respectively, in the fall of 2011. The Head Start children who were ready for transition visited the kindergarten at the KW Bergan several times during the year while Early Head Start children who were ready for transition visited the Head Start classrooms.

Routine developmental, sensory, and behavioral screening were completed on 290 HS children and 143 EHS children. Of these children, 6% of the HS children and 27% of the EHS children were diagnosed as needing follow-up.

The Head Start uses the Blackfeet Early Childhood Curriculum while the Early Head Start uses the Blackfeet Early Childhood Curriculum with a Touchpoints reference.

### **DISABILITIES**

The number of children in the Early Head Start program identified with a disability, as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), for FY 11 was 15. The total yearly enrollment for the 0-3 program was 104, making the percentage of children with a disability served 14.4%. All 15 children had an Individual Family Service Plan in place.

73 children in the Head Start program were identified with a disability, as defined by IDEA. 82% of these children were diagnosed with speech or language impairments and the remaining 18% were non-categorical developmental delays.

**OTHER**

Collaboration Agreements are in place with Local Education Agencies; Public School pre-kindergarten programs; and Part C Agencies.

	<b>Head Start</b>	<b>Early Head Start</b>
Local Education Agency	3	3
Public School pre-kindergarten	3	3
Part C Agencies	3	1

Approved BECC Policy Council:

 12-15-11  
Laura Wroblewski, Policy Council Chairperson      Date

Approved by Blackfeet Tribal Business Council:

 12-16-11  
TJ Show, Chairman      Date