

# Hoosier Uplands Head Start and Early Head Start 2012-2013 Annual Report

## OPENING THE DOOR TO EARLY LEARNING.



Hoosier Uplands EDC has provided Head Start services since 1965 and Early Head Start services since 1999 to children and families in the Lawrence, Martin, Orange and Washington County areas of Indiana. Head Start services are provided to 275 children through a center-based model of service delivery with centers located in Bedford, Mitchell, Paoli, Loogootee and Salem. Home-based Head Start services are also available to 12 families within the service area. Early Head Start services are provided through a home-based model of service delivery with enrolled families receiving a 90 minute in-home visit each week.

Both Head Start and Early Head Start are funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There are no state funds allocated in Indiana for the provision of either Head Start or Early Head Start services. Head Start is funded to serve 287 children while Early Head Start is funded to serve 76 children.

**“Children are the world’s most valuable resource and its best hope for the future.”**

**--John Fitzgerald Kennedy**

During the 2012-2013 program year which ran from May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013, Hoosier Uplands received a total of \$2,704,574 federal dollars to operate the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. The funding was allocated for the following purposes:

- \$1,930,820 for Head Start general operating expenses including salaries, student transportation and supplies
- \$28,147 for Head Start staff training and technical assistance
- \$727,421 for Early Head Start general operating expenses including staff salaries and supplies
- \$18,186 for Early Head Start staff training and technical assistance.

In addition to the federal funding received by Hoosier Uplands, Head Start and Early Head Start secured \$676,144 in non-federal match. This match came from a variety of sources including parent and community volunteer time, donations and discounts on programs supplies and space.

During the 2012-2013 program year, Head Start provided services to 326 children from 310 families and 117 infants and toddlers and 8 pregnant women from 96 families received Early Head Start services. Both programs were at 100% enrollment throughout the program year with families remaining on the waiting lists for services in all counties.

**"Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate." --Anonymous**

One important aspect of the Head Start program is the provision of services to children with special needs. During the 2012-2013 program year, Hoosier Uplands Head Start provided services to 57 children with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Early Head Start were provided services to 15 children with an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). Of the 57 served in Head Start, 22 were diagnosed prior to enrollment in the program while the remaining 35 were diagnosed as a result of the various screenings the children receive one they enter the program.



A healthy child is a child ready to learn. Of the 326 children enrolled in the Head Start program, 320 (98.16%) were up to date on a schedule of age-appropriate immunizations according to Indiana's EPSDT schedule for well child care and 315 (96.63%) had a continuous, accessible source of dental care. Two hundred ninety six children in Head Start received dental care during the program year and 103 were found to be in need of dental follow-up care. Of those in need of dental follow up, 95 (92.23%) had received the needed care by the end of the reporting period.

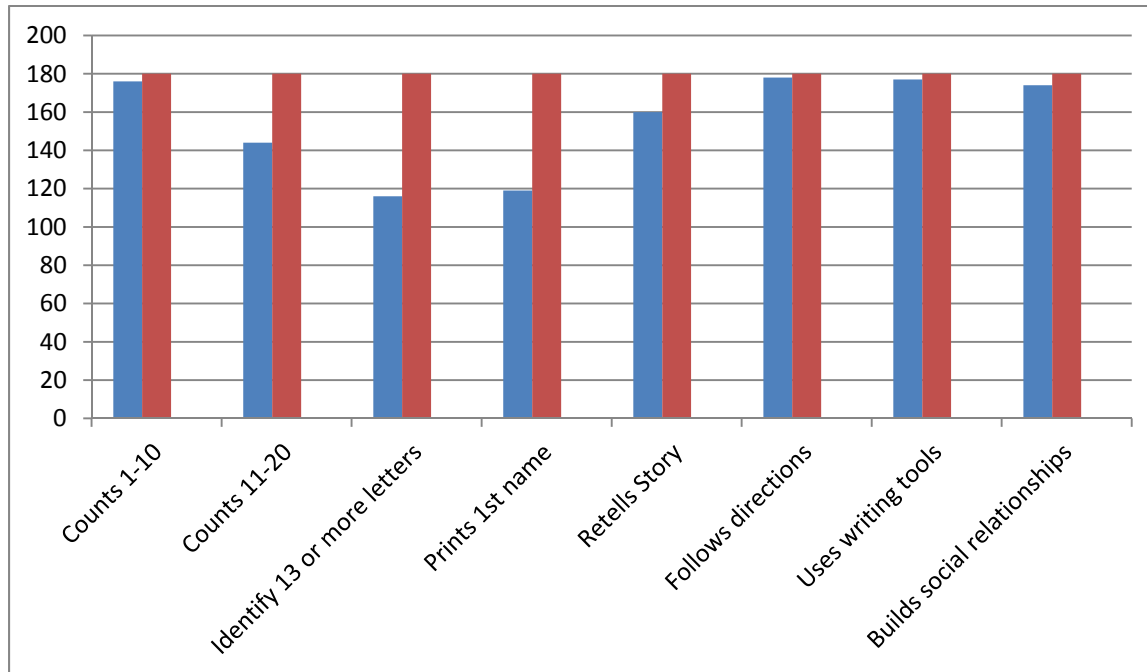
Of the 117 children enrolled in the Early Head Start program, 106 had an established medical home, 101 were up to date on a schedule of primary care as established by the EPSDT schedule and 98 were up to date on all immunizations.

The proposed budget for the provision of Head Start and Early Head Start services for the 2013-2014 program year is \$2,564,485 in federal funds, down 5.27% from the previous program year due to the federal budget sequestration. The non-federal match is \$641,121. Of the proposed budget, \$1,829,066 will go to Head Start for general program operating expenses, \$28,147 to Head Start staff training and technical assistance, \$689,086 to Early Head Start general program operations and \$18,186 to Early Head Start staff training and technical assistance.

**"Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them." –Lady Bird Johnson**

With an increased emphasis on school readiness skills, Hoosier Uplands Head Start and Early Head Start continually monitor and evaluate child progress in attaining goals in social/

emotional development, physical development, language development, cognitive development, literacy, and math. End of year assessments showed tremendous growth and development for those children who will transition into kindergarten in August 2013. A sampling of their growth and development in eight areas is indicated in the chart below.







**“I continue to believe that if children are given the necessary tools to succeed, they will succeed beyond their wildest dreams.” –David Vitter**

#### **Mission of Hoosier Uplands Children’s Services**

**To be the premier early childhood program in Southern Indiana!**

At Hoosier Uplands, we believe that in order to be the premier early childhood program in Southern Indiana there are four cornerstones on which our program must be built. The cornerstone (or foundation stone) concept is derived from the first stone set in the construction of a masonry foundation. It’s important because all other stones will be set in reference to this stone, thus determining the position of the entire structure.

The four cornerstones of our program are:

-  Friendliness—Welcoming environments and caring staff
-  Safety—Safe environments (classrooms, buses, playgrounds, homes, offices)
-  Service—School readiness and family engagement
-  Opportunities—experiences for growth

With friendliness, safety, service and opportunities as the foundation for our programs, SUCCESS is imminent for our children, our families, our communities and our staff.