



Annual Report 2023 - 2024



CSI HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START
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A Message from our Director

As the Director of the CSI Head Start/Early Head Start Program, I take great pride in sharing the 2023-2024 Annual Report with our families and community. This year, like most, presented many opportunities to celebrate the successes of those we get to serve. What an amazing position we have to witness change happen. We stand committed to our priorities to promote comprehensive early learning educational services and meet the diverse needs of all the families that we serve.

I am just wrapping up my fifth year as the Head Start/Early Head Start Director, and I am so grateful that I get to be a part of such an amazing program. I feel privileged to have a team of dedicated and outstanding staff that are committed to the Head Start Mission and Philosophy. They diligently work to provide safe and positive learning environments that ensure our children gain the necessary knowledge and skills essential for meeting school readiness goals.

Thank you to all the Head Start families, Policy Council members, community partners and CSI Board of Trustee's for your continued support and cooperation; it is crucial to our program's success.

Ruby Behm - Director
CSI Head Start/Early Head Start



College of Southern Idaho Mission Statement

The College of Southern Idaho, a comprehensive community college, provides quality educational, social, cultural, economic, and workforce development opportunities that meet the diverse needs of the communities it serves. CSI prepares students to lead enriched, productive, and responsible lives in a global society.

CSI Head Start/ Early Head Start Mission Statement

The College of Southern Idaho Head Start/Early Head Start is committed to providing quality, comprehensive services in order to ensure school readiness and healthy development while strengthening families, within their communities, by becoming life-long learners.

Head Start/Early Head Start Program Goals

GOAL #1

- Demonstrate continued commitment to delivering comprehensive early childhood and family services.

GOAL #2

- Support employee learning, growth, wellness and success.

GOAL #3

- Continuous improvement of program systems that ensures compliance with program quality standards.

Head Start Enrollment

Since 1965, Head Start has been preparing children for Kindergarten and helping them develop the skills to become life-long learners. The program serves children in low-income families and children with diagnosed disabilities in the areas of school readiness, nutrition, medical, social and emotional services through class-time and home visits. The College of Southern Idaho Head Start program is funded to serve up to 469 children in nine counties from August to May.

COUNTY	INCOME ELIGIBLE	FEDERALLY FUNDED	TANF FUNDED	INCOME ELGIBLE NOT SERVED	TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED
Blaine	82	0		82	0
Cassia	422	80		342	102
Gooding	239	18		221	23
Jerome	394	60		334	44
Lincoln	92	92		72	24
Minidoka	328	58		270	42
Power	134	28	12	106	50
Twin Falls	1331	135		1196	108
TOTALS	3022	399	12	2623	393

Head Start modified enrollment at 80% of funded slots with an 81% monthly average attendance rate. Reduced enrollment was due mainly to staff shortages during the 2023-2024 Program Year. There were 32 children that received Special Education or Early Intervention Services.

Early Head Start Enrollment

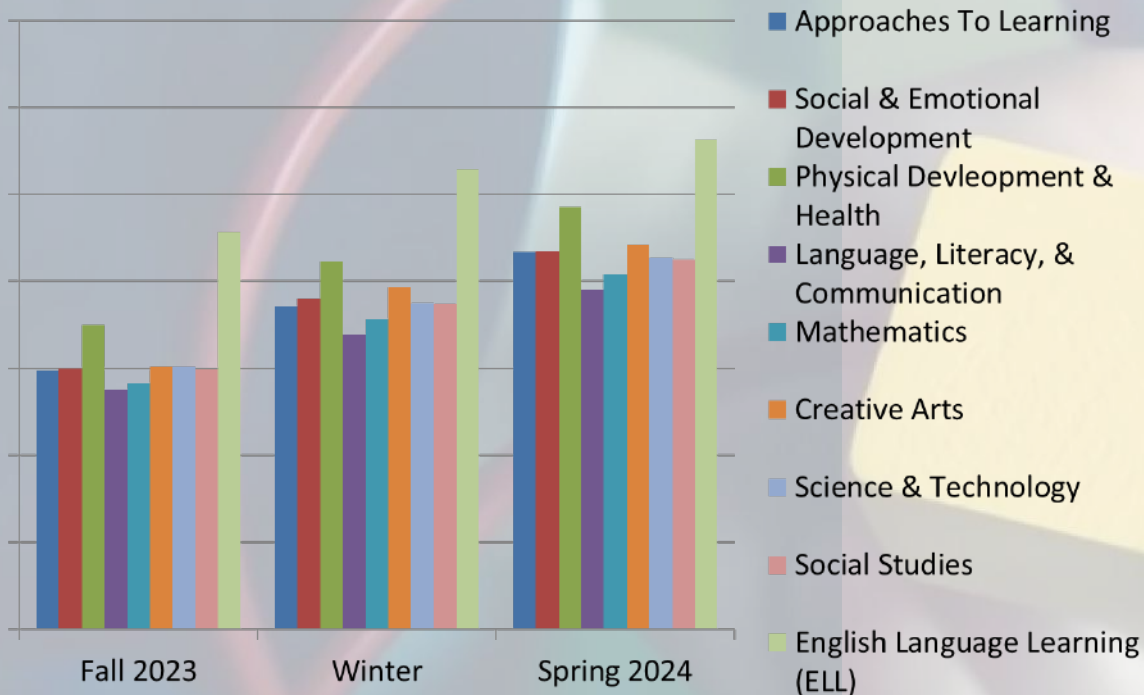
Early Head Start has served low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women and their families since 1994. College of Southern Idaho Early Head Start program provides families with the opportunity to enhance their infant or toddler's physical development, problem solving abilities, social and emotional skills. The program helps pregnant women obtain prenatal and post-partum care, as well as, families with infants and/or toddlers access to comprehensive health services. CSI Early Head Start provides services for 92 infants, toddlers and pregnant women year-round in Twin Falls, American Falls, Rupert and Jerome.

COUNTY	INCOME ELIGIBLE	FEDERALLY FUNDED	INCOME ELGIBLE NOT SERVED	TOTAL CHILDREN SERVED
Jerome	477	27	450	37
Minidoka	329	27	302	39
Power	142	11	131	13
Twin Falls	1342	27	1315	39
TOTALS	2290	92	2198	128

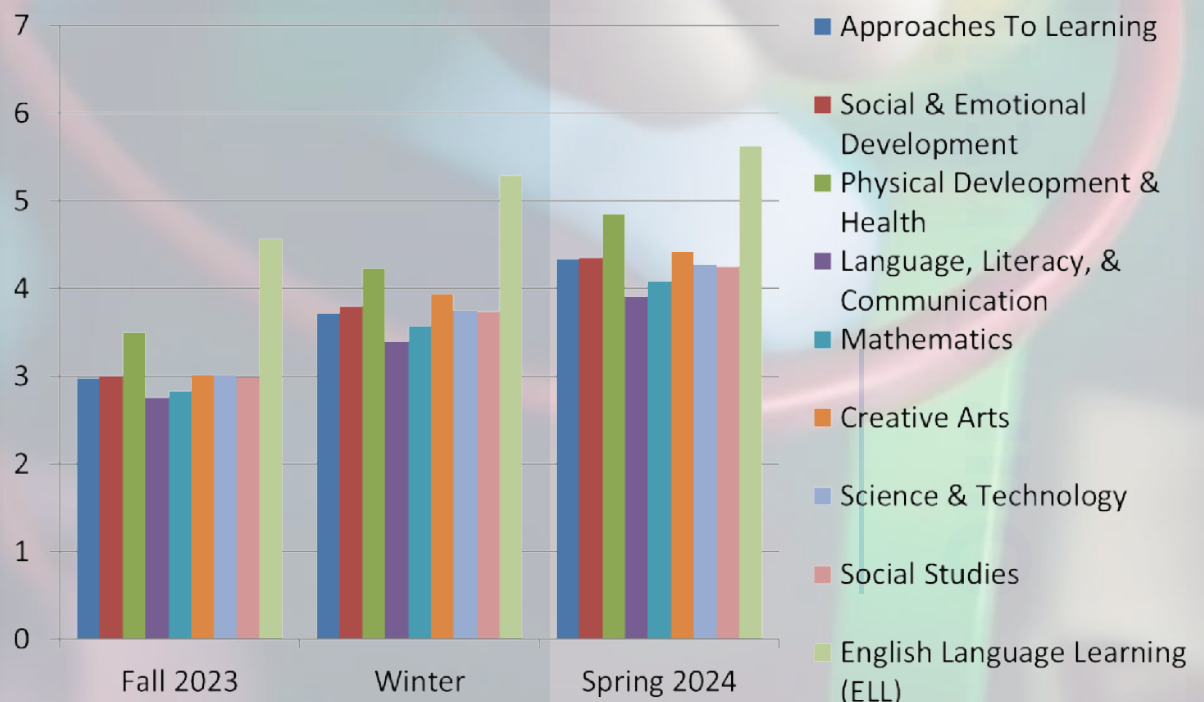
The Early Head Start program served 82% of the funded enrollment of infants, toddlers, and pre-natal mothers during the 2023-2024 program year. EHS operated at modified enrollment mainly due to staff shortages.

Children's Services

The College of Southern Idaho Head Start/Early Head Start program utilizes the High Scope curriculum, Child Observation Record (COR) and the Infant/Toddler Child Observation Record to measure developmental milestones, kindergarten preparedness and overall school readiness for children ages 0-5 in skill development.



Early Head Start Year End Summary



Health Services

The philosophy of CSI Head Start/ Early Head Start health services is to prevent health issues whenever possible by carefully addressing the needs of enrolled children. Collaborative partnerships are the key to the success of this approach. When conditions or illnesses are found, they are addressed quickly with the help of competent health care partners in an effort to improve the health of the child and to prevent future problems.

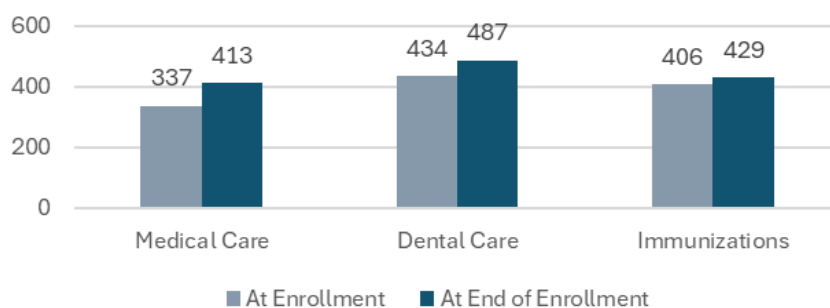
Some services that the program provides include:

- Assisting families in finding a medical home and dental home.
- Locating sources of funding for health services, such as Medicaid or other community resources.
- Tracking health services such as well-child exams, dental and immunizations.
- Providing parents with information about well-child exams, screenings, trainings and information on child health development.

Child Nutrition

Head Start promotes child wellness by providing nutrition services and complement those in the home and in local community and cultural practices. Head Start's child nutrition services help families meet each child's nutrition needs and establish good eating habits that nurture healthy development.

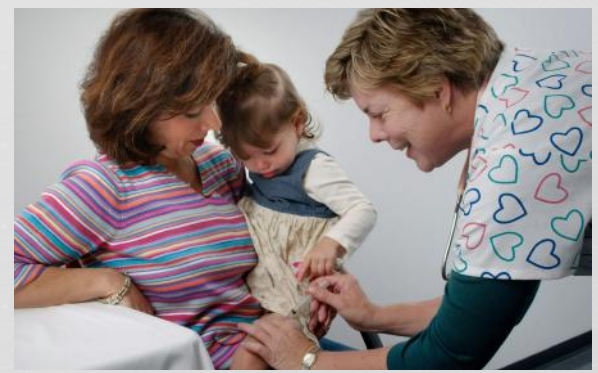
2023-2024 HS/EHS Program Information Report



Health Outcomes

Head Start staff members make an effort to coordinate health services with families. They strive to ensure that each child has a source of continuous, accessible and coordinated care that serves as a medical home and a dental home.

2023-2024 Head Start Program Information Report/College of Southern Idaho Head Start
2023-2024 School Year: 393 Head Start, 128 Early Head Start - Total Children Served 521



Screenings

When a child enrolls in the program, steps are taken to assess the child's health and to identify any health concerns. The emphasis is on scheduling preventive and primary health care. The screenings also enables staff and partners to ensure prompt intervention to address problems. For example, it can identify children who need further assessment to determine if they need vision services or hearing aids, mental health services, special education and/or other related services.

Screenings completed within 45 days of Enrollment:

- Vision
- Hearing
- Heights & Weight
- Blood Pressure
- Developmental
- Speech & Language
- Social & Emotional



Family Services and Parent Involvement

Activities

- Serving on interview panels
- Self-Assessment Team
- Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Elected Positions
- Classroom/Center Volunteer
- Center Meetings
- Job Fairs
- Literacy
- Community Parades/County Fairs
- Male Involvement

Parent/Guardian Resources

- Nutrition
- School Readiness
- Love & Logic Classes
- Budgeting
- High Scope Curriculum
- Gardening
- Child Abuse Prevention
- Stress Management
- Positive Guidance
- Problem Solving
- College Courses
- GED/ESL
- Library Cards
- CDL
- Sanitation Courses



Languages Spoken by our Families:

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|-----------|---------|---------------|
| • English | Farsi | American Sign |
| • Spanish | Arabic | |
| • Turkish | Burmese | |
| • Russian | Nepali | |



CSI Head Start/Early Head Start served 470 families, of those:

- 27 Parents had advanced degree or baccalaureate degree
- 146 Parents had an associate degree, vocational certificate or some college course work completed
- 195 Parents obtained a high school diploma or GED
- 102 Parents had less than High School Diploma
- 37 Parents were attending job training and/or school
- 338 Parents were employed

College of Southern Idaho
HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START
Statement of Expenses
January 1, 2023- December 31, 2023

Expenditures	Projected Budget Head Start/ Early Head Start	Head Start Federal Grant	Early Head Start Federal Grant	TANF 7/1/23- 06/31/24	CACFP
Personnel	\$ 4,413,613.00	\$ 3,479,961.66	\$ 933,651.34	\$ 65,500.00	
Fringe Benefits	\$ 2,169,685.42	\$ 1,715,734.00	\$ 453,951.42	\$ 35,500.00	
Travel	\$ 95,501.00	\$ 66,574.00	\$ 28,927.00	\$ 375.00	
Equipment	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	-		
Supplies	\$ 162,068.72	\$ 138,332.00	\$ 23,736.72	\$ 8,500.00	
Food	\$ -				\$ 253,397.00
Contractual	\$ 39,215.75	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 25,715.75	\$ 350.00	
Facilities/Construction	\$ 2,632,375.77	\$ 2,632,375.77		\$ 3,173.00	
Other	\$ 879,577.29	\$ 765,712.57	\$ 113,864.72	\$ 16,887.00	
Admin Costs	\$ 593,810.42	\$ 469,525.00	\$ 124,285.42	\$ 5,900.00	
Total Expend.	\$ 10,994,347.37	\$ 9,290,215.00	\$ 1,704,132.37	\$ 136,185.00	\$ 253,397.00

College of Southern Idaho - Head Start/Early Head Start provides quality, comprehensive services to eight Counties in Southern Idaho. This is made possible by a yearly grant provided by the Federal Government, State funds through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), CACFP meal reimbursement and local grants such as; Community Health Improvement, Idaho Children's Trust Fund and Twin Falls Health Initiative grants.

Head Start Families and Community Volunteers generated the following non-federal match to federal grant dollars through volunteer time and donations:

\$394,829 which represents over 20% of total federal funding.



Locations



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Power Center in Am. Falls
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PO Box 683
American Falls, ID 83211
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(208) 226-7785 (Fax)

East End Center in Hansen
589 Main St. North
PO Box 275
Hansen, ID 83334
(208) 423-9683
(208) 423-9709 (Fax)

Twin Falls Center
308 Falls Avenue West
Twin Falls, ID 83301
(208) 734-5550
(208) 734-5551 (Fax)

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Shoshone
207 West A
PO Box 757
Shoshone, ID 83352
(208) 886-7784
(208) 886-7728 (Fax)

West End Center in
Buhl
1206 Main Street
Buhl, ID 83316
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(208) 595-1027 (Fax)

North Side Center in
Jerome
220 3rd Ave. West
Jerome, ID 83338
(208) 324-2385
(208) 324-9333 (Fax)

Minidoka Center in
Rupert
124 8th Street
Rupert, ID 83350
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