

Program Overview

Early Head Start is a federally funded program that works with low-income infants, toddlers, pregnant women, and their families. Services are focus on enhancing children's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development and supporting parents' efforts to meet the challenges of parenting.

Who We Serve

Services in Brown County are managed by Family Services in cooperation with CESA 7. All services are free and voluntary to families that meet the income eligibility requirements. Children must be age 18 months or younger when enrolled. **2010: 5,088 hours of service to 71 families**

A Story of Success

Eric came to Early Head Start as a premature newborn with a cleft lip and palate. He was born to teen parents who still lived with their own parents while attending high school. He began his journey with Early Head Start when he was just two weeks old, attending monthly group socializations with his parents and meeting with a Family Support Worker for 90 minutes each week.

By the time he was one, both of Eric's parents had graduated from high school and moved into an apartment together. He had many appointments with specialists and two surgeries to repair the cleft lip and palate. He was identified by his Family Support Worker to need help in physical development and began working with Birth-3 in his home. He was later referred for speech therapy when communication issues were identified.

Now 2-1/2, Eric has overcome many obstacles... first learning to crawl, then walk with the help of ankle braces and a walker. He can now walk independently and is working on running and climbing stairs! His speech has gone from babbles to 2-3 word phrases. Both of his parents are currently working toward Associate degrees, taking night classes on opposite days to avoid the expense of child care. His mom also began working early morning hours to bring in extra income.

As he approaches his third birthday, Eric is preparing to graduate from Early Head Start and move on to Head Start and Early Intervention with Oneida B-6 program. With all the progress he has made, we are certain he'll continue to advance and be up to speed with the rest of his classmates when the time comes for him to enter Kindergarten.

Early Head Start offices are located at 300 Crooks Street in Green Bay.

The above story is an example of the type of children and families we serve. Names, ages, and other personal information have been changed to protect the client's confidentiality.

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