

Mountain States Early Head Start
A program of Mountain States Group, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008

Income:	Federal Head Start Grant Funds	\$1,368,755
	USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program	\$ 5,322
	State of Idaho TANF funds	\$ 62,391
	Other funding (training fees)	\$ 1,230

Budget:

Category	Contains These Items	Budget	Expenditures
Personnel	Salaries and benefits	964,585	973,260
Travel	Out of area staff travel	6,300	5,394
Supplies	Office supplies, postage, classroom and home visit supplies, food, technology	51,217	51,060
Contractual	Health/nutrition contracts	27,600	25,895
Other Expenses	Rent, utilities, building maintenance, local travel, parent services (parent committee, family services, child care, parent classes, parent travel), legal, advertising, staff development, property tax, community collaborations, recognition and memberships	183,410	175,796
Indirect cost	11.15% of total grant amount for established administrative services from grantee (Mountain States Group, Inc.)	135,643	137,350
Total		1,368,755	1,368,755

Non-federal share collected through contributions of good, services or time from parents and community members:
\$413,826 (23.21% of total federal funding)

Family and Service Information	Total number	Percentage
Total children served in 2007-08	158	83.60%
Total pregnant women served in 2007-08	31	16.40%
Total families served in 2007-08	140	62.14% 2-parent 32.86% single
Children up to date on well child physical exams	146	92%
Children who received oral health screening as part of well baby exam	152	96%
Children up to date on all immunizations	145	91%
Children who were foster children	8	5%
Children with a diagnosed disability	39	36%
Two parent families	94	67%
Single parent families	46	33%
Homeless families	24	17%

Enrollment: From Aug 1, 2007-July 31, 2008, enrollment was maintained at an average of 120.2% per month or more than 100% of funded enrollment—this is because MSEHS often over-enrolls to ensure the program meets its enrollment requirements.

Federal Review: All Head Start and Early Head Start programs undergo a review every three years to determine how well the program is meeting the Head Start Performance Standards and other regulations. The last review for Mountain States Early Head Start was in the spring of 2006. Only one area of non-compliance was found, which was corrected within 60 days. The program will undergo another federal review during the 2008-09 program year.

Agency-wide Financial Audit: Mountain States Group’s audit for the 2006-07 year had no findings. The audit report is available on the MSG website: www.mtnstatesgroup.org

Preparing Children for School: EHS supports parents in helping their children develop skills in several developmental domains – among them social-emotional competence – which Kindergarten teachers report are needed for success and that at least half of their students lack. The infant and toddler years are a watershed of development in the emotional domain. These skills lay the foundation for positive social interactions and, ultimately, academic and life success. It includes three skills that are central in creating successful relationships: expressing emotion, understanding emotion and processing social information

Services to Pregnant Women: Most pregnant women enroll during their first or second trimester (74%) and stay in the program after their baby is born. Fifty two percent of the pregnant women in 2007-08 were medically high risk. Information on fetal development was provided to 100% of the pregnant women enrolled, 80% received a mental health screening or services, 97% received information on the benefits of breastfeeding, 55% received dental exams or treatment and 100% received prenatal and postpartum health care.

Community Capacity Building: The program planned an opportunity to share the expertise of a trainer brought to the area for work with program staff with community members in order to raise awareness, build understanding and effect practice among staff of other agencies, schools and organizations working with low income people. Dr. Donna Beegle spoke to almost 300 people about “Understanding Poverty”. The program was well received and we plan to continue with other events in the coming year.

Parent Involvement Activities: During this program year parents have been actively involved in planning, carrying out and attending various parent involvement activities. Examples include a Dad’s group, Literacy activities (literacy nights, bookmobile visits to most parent nights and classroom visits by the children’s librarian), and parent volunteer workers on the playground improvement project, other maintenance activities, as classroom assistants and have participated on committees such as employment interviews. Parents have provided ideas for use in the classroom and at playgroups and regularly assist in planning home visits.

Governance: Policy council members, both parent and community members, often serve more than one term so have the opportunity to learn more and contribute over a longer period of time. The Board has also had a consistent, long term membership and has representatives from a variety of backgrounds.

Numbers served/Numbers eligible

County	Federally Funded Enrollment	TANF Funded Enrollment	Estimated Number of Low-income Eligible Children 0-3	Percent of Eligible Children 0-3 Served by MSEHS in 2007-08	Estimated Low-income Eligible Children 0-3 Unserved
Benewah	0	0	342	0%	342 (100%)
Bonner	48	0	1238	6.2%	1161 (93.8%)
Boundary	0	0	403	0%	403 (100%)
Kootenai	65	6	4970	2%	4870 (98%)
Shoshone	0	0	791	0%	791 (100%)
Total	113	6	7744	2%	7589 (98%)

Estimated population U.S. Census Bureau 2006

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