

Project Eagle 2018-2019 Annual Report



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At Project Eagle, we want all children to experience healthy social and emotional development. We want them to learn to play with others, to have self-control, to cooperate, and to express their emotions in positive ways.

We want all children to have strong early language development. We want them to learn to communicate through crying, singing, babbling, and talking; to love books and reading; and to engage in back-and-forth communication with caregivers.

During the 2018-2019 program year, Project Eagle:

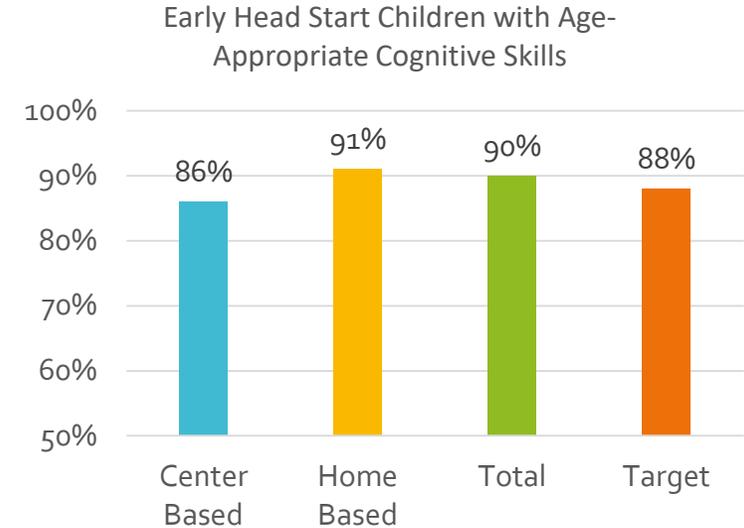
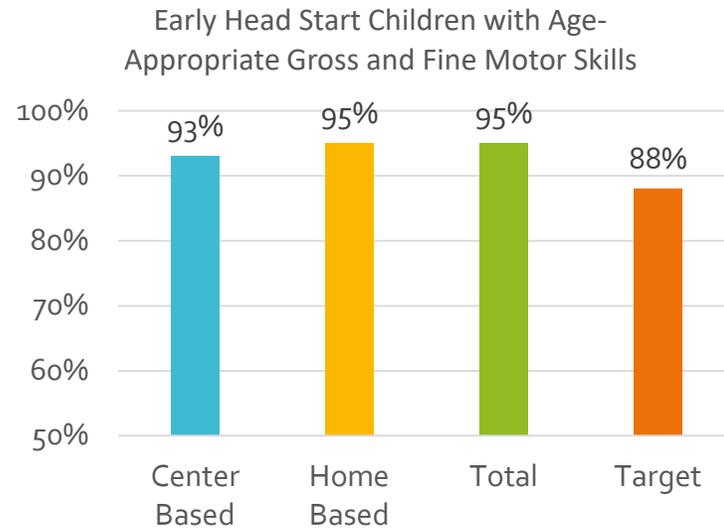
- provided Early Head Start Home Visiting and Center Based services to 419 children; and
- identified 87 children for referral to early intervention services (Part B/Part C special education services) through our Connections program and Early Head Start Program.



We want all children to develop problem-solving skills. We want them to develop persistence, creativity, concentration, and curiosity.

We want all children to be physically healthy and develop gross and fine motor skills. We want them to develop their senses and to explore, move, and grow.

During the 2018-2019 program year:



“My older daughter had four years in the Educare program. She grew a lot in her motor skills, independence skills, and it has done a lot to help her prepare for kindergarten. It’s a huge success. Now her younger sister is getting the chance she got- and we are loving it and accepting every opportunity that Early Head Start has given us and giving us right now to this day. We love it all!”

-Educare Parent



Parents from any backgrounds and circumstances can do incredible things for their children.

Project Eagle believes that there is not one “right” way to be an engaged parent, and that the most important part of parent engagement is the positive, nurturing relationship between a parent and a child.

During the 2018-2019 program year, Project Eagle:

- Screened and referred 468 families of young children to various community resources and programs through our Connections program;
- Served 31 parents through our ABC Home Visiting program and applied for future funding to expand these services; and
- Engaged over 300 families in learning through Family Fun Nights, special events, parent-child socializations, and program leadership opportunities.



Parent engagement is playing, reading, and singing to children at home and on the go.

Parent engagement is assuring children are safe and healthy.

Parent engagement is listening to children's interests and likes and providing opportunities to learn and explore.

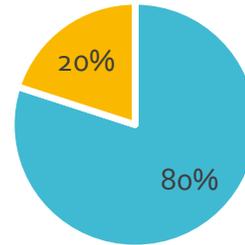
Parent engagement is meeting with a child's teachers and home visitors.

Parent engagement is helping children be comfortable and have positive experiences when starting a new school, or meeting a new person, or trying a new activity.

Parent engagement is seeking out the resources and supports that a child might need to learn and grow or that the parent might need to meet his or her own goals to foster family well-being.

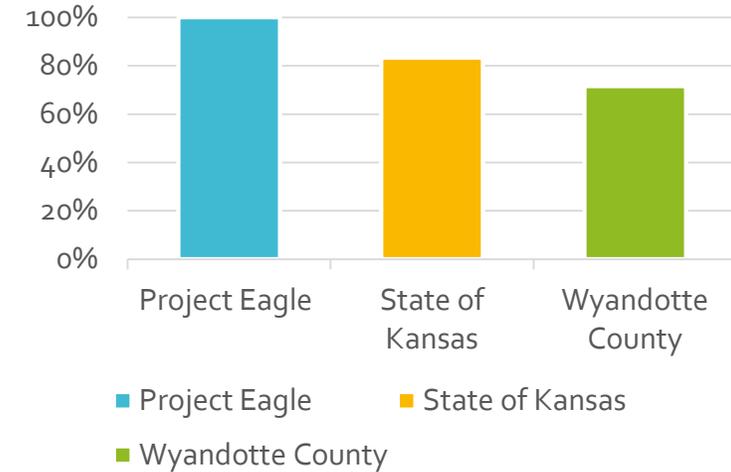
During the 2018-2019 program year:

Project Eagle parents feeling adequately supported by their social networks



■ Adequate Support ■ Less than adequate support

Prenatal women receiving recommended prenatal care



While pregnant with her second child, a mom in Project Eagle's Early Head Start program was experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, and mental health concerns. Project Eagle staff supported this mom by connecting her with critical community resources including:

WIC, to help this mother combat concerns of food insecurity for herself, her unborn child, and toddler aged son;

ReStart, to advocate for the mother to be readmitted into their housing and supportive services program which ultimately led to the family being placed in transitional housing;

The delivery hospital, who provided social worker services that connected the mother to a car seat and lactation support;

Kansas Medicaid, to ensure that the mother had active insurance coverage while pregnant. After delivery, Project Eagle staff assisted mom with getting the newborn baby added to the family's insurance plan;

Mother and Child Health Coalition, who provided pack n plays to Project Eagle staff who in turn educated this young mother on the importance of safe sleep and provided her with a pack n play to ensure her new baby had a safe sleep environment;

Wyandotte County Pregnancy Resource Center, who provided this mother with pregnancy and newborn items, such as bottles, clothes and blankets; and

Happy Bottoms, where mom was subsequently enrolled to receive a limited number of free diapers each month.

In addition to guiding the young mother through these systems, Project Eagle staff secured enrollment for her oldest child (and soon after, the newborn baby) into Project Eagle's full-day, full-year center-based Early Head Start program, where the children could receive safe and developmentally appropriate child care from people mom trusted. Access to full-day, full-year care for her children allowed mom to successfully return to work and pursue her goals of self-sufficiency and mental wellness. Through the help and support of our Early Head Start program and staff, this mom can now advocate for herself and her children's needs, and is maintaining housing, employment, mental wellness, and overall self-sufficiency.



At Project Eagle, we promote excellence in the field of early education by:

Partnering with others to affect systems change.

Increasing awareness of issues related to young children and families.

Educating the future workforce through student internships.

During the 2018-2019 program year, Project Eagle:

- Offered 25 students a placement for school internships in the fields of early education, social welfare, nursing, and medicine;
- Presented at 8 conferences at the local, state, and national level;
- Provided professional development to 60 early childhood professionals;
- Participated in 38 local, state, and national coalitions, workgroups, and meetings; and
- Welcomed over 100 visitors to learn more about Project Eagle and the importance of early childhood education.



“I learned an incredible amount each week during visits with families and was able to become familiar with the role that Home Visitors play. As a Home Visitor, you are not just teaching parents and children, you are also advocating, supporting, encouraging, and being there for families whatever they may need. I loved the connection that Home Visitors form with their families and I could see how impactful their work truly is.

Home visiting is what allowed me to recognize that I want to be able to help and support families and children in very similar ways in my future career. Each aspect of home visiting was meaningful to me, and this experience is what allowed me to have a clearer picture of my future, which I am grateful for.”

Danielle
Braun,
2018-2019
Kansas State
University
intern
(and current
employee!)

2018-2019 Early Head Start Services

During the 2018-2019 program year, Project Eagle Early Head Start served 331 families, which included 419 children and forty-eight pregnant women.

According to the program's 2018-2019 Community Assessment, this is approximately five percent of the children in Wyandotte County who would be eligible for Early Head Start services.

Project Eagle's average monthly enrollment was 98.2%.

Early Head Start Family Demographics, Health, and Dental Services

Total Families Served	331
Single-Parent Families	162
Two-Parent Families	169
Total Children Served	419
Total Pregnant Women Served	48
Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino Origin	60%
Non-Hispanic or Latino	40%
Race	
White	68%
Black or African American	20%
Biracial/Multiracial	5%
Asian	6%
Primary Language Spoken	
English	43%
Spanish	49%
African Languages	2%
Middle Eastern/South Asian Languages	4%
East Asian Languages	2%

Percentage of Children Up to Date on Immunizations	84.7%
Percentage of Children up to date with dental screenings	66%
Percentage of Children up to date with EPSDT visits	62.8%*

** EPSDT percentage is based on the medical provider's determination, as verified by the medical record. Parent reported compliance with the recommended schedule is higher. Barriers for Project Eagle families in this area include difficulties in obtaining lead testing, a component of the 12 and 24-month visits, and cost and timeliness in acquiring medical records.*

2018-2019 Early Head Start Budget

<i>Awarded Budget</i>	<i>Federal EHS</i>	<i>Kansas EHS Home Visiting</i>	<i>Kansas EHS Child Care Partnership</i>	<i>Total</i>
Personnel/Fringe	2,467,047.00	235,062.00	254,228.00	2,956,337.00
Evaluation Contract	114,266.00	-	-	114,266.00
Other Costs	385,735.00	65,915.00	37,241.00	488,891.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	2,967,048.00	300,977.00	291,469.00	3,559,494.00
Indirect Costs	296,710.00	30,098.00	29,147.00	355,955.00
TOTAL BUDGET	3,263,758.00	331,075.00	320,616.00	3,915,449.00
Non-Federal Share	815,940.00	-	-	815,940.00
TOTAL COST	4,079,698.00	331,075.00	320,616.00	4,731,389.00
<i>Expenditures</i>	<i>Federal EHS</i>	<i>Kansas EHS Home Visiting</i>	<i>Kansas EHS Child Care Partnership</i>	<i>Total</i>
Personnel/Fringe	2,458,487.20	234,980.23	223,032.59	2,916,500.02
Evaluation Contract	132,191.28	-	-	132,191.28
Other Costs	376,369.52	30,785.54	32,540.65	439,695.71
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	2,967,048.00	265,765.77	255,573.24	3,488,387.01
Indirect Costs	296,710.00	26,576.58	25,557.32	348,843.90
TOTAL BUDGET	3,263,758.00	292,342.35	281,130.56	3,837,230.91
Non-Federal Share	815,940.00	-	-	815,940.00
TOTAL COST	4,079,698.00	292,342.35	281,130.56	4,653,170.91

Project Eagle's ERSEA and Fiscal Monitoring Review was held in April 2016. The program had no findings or areas of non-compliance in this review. The fiscal agent for Project Eagle is the University of Kansas Medical Center Research Institute, Inc. which is audited annually. The audit is available upon request.

Thank you to
those entities
who made our
work possible
in 2018-2019

- Buffett Early Childhood Fund
- Children's Campus of Kansas City
- DHHS/Administration for Children and Families/Office of Head Start
- Early Education Funders Collaborative
- Juniper Gardens Children's Project
- Kansas Department for Children and Families
- Kansas State Department of Education
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- KC Healthy Kids
- REACH Healthcare Foundation
- Sesame Street In Communities
- The Family Conservancy
- The Ounce of Prevention Fund
- United Way of Greater Kansas City
- University of Kansas Medical Center
- Wyandotte Health Foundation