



Special points of interest:

Head Start is looking for 3-5 year old children to participate in their school readiness program.

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EICAP in *ACTION*

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR....

Russell Spain, CCAP

The national Community Action Partnership began a program some years ago that follows the for-profit Malcolm Baldrige Model of Corporate Excellence that Community Action calls the Award for Excellence. EICAP finished the first step of that process in October of last year. The agency is now putting together staff committees to begin the Awards for Excellence in Community Action process. Of the 1,000 Community Action Agencies across the country, there are only 8 Community Action Agencies who have received the Award for Excellence. EICAP's goal is to be within the top 10 Community Action Agencies in the country.

At this writing, planning is underway for another Head Start year, and this year the program begins with a new Head Start Director, Mancole Fedder. Mancole comes to us with school district administrative and teaching experience and we are excited about his leadership of that program. Be sure and read other information on Head Start in this edition of our Newsletter.

The agency is in the process of expanding its holdings in affordable apartments throughout eastern Idaho. EICAP currently has option agreements with units in Roberts and Mud Lake as well as looking at some possibilities in Dubois. EICAP will also be building an apartment complex in Roberts and some single family units within the next two years. Mutual Self-Help Housing will finish this month the 124th home since the program began. We congratulate the new home owners in the Pepper Wood Crossing addition in Jefferson County just off of County Line Road.

In the last few weeks, a very generous family purchased a parcel of land next to the Haven Shelter and gave the land to us to expand the services at the Haven. The family also added cash to their generosity to be used for future expansion. The entire EICAP staff and Board thank them very much and would encourage others to look at a contribution to the EICAP Foundation in the future.

Health Statistics for EICAP Head Start children in 2006-2007 program year

- 243 children received age-appropriate preventative and primary health care, including all recommended tests and physical exams.
- 264 children received professional dental exams.
- 188 children (at enrollment) were determined by a health care professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
- 251 children (at the end of enrollment) were determined by a health care professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.

EICAP Head Start Program Information Report (PIR)



Head Start in Eastern Idaho

Head Start has existed in Idaho since 1965. It was developed under President Johnson’s War on Poverty initiative and authorized under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1965. The program is the *MOST* successful, longest-running, national, school readiness program in the United States. Head Start provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition and parent involvement services to low-income 3 to 5 year old children and their families. Head Start has continued to have support from both houses of Congress since its creation in 1965. Head Start’s success is largely due to its focus on the “whole child”, which includes early education, physical and mental health, nutrition, a healthy home environment, and parent involvement. All of these components interact and have an effect on a child’s school readiness and ability to learn.



As one of the most researched and evaluated early childhood programs in America, Head Start is backed by strong evidence suggesting early intervention through high quality programs can enhance a child’s physical, social, emotional and cognitive development. It has been shown to enable parents to be better caregivers to their children and help parents meet their own goals, not the least which is economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Idaho Head Start Research

Children are 56% less likely to need special education if they are provided early education (www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/ehs/ehs_resrch/)

Society receives nearly \$9 in benefits for every \$1 invested in Head Start children. (J. Meier. (2003). Kindergarten readiness study)

Pre-K education benefits children, but also translates into benefits to the community and economy through increased earnings, greater school system efficiencies, reductions in crime and lower reliance on public welfare (*Geoffrey Black and Chris Loucks, Economics Department, Boise State University (2006).*)

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership Head Start Programs are located in Bingham, Bonneville, Madison, Teton and Lemhi counties.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old by September 1st of the program school year.



This table is the current income guidelines for the Head Start program. Head Start encourages parents of children with disabilities to apply.

Apply NOW for this school year!!

**Blackfoot
782-1064**

**Idaho Falls East
524-1462**

**Idaho Falls West
552-0800**

**Rexburg
656-0782**

**Driggs
354-8233**

**Salmon
756-3999**

**or call Central Office
522-5391**

Family Size	Annual Income
2	\$14,000
3	\$17,600
4	\$21,200
5	\$24,800
6	\$28,400
7	\$32,000
8	\$35,600
Add \$3,600 for each additional member	

Haven Shelter GED Program

Thanks to a six-month grant from Partners For Prosperity, the Haven Shelter is providing GED tutoring and testing. It has been a great success. We’ve had 60 students in the GED program so far this year. 17 individuals have completed their GED. 17 have passed 2 or more of the battery of 5 tests, and 7 are ready to start taking the tests. 15 individuals are studying with the teacher who is available Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:00 pm—8:00 pm. One Head Start Mom and Dad are working together to get their GEDs. “We want to be good examples for our kids,” they said.

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Eight New Homeowners!

In July eight families

completed construction of their new homes and received approval to move-in. Move-in day for self help families is a much anticipated event. Families in this group have worked twelve months to build their new homes. In the Self-Help Housing Program, low income participants work together under EICAP's guidance to build each others' homes. Self-help families in a construction group are not allowed to move into their new homes until all are complete. When they do take up residence, the self-help homeowners have monthly payments that are far less than those of standard new or resale homes. Completion of the eight homes

in July 2008 brings the total of homes completed by EICAP's self-help program to 124. Applications are being accepted for homes to be located in Jefferson County. For more information call 522-5391 and ask for Self-Help Housing.



Did You Know?

Riverside Housing and Teton View Housing, both located in Idaho Falls, are designated senior housing properties. Rents at both properties are subsidized and the amount of rent you pay is determined by income. To live in a designated senior property the head of household must be 62 or over or disabled.

EICAP has other senior properties located in Arco and St. Anthony.

For information on EICAP's multi family housing or to complete an application for housing: check our website at www.eicap.org or call 208.522.5391 and ask for Housing.



RSVP

RSVP continues to bolster rural volunteerism, focusing on Butte,

Custer and Clark Counties. The Antelope Guard Station Project recorded a milestone June 14 when over 80 people attended the historic facility's 100th birthday party. Antelope is very isolated and is more than a 2 hour round trip from Arco. The Forest Service official in charge of Antelope used the surprisingly large attendance as a justification for making a decision to preserve the facility. She is depending on RSVP to find a cadre of 55+ volunteers to help make this preservation possible. RSVP believes that Antelope will eventually be a focal point and center for rural volunteerism in Butte & South Custer Counties.



Tips to Save Energy Today

- ✓ Set your thermostat comfortably low in the winter and comfortably high in the summer. Install a programmable thermostat that is compatible with your heating and cooling system.
- ✓ Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- ✓ Air dry dishes, instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- ✓ Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- ✓ Plug home electronics, such as TVs and DVD players, into power strips; turn the power strips off when the equipment is not in use (TVs and DVDs in standby mode still use several watts of power).
- ✓ Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes.
- ✓ Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and braking) wastes gasoline.

✓ Look for the ENERGY STAR label on home appliances and products. ENERGY STAR products meet strict efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Brought to you by the EICAP Weatherization Program.

Energy Assistance

The LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) helps families every winter with a one-time payment to their heat source utility. You might be surprised just how much help is provided. This table includes all of the EA benefits provided in the winter of 07-08.



County	Households	Amt. Paid
Bonneville	2121	\$640,593
Butte	96	\$38,789
Clark	17	\$7,289
Custer	123	\$48,694
Fremont	332	\$128,587
Jefferson	378	\$132,479
Lemhi	433	\$174,589
Madison	469	\$142,051
Teton	71	\$27,916
TOTALS	4040	\$ 1,340,987

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