

ANNUAL REPORT

2024

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership

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From the CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



As we reflect on 2024, it is a year of accomplishment and progress. Tens of thousands of clients got a hand, because EICAP was there to share their burden. We launched a new rental assistance program, and we further solidified our Head Start early learning programs. Our community is stronger and more resilient because of the work of our staff, improving the lives of one person at a time.

This year we focused on our mission and our strategic plan. Serving the region with compassion and empathy. We were able to provide meals to over 150,000 seniors with the help of our partners at the local Senior Centers. That is almost two Football stadiums full of seniors. They were able to join with their friends and families to stave off isolation and loneliness. We were able to help over 5,000 people stave off the cold of the Idaho winters with our LIHEAP and Crisis

programs. Thousands of food boxes were distributed to the families in Rexburg, Salmon and Challis.

Our Staff will always be the priority of our leadership team. We continued to improve wages and benefits all while investing thousands of hours into training through conferences and webinars, and local training meetings.

One amazing piece of strength to our organization is our volunteers. EICAP had over 50,659 volunteer hours donated to our children and clients. Our Head Start families lead the way and invest in our program and our community by giving of their time.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue our programs, focusing on empowering individuals and families, fostering self-sufficiency, and improving the quality of life for all members of our community. Building communities that will care for one another and help us smooth the rough edges and pain of poverty. That can all happen because of the efforts of our staff and our volunteers. Because of them we will always be capable of meeting our mission of **Helping People**. **Changing Lives**. Together we can transform our communities through one life and family at a time.

John Radford, CEO

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc.

Community Action Promise

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

EICAP's Mission Statement

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership helps and empowers at risk individuals and families meet their basic needs and increase their independence through support and education.

The EICAP 2024—2028 STRATEGIC PLAN

Closing the EICAP Covid Chapter

The New EICAP Chapter—Renewing & Growing

New EICAP Mission & Values

The EICAP Strategic Pillars

- **1.** The people of EICAP empower families, providing programs that foster self-sufficiency.
- **2.** The people of EICAP educate young children, teaching essential skills in a caring environment.
- 3. The people of EICAP serve at risk individuals, offering essential services to meet basic needs.

The EICAP 2024—2028 Strategic Initiatives

- 1. Foster Strong & Stable EICAP Workforce
- 2. Renew & Expand Head Start
- 3. Create Regional EICAP Awareness & Engagement
- 4. Seek Charitable Support & Establish Social Enterprise Revenue Streams
- 5. Add Select Mission-Centered Programs

The EICAP Short-Term Task Force Initiatives

- 1. Mission, Values & Vision Stakeholders
- 2. EICAP Housing Paradigm Report
- 3. Regional Realignment Task Force
- 4. Board Selection & Election Process Task Force
- **5.** EICAP Regional Convening Agency

Building a stronger community

21,090

Transportation boardings for seniors 3,662

Hours of Homemaker assistance for seniors 3,608

Information & Assistance staff provided or referrals 2,489

Hours of Respite services provided to caregivers 113,013

Home Delivered meals served to seniors 40,684

Congregate Meals served to seniors

682

Consultations provided by the Ombudsman Program

355

Adult Protection reports investigated 275

Hours of legal assistance to seniors 7

Caregivers participated in the Caregiver Support Group

60

Orders (around \$200 per order) of needed incontinence supplies were provided to lowincome seniors over the age of 60



Area Agency on Aging

The Aging Program provides many services to those who are age 60 and older. Such services include:

- · In-home services
- Ombudsman assistance
- Legal advice, counseling, and representation
- Adult protection for abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Caregiver support and respite offering free time to caregivers
- Resources and support to grandparents raising grandchildren
- Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals
- Evidence-Based Health Promotion and Caregiver workshops



one LIFE at a time.

19,245

Total unduplicated number of all INDIVIDUALS served

241

The number of nutrition information sessions held for seniors 53

The number of individuals who avoided eviction

2,182

The number of Seniors (60+) who maintained an independant living situation.

14

Individuals assisted with medical expenses

96

The number of individuals with disabilities who maintained an independent living situation.

100

Eligible households received assistance with rent

23

Individuals obtained safe and affordable housing 72

Individuals maintain safe and affordable housing for 90 days



Thanks to these guys I was able to keep my heating last winter while I was struggling searching for a job. They helped me this year as well with financial assistance for my heating bill, as it's quite high and my income is very low. 10/10 service, everyone there is also very sweet.

Matthew Echeveria

Building a stronger community



Head Start Program

EICAP's Head Start and Early Head Start program provides fun and engaging, high-quality, educational services to children ages 0 to 5 throughout 5 centers. Our Early Head Start centers provide comprehensive early child development for infants and toddlers ages birth to 3. We operate one Early Head Start Center in Idaho Falls and one Early Head Start center in Blackfoot. Our Head Start centers focus on school readiness by enhancing children's cognitive, social, and emotional development from ages 3 to 5. We operate two Head Start centers in Idaho Falls, one in Blackfoot, and one in Rexburg.

Within the classroom, staff are dedicated to keeping children safe and helping children grow, while ensuring the children in our care are kindergarten ready. Head Start is the nation's premier pre-school program, differing from others, because services are not limited to the classroom or the child. Our support staff works with the families to foster relationships, build upon families' strengths, help families set goals, support the family's well-being, and increase self-sufficiency. We strive in helping parents understand their important role in being their child's first, and most influential teacher! Parents and caregivers are encouraged to be involved in their child's education so they can bring the love of learning from the classroom to their home.













one CHILD at a time.

























Building a stronger community

3,770

of TEFAP food boxes distributed (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) 3,792

of boxes distributed with Community Donations 939

of CSFP food boxes distributed. (Commodity Supplemental Food Program for Seniors)

Salmon Food Pantry

The Salmon office is dedicated to assisting community members in need. Whether that need is education, heat assistance, food, or just information on who to talk to next. We strive every day to provide our clients with a positive interaction and with the knowledge to improve their circumstances. We partner with a variety of community members from businesses, other nonprofits, and schools to individual community members that wish to be part of building their community up and assisting those most vulnerable.

- 1,803 TEFAP Food Boxes distributed
- 1,825 Community Donations Food boxes with Community Donations distributed
- **380** CSFP Food Boxes distributed



Salmon Food Drive Donation





Salmon nutrition class



Salmon Food Drive Donation

one MEAL at a time.

Challis Food Pantry

- 432 TEFAP Food Boxes distributed
- 431 Community Donations Food boxes with Community Donations distributed
- 113 CSFP Food Boxes distributed

Challis Food Pantry









Rexburg Food Pantry

- 1,535 TEFAP Food Boxes distributed
- **1,535** Community Donations Food boxes with Community Donations distributed
- 446 CSFP Food Boxes distributed







Fall River Electric donation to the Rexburg Food Pantry





Food Drive from BYUI students

Building a stronger community

4,690

Eligible households received LIHEAP (Low Income **Home Energy** Assistance) services

Eligible households received **Emergency Energy** Assistance (Through Energy Assistance Local Funds)

56

received assistance using

Project Help

(City of Idaho

Falls)

Housing

Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. continues to provide affordable housing across Eastern Idaho with 10 properties located in Blackfoot, Idaho Falls, Roberts, Rexburg, and St. Anthony, Idaho. Of the 323 units EICAP owns, 98 units are dedicated to Senior/Disabled individuals and a total of 224 units and one home are dedicated to low-income individuals/families.

We invested in the look and feel of our housing units all while

elements for our residents. It is so helpful to our community that

we provide an affordable place to live and thrive. Our housing

Anthony and Rexburg. Two of the units have Head Start school

buildings adjacent or on the properties. The housing provides

warmth and dignity to our residents all at an affordable price.

improving safety, by replacing concrete and other critical

properties are located in Roberts, Blackfoot, Idah Falls, St.

3,336

Received LIHEAP **Heat assistance**

Project Help – households

1,354

Received LIHEAP Crisis assistance

30

Good Neighbor Fund households received assistance using **Good Neighbor Funds (Salmon** River Electric)

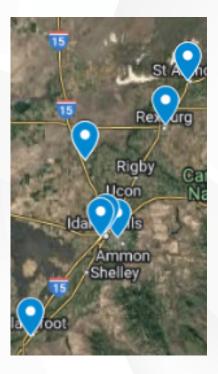
10,581

Total unduplicated number of all HOUSEHOLDS served

169

Other Funds - households received assistance using other agency funds

Lend A Hand – households received assistance using Lend A Hand (Rocky Mountain Power)





The number of households who avoided eviction 26

Project Warmth · households received assistance using **Project Warmth** (Intermountain Gas)

The number of households who obtained safe and affordable housing

The number of households who maintained safe and affordable housing for 90

1,687

The number of households who didn't have utilities shut off

one **HOME** at a time.

Weatherization

Weatherization worked on and completed 89 homes with an average cost of \$11,251.00. We served a total of 282 customers, 47 were disabled, 119 were children, and 33 were elderly.

We completed 54 homes in Bonneville County, 1 in Butte County, 9 in Fremont County, 14 in Jefferson County, 3 in Lemhi County, 6 in Madison County, and 2 in Teton County.

Measures that we did include: New windows, new exterior doors, attic, floor and wall insulation, infiltration measures, (this includes, weather stripping old doors, replacing broken glass, sealing heat ducts, replacing dryer vents) we also installed duct insulation, smoke alarms, CO detectors, replaced old refrigerators, repaired or replaced water heaters and heating systems. We spent a total of \$1,001,372.00 on the 89 homes completed.

Eligibility is based on household income; we encourage all low-income families or individuals in need of assistance to apply. Staff are available to assist families and individuals who apply for the year-round program.











The following 4 responses are from some of the individuals and families that received assistance through EICAP's Weatheriazation program. All agreed that the work was satisfactory and that the job site was cleaned upon completion.

"The Crew, Energy Auditor, and Inspector all walked us through the work. The repair to the heating system has made a great difference."

Bonneville County

"My furnace used to run constantly now it only kicks on occasionally, and my house is warmer."

Bonneville County

"I learned a lot. It was great learning more about the overall air quality in the house and the risk of combustion appliances back drafting."

Madison

"I feel my home is warmer, my heating bill has been reduced 25-30%"

Jefferson County

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Building a stronger community one PARTNER at a time.

Partnership List and Contracted Providers:

Ashton Senior Center
Idaho Falls Senior Community Center
Lost River Senior Center
Mackay Senior Citizens Center
Madison County Senior Center
Rigby Senior Center
Ririe Senior Citizens Center
Salmon Valley Senior Center
South Fremont Senior Citizens Center
Seniors West of the Tetons
West Jefferson Senior Citizens Center

William Cobbley Senior Center (Challis)
Lemhi Co Economic Development Association
(LCEDA)
Assisting Hands Home Care
Personal Home Care
Premium Choice Home Care
QualiCare, Inc
Idaho Legal Aid
United Way of Bonneville County
AS Long Nutrition (Dietician Services)
Regence Blue Shield



Building a stronger community one VOLUNTEER at a time.

48,484

Total Number of Volunteer Hours Donated by individuals with low incomes 50,659

Total Volunteer Hours Donated to the Agency 157

Hours volunteered by Volunteer Assistant Ombudsmen 344

Miles volunteered by Volunteer Assistant Ombudsmen

Why Should I Volunteer?

The experiences and memories acquired when sharing your time and helping others is invaluable. It benefits both parties. You may:

- Gain the satisfaction of making a difference in someone's life and our community
- · Have fun and meet new people
- Challenge your attitudes and beliefs
- Experience team work
- Develop life and work place skills
- Demonstrate responsibility and dependability to future employment opportunities
- Explore career opportunities and enhance your resume
- Improve your self-confidence
- Grow personally
- Expand your community networks

http://www.eicap.org/volunteer

How to Get Involved:

There are volunteer activities that range from 1-2 hours each week to an occasional special project that might involve 10-12 hours of your time. We will consider new activities as well as fundraising events should you have any other ideas and talents that you wish to share.

Head Start Program - Needs volunteers to assist in the classroom and during family literacy programs and special events.

VOICE - Improves the quality of care and makes a difference in the lives of elders who live in long-term-care facilities. Volunteers are trained and assigned to a facility to visit weekly, advocate and help solve problems for residents.

SMP - Senior Medicare Patrol trains volunteers to assist Medicare beneficiaries and their families avoid, detect, and prevent health care fraud.

Opportunities to Volunteer available in the Family & Emergency Services Department

Volunteers needed to assist at the EICAP Food Pantries. Volunteers who wish to volunteer will be given instructions and training. For more information contact:

Rexburg Food Pantry

Salmon & Challis Food Pantry

208-356-8849

208-756-3999

Building a stronger community one EMPLOYEE at a time.

The following certifications are held by EICAP staff that increase agency capacity.

1

National Certified ROMA Implementers 7

Certified
Community Action
Professionals (CCAP)

14

Staff with child development certifications

6

Staff with family development certifications

3

Staff with Home Energy Professional Certifications







Staff and Board Members attending attending the National Community Action Partnership (NCAP) Conference

Site visit to SWOT

Building a stronger community one EDUCATION at a time.

Angela Magnani Tuition Assistance Program

(Assistance provided in FY2024)

	Number of		
	students	To	tal Amount
January-24	41	\$	24,756.00
April-24	34	\$	18,988.00
September-24	40	\$	21,884.50
Total	115	\$	65,628.50

Dear Angela D. Magnani-Wood and EICAP,

I would like to formally thank you for the opportunity to apply for financial assistance toward the cost of my tuition. A higher education is a luxury and one my family wouldn't be able to afford if it weren't for generous donors like yourself. My family and I are extremely gracious for any contribution made available as this will help me pursue my educational goals while relieving the financial burden making it possible. If chosen for assistance in this academic year, I would be able to work toward my goal to be the first in my family to graduate with a degree. I am so close to this goal entering into my senior year and am honored to be considered for such helpful funding. Having the chance to receive higher education that leads to a career is made possible through your charitable contribution. That is a ripple effect that helps support our family and in turn helps our community. Thank you for recognizing the importance of education and caring enough to make it possible for others. Thank you for helping,

of individuals who obtained Bachelor **Degrees**

My sincerest gratitude,

I am elated and honored to have been considered and rewarded with tuition assistance from the Angela Magnani Wood program offered by Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for awarding me with this opportunity.

I am currently enrolled at Austin Kade Academy in the Esthetics program, and I am motivated to make a difference in the lives of the people I see. I will be using my tuition assistance reward to help me pay off the student debt to my school, ultimately allowing me to start my career as an esthetician sooner, which I look forward to.

Thank you very much for awarding me with this amazing opportunity. I will be able to propel my education and follow through into my professional career as a result of your incredible generosity.

Dear Angela Magnani Wood Program,

, and I am incredibly grateful to be a recipient of this year's Angela Magnani Wood Program scholarship. Your generous support has made a significant impact on my ability to continue pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering at Idaho State University.

Currently, I am in my second year of studying Mechanical Engineering. My passion for understanding mechanics and problem-solving has allowed me to achieve the President's List for three consecutive years at the College of Eastern Idaho, as well as graduate with honors from high school and high honors from CEI. Beyond academics, I was actively involved in speech and debate during high school, where I reached the state level and served as a Lincoln Douglas debate captain. At Idaho State University, I look forward to joining the rocket club and am also eager to pursue an internship at the Idaho National Laboratory over the coming summers. My goal after graduation is to build a career as a Mechanical Engineer, potentially at the Idaho National Laboratory.

educational goals achievable. I sincerely appreciate your commitment to helping me reach my full potential both professionally and personally.

The support from the Angela Magnani Wood Program has been instrumental in making my

of individuals who obtained a vocational certificate

Thank you once again for your generous contribution.

Building a stronger community one DONATION at a time.

January 12, 2024

For several years, Fall River has held a food drive in their service territory to benefit the Rexburg food pantry.





September 25, 2024

We live in a wonderful community where individuals and businesses give generously of their time and resources to support our programs. Today we want to highlight the generous donation from Battelle Energy Alliance, operator of Idaho National Laboratory, for donating to our seniors home delivered meals program.

October 11, 2024

We wanted to take a moment to give a HUGE thank you to all the community donors that contributed items/gift baskets/\$\$ for our company raffle!! Thanks to the support of these donors we were able to raise enough funds to provide both Thanksgiving meals and Christmas gifts for the families in need within our community! Hope you know that you are all appreciated for your amazing support!





October 16, 2024

Steele Memorial Medical Center is proud to announce a donation of \$2,520 to the EICAP - Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership Lemhi/Custer County Cancer Fund. This generous contribution was made possible by the community members who participated in the Annual Steele Memorial Brake for Breakfast event held on October 2nd.

These funds are available to residents of Lemhi and Custer County who have been diagnosed with cancer. They can help cover various expenses related to their diagnosis and treatment.

2023 Financial Audit Results



Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates Idaho Falls, Idaho

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates, a nonprofit organization, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of October 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates as of October 31, 2023, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion. The financial statements of the affiliates of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc., were not audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates' ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Financial Report Continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether
 due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures
 include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated
 financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates' internal control.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting
 estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial
 statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc. and Affiliates' ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Financial Report Continued

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information appearing on pages 27-32, which includes the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, Schedule A, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 18, 2024 on our consideration of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Wippei LLP
Wipfli LLP

Madison, Wisconsin June 18, 2024

Birth to Five Program PROPOSED BUDGET & SERVICES

ACTUAL 2024

BUDGET 2024

Head Start Federal Grant	\$ 5,305,139.69	Head Start Federal Grant	\$ 5,475,173.00
USDA Revenue	\$ 128,710.94	USDA Revenue	\$ 176,466.00
TANF Grant	\$ 158,872.00	TANF Grant	\$ 158,872.00
Non-Federal Share	\$ 1,384,797.06	Non-Federal Share	\$ 1,337,717.25

Head Start & Early Head Start

Total	\$ 5,305,139.69
Training	\$ 100,318.78
Occupancy	\$ 95,418.62
Supplies	\$ 272,283.50
Misc.	\$ 814,016.80
Professional Fees and Consultants	\$ 67,156.49
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 3,955,945.50

Head Start & Early Head Start

Total	\$ 5,475,173.00
Training	\$ 176,612.00
Occupancy	\$ 104,145.00
Supplies	\$ 142,243.00
Misc.	\$ 516,855.31
Professional Fees and Consultants	\$ 98,331.00
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 4,436,986,.69

Birth to Five Program 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT

- 145 Total number of Head Start children
- 135 Total number of Head Start families
- 252 Total number of Early Head Start children
 - **41** Total number of Early Head Start families
- **5,390** Total Meals Served

Head Start:

63%	Percentage of average monthly enrollment
97%	Percentage of children with health insurance
75%	Percentage of children enrolled that received medical exams
85%	Percentage of children enrolled that received dental exams

95% Percentage of enrolled children that received up-to-date immunization

Early Head Start:

63%	Percentage of average monthly enrollment
100%	Percentage of children with health insurance
50%	Percentage of children enrolled that received medical exams
84%	Percentage of children enrolled that received dental exams
88%	Percentage of enrolled children that received up-to-date immunization

Birth to Five Program 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR REPORT

Efforts to prepare children for kindergarten

EICAP's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten during the 2020 – 2021 school year can be summarized as follows while in the throes of a worldwide pandemic and teaching the children virtually for several months out of the school year.

1

Provide a research based curriculum that the Head Start and Early Head Start Teachers teach from. The curriculums are:

- a. Frog Street imbedded with Conscious Discipline
- b. Second Step
- c. Child Protection Unit (Head Start Only)

2

Provide research based screenings.

- a. ASQ-3 (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) for Developmental
- b. DECA for Social/Emotional twice a year for Head Start and three times a year for Early Head Start
- 3

Use a research based assessment tool to monitor children's progress towards Kindergarten Readiness.

- a. DRDP (Desired Results Developmental Profile) in ChildPlus
- All Head Start families receive two education home visits and two education parent teacher conferences a year. Early Head Start and Duration Head Start families also receive a 3rd Education Parent Teacher Conference. On these visits information is provided individually to families to help work on their children's skills at home and school. Individual Goals are set for each child by the parents and the curriculums support the growth of the child's knowledge towards mastery of these skills.

EICAP School Readiness Goals:

Approaches to Learning

1. Children will participate in and complete tasks and activities, projects and experiences with curiosity.

Social Emotional

- 1. Children engage in positive interactions with adults and peers in a variety of situations, including everyday routines.
- 2. The child uses basic problem-solving and negotiation skills to resolve conflicts with other children and adults.

Language and Literacy

- 1. Children will engage in language during conversation, songs, stories and other learning experiences.
- 2. Children will demonstrate receptive language skills by discriminating and identifying sounds in spoken language.
- 3. Children will show awareness of print in various settings and understand different functions of printed forms.

Cognition and Science

1. Children will develop reasoning, memory, problem-solving, and thinking skills to understand and organize their world.



Math

- 1. Children will associate number concepts, vocabulary, quantities, and numerals.
- 2. Children will understand attributes and relative properties as related to size, capacity, and area.

Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

- 1. Children will develop gross motor skills to explore their environment and experiment with different ways of moving their bodies.
- 2. Children will demonstrate responsive eating patterns during mealtimes.

Parent Involvement Activities

Throughout the 2022-2023 school year each of our centers sent home worksheets with the families. These sheets have ideas of items they can work on with children while at home. We also encourage parents to volunteer in the center and participate in parent meetings. In addition, every month each center does a parent involvement activity (parent meeting). During this time, they provide trainings for parents and activities for the parent and child to do together. Some activities each center has done are listed below:

- Back to school- welcome parents- Breakfast
- Spirit Week with lots of dress up days
- Spirit Month every Tuesday and Thursday for the month of May we dressed up as something
- Family Game Night (Every family brought their favorite board game)
- Family Christmas party
- Parent Lunches and Breakfasts
- Mental Health Night
- Culture night
- Graduation
- Literacy Luau- book walk, story time, activities to enhance literacy
- Dance with Dad; Prom with Mom-parent
- Trunk-or-treat
- Stone Soup- Literacy activity- Importance of community, stories and activities to promote literacy at home.
- Christmas Program
- Pumpkin Painting
- Water Field Day

- · Pies with Parents- family game night
- Car seat safety night
- Open house carnival
- Decorate Downtown- Decorate store windows with children's artwork. Families went to view it throughout the season.
- · Family Winter Festival Night
- Nutrition Class
- All Around the World Family Night
- Family Storry Telling Night
- Superheroes in Child's Life
- Back to school
- Parents breakfast, Crafts
- Eat Smart Idaho
- Cultural Carnival and Literacy
- Mental Health Parent Night Ostermiller
- Policy Council and Painting
- Family night reading and dinner
- Family night cookie decorating and crafts
- Pumpkin painting
- Goat Visit

Birth to Five Program Report Continued

EICAP Head Start/Early Head Start Finalized Checkpoint Data aligned with the School Readiness Goals:

Seasonal Centers

Percentages and numbers from the DRDP Group Progress Report show that our Seasonal Centers observed 16 children in the Spring Checkpoint. Below are the results in each area of study.

Approaches to Learning -- Self-Regulation

In the Fall checkpoint there are 12 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 75% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 14 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 88% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier.

Social and Emotional Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 12 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 75% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 14 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 88% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Language and Literacy Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 12 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 75% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 8 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 50% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier.

Cognition, Including Math and Science

In the Fall checkpoint there are 6 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 40% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 9 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 56% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Physical Development -- Health

In the Fall checkpoint there are 8 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 50% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 13 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 81% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

History -- Social Science

In the Fall checkpoint there are 12 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 75% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 13 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 81% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Visual and Performing Arts

In the Fall checkpoint there are 14 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 87% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 15 out of 16 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 94% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

English Language Development

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In the Fall checkpoint there are 3 out of 3 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 100% in the areas of Integrating English. In the Spring there are 1 out of 3 children above the median

expectations for a percentage of 33% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier.

Duration Centers

Percentages and numbers from the DRDP Group Progress Report show that our Duration Centers observed 30 children in the Summer Checkpoint. Below are the results in each area of study.



Approaches to Learning -- Self-Regulation

In the Fall checkpoint there are 2 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 7% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier. In the Summer there are 17 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 57% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier.

Social and Emotional Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 16 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 53% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 18 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 60% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Language and Literacy Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 1 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 3% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 18 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 60% in the areas of Building Middle to Integrating Earlier.

Cognition, Including Math and Science

In the Fall checkpoint there are 16 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 53% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 18 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 67% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Physical Development -- Health

In the Fall checkpoint there are 2 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 6% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 24 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 80% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

History -- Social Science

In the Fall checkpoint there are 18 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 60% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 28 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 93% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

Visual and Performing Arts

In the Fall checkpoint there are 18 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 60% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier. In the Spring there are 20 out of 30 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 67% in the areas of Building Later to Integrating Earlier.

English Language Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 3 out of 3 child above the median expectations for a percentage of 100% in the areas of Integrating English. In the Spring there are 3 out of 3 child above the median expectations for a percentage of 100% in the area of Integrating English.

Birth to Five Program Report Continued

Early Head Start Centers

Percentages and numbers from the DRDP Group Progress Report show that our Early Head start Centers observed 12 children in the Summer Checkpoint. Below are the results in each area of study.

Approaches to Learning -- Self-Regulation

In the Fall checkpoint there are 2 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 17% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier. In the Summer there are 9 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 75% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier.

Social and Emotional Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 3 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 25% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier. In the Spring there are 7 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 58% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier.

Language and Literacy Development

In the Fall checkpoint there are 3 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 25% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier. In the Spring there are 8 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 67% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier.

Cognition, Including Math and Science

In the Fall checkpoint there are 2 out of 13 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 17% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier. In the Spring there are 7 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 58% in the areas of Build Exploring Later to Building Earlier.

Physical Development -- Health

In the Fall checkpoint there are 3 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 25% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier. In the Spring there are 8 out of 12 children above the median expectations for a percentage of 67% in the areas of Exploring Later to Building Earlier.

The Description of Developmental Levels for EHS & HS

The number of levels in a measure varies depending on the competencies that are appropriate for that measure's developmental continuum. The levels are organized under four categories from early infancy up to kindergarten entry: Responding, Exploring, Building, and Integrating:

Responding (Earlier, Later) Knowledge, skills, or behaviors that develop from basic responses (through using senses and through actions) to differentiated responses. Children generally engage in back-and-forth interactions with familiar adults and communicate through nonverbal messages.

Exploring (Earlier, Middle, Later) Knowledge, skills, or behaviors that include active exploration including purposeful movement, purposeful exploration and manipulation of objects, purposeful communication, and the beginnings of cooperation with adults and peers. Children generally begin this period by using nonverbal means to communicate and, over time, grow in their ability to communicate verbally or use other conventional forms of language.

Building (Earlier, Middle, Later) Knowledge, skills, or behaviors that demonstrate growing understanding of how people and objects relate to one another, how to investigate ideas, and how things work. Children use language to express thoughts and feelings, to learn specific early literacy and numeracy skills, and to increasingly participate in small group interactions and cooperative activities with others.

Integrating (Earlier) Knowledge, skills, or behaviors that demonstrate the ability to connect and combine strategies in order to express complex thoughts and feelings, solve multi-step problems, and participate in a wide range of activities that involve social-emotional, self-regulatory, cognitive, linguistic, and physical skills. Children begin to engage in mutually supportive relationships and interactions. Note that the developmental levels for the ELD domain differ from the above format as they represent the developmental

progression for the acquisition of English as a second language during the early childhood years.











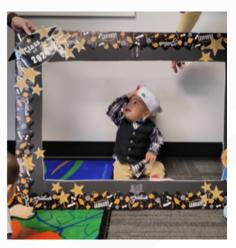














Events





HEATING/ENERGY ASSISTANCE

ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR HOME HEATING SOURCE

Electric Gas Propane Wood Heating Oil (Nov - Mar)
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[Participants must qualify to receive services]

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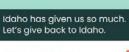
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EFAD START SEARLY EFAD START

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 11 AM-3:00 PM 935 E. Lincoln Rd. Idaho Falls, ID 83401

Learn about what Head Start and Early Head Start have to offer to you and your child and have some fun while you do.



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Through the Idaho Ombudsman Program



Volunteers receive free training and certification!

Once trained and certified, you will:

- Help empower residents in long-term care facilities to ensure quality of care and quality of life.
- ✓ Help promote and ensure resident rights.
- Promote a long-term care facility environment that is centered around independence, dignity, respect, and choice.

If you are interested in join the volunteer ombudsman team, contact: Caitlin Croft (208) 522-5370 (ext. 209)



Volunteers are needed in the following counties:
Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison, Teton

JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) wants to hear from the public on what matters most to them regarding clinical research engagement. Your opinions and feedback are valuable and will inform future policy and new research efforts.

In partnership with:

DATE: Wednesday, October 30, 2024

TIME: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

LOCATION: 935 E Lincoln Road, Idaho Falls, ID 83401



YOUR INPUT WILL HELP PROVIDE INSIGHTS ON CLINICAL RESEARCH, SUCH AS:

- How you see the general public fitting into the clinical research lifecycle
- What obstacles and opportunities
- currently exist for public engagement
 What partnering with communities and continuous engagement could look like

STEPS FOR PARTICIPATING:

- · Complete a short pre-event survey
- Watch a pre-event video to learn more about the topics to be discussed
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QUESTIONS?

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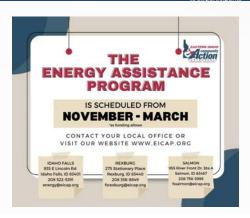
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We had a great time celebrating the launch of Idaho Gives!
Click here to support us supporting our community! https://www.idahogives.org/.../eastern-idaho-community...





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September 19, 2024 · 3

Happy 100th Birthday! #eastidahonews is helping Lewis Celebrate his 100th Birthday! Idaho Falls Senior Center hosted!



Only a few hours left to donate!



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Go to IdahoGives.org and search Adams County Health Center, or click the link in the description to donate to our clinic!



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August 26, 2024 · 🕙

Our Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group is back!

This program is focused on educating, supporting, and encouraging grandparents raising their grandchildren and other relative caregivers of minor children in our service area.

If you are interested in joining the group, give our group facilitator a call to get on the list!

Please call 208-522-5370 ext. 203



Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group



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