

# HELP-New Mexico Child Development Division 2011-12 Annual Report

The HELP-New Mexico Child Development Division provides early childhood development programs to 642 children in five counties in southern New Mexico.

## 2011-12 Program Funding

Program	Approved Budget
Region Head Start	\$ 2,069,676
NM Pre-K	\$ 667,230
Early Head Start	\$ 899,438
Head Start Expansion	\$ 401,306

Total Children Served (County)	
Doña Ana	114
Luna	264
Hidalgo	49
Otero	181
Sierra	34

Program Information (2011-12)	RHS	EHS
RHS Funded Slots	334	78
Center Based Enrollment	321	62
Home Based Enrollment	13	16
Total Enrollment	334	78
Single Parent Families	48%	57%
Employed Two Parent Families	70%	65%
Medical Homes established	100%	100%

The HELP-New Mexico Head Start and Early Head Start programs offers services in Doña Ana, Hidalgo, Luna, Otero, and Sierra counties in southern New Mexico. In this service area, community assessment data shows that there are approximately 1,410 children eligible for Head Start services. The funded amount (412) serves 29% of the children eligible for Head Start.

HELP - New Mexico has received a positive financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2011. The agency is considered a low-risk auditee. In 2012, HELP - New Mexico will receive its triennial federal review. The most recent review in February 2009 (RHS) and March 2011 (EHS), determined that there were no findings.

### **Kindergarten Preparation**

- Benchmarks for Kindergarten are developed between Public Schools and Head Start and are aligned to the New Mexico Early Learning Guidelines
- Education, health, nutrition, and mental health programs are implemented to help children meet these benchmarks
- Head Start classes and parents meet with Kindergarten teachers
- Head Start children take a tour of the Elementary School and have meals at school

### **Parent Activities and Initiatives**

Early Literacy Initiative (SPARC)  
 Parents As Leaders (PAL)  
 Financial Literacy Institute  
 Parent Area Clusters (PAC) – Program Governance  
 Family Fun Fridays

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