

Early Head Start (Family Foundations) is an 11 year project that serves families in low-income communities in the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. The program provides intensive home-visiting or center-based services to children birth to age 3 and their families. The program has increased their expertise in infant mental health and predominantly works with families to promote healthy parent-child relationships in order to accomplish program standards for child development.

The program review conducted every three years by the federal program officers has continually produced very positive results without areas of non-compliance throughout all program domains. The program provides services for 170 infants and toddlers and their families and is always fully enrolled with waiting lists in several communities. The percentage of families served in relation to eligible families in the city of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County is very low with plans for expansion when funds become available. According to the latest community assessment, there are approximately 9500 children under the age of 5 in the low-income communities served by the EHS program.

The focus of the EHS program continues to be health and development. All of the children served received medical exams and this year the number of dental exams for children over the age of 12 months has increased to approximately 70%. This is attributable to the opening of a new dental clinic that serves low-income infants and toddlers. The program is predominantly (150 children) a home-based program so that parents spend a major amount of time involved with their children both working on relationship-based and learning activities. This year the enrollment/transition report showed 20 children transitioning to Head Start and preschool programs that have been enrolled in FFEHS for 3 years with an additional 8 children enrolled in the program for 2 years.

The FY07-08 budget included \$2,302,266 in public funds and also \$150,000 in private funds. \$1,818,761 was spent on sub awards for four sites. The remainder was spent on the Office of Child Development (OCD) compensation, supplies, travel, and space rental.

The FY08-09 budget includes \$2,302,266 in public funds and also \$130,000 in private funds. \$1,831,379 is budgeted on sub awards for four sites. The remainder is budgeted for OCD compensation, supplies, travel, and space rental.