ANNUAL REPORT
WESTERN EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL HEAD START PROGRAM

COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

The Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) Head Start program has provided services to the Illinois counties of Monroe, Perry and Randolph since its early days as a summer program in 1965. Over the years, the program has expanded and added programming options to meet the needs of the children and families it serves. Perhaps the heart of the program distinguishes Head Start among other options for preschool education and has served as a model for social service agencies across the United States and internationally by setting the standard for comprehensive services.

The Head Start program is able to provide supports for both the child and the extended family though engagement where one feels healthy, safe, connected, and encouraged. The program employs a team of individuals who are specialized in areas of administrative planning, fiscal management, community engagement, family support, early childhood education, individualized instruction for children of all abilities, physical, oral and mental health, and nutrition.

The Western Egyptian EOC Head Start program is funded to serve 308 preschool children ages three to five. Families are provided with two service options: part-year, part-day classes (4 hours per day, 4 days per week, mid-August through April) or full-year, full-day (up to 11.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, 12 months per year).
**FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start is family-centered and is designed to support parents as the most important influence and primary teacher in their child’s life.

Teachers and Family Advocates provide a variety of activities and opportunities for families to participate in the program through classroom experiences, learning activities for home, home visits, family/teacher conferences, parent committee meetings, parent trainings and Family Fun Nights.

Families are represented through governance activities by representing center parent committees on the Policy Council and agency Board of Directors.

**SCHOOL READINESS**

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start uses the Teaching Strategies Creative Curriculum as an environment based curriculum which allows teachers to plan and enhance their classrooms in order to meet the individual needs of all children. The program utilizes Teaching Strategies GOLD as an assessment system. The Teaching Strategies GOLD objectives for Development and Learning allow teachers the opportunity to collect observations and enter them into an internet-based system. Western Egyptian EOC Head Start designed a Child Assessment Summary to compliment the tools and is completed at three checkpoints throughout the program year.

The Child Assessment Summary is reviewed with each child’s parent during family/teacher conferences. The parent and teacher select at least three learning objectives that can serve to be beneficial for the child to receive individualized learning support both in the classroom and at home.

When the data is aggregated, the program further utilizes the reports to identify where additional teacher training and classroom materials and planning and instructional strategies should be strengthened.

**MENTAL HEALTH**

Western Egyptian EOC Head Start promotes the mental health of children by partnering with parents to assess each child’s social and emotional development and planning individualized support for both home and school. Western Egyptian EOC Head Start is a Conscious Discipline practicing school and works from a School Family perspective to support self-regulation in children.

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Community Support for Western Egyptian EOC Head Start included 997 persons providing volunteer services during the program year. 659 of the volunteers were current or former Head Start parent.

Children who were enrolled in Head Start Services

| CHILD MEDICAL SCREENINGS COMPLETED | 398 | 100% |
| CHILD DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE COMPLETED | 351 | 88% |
PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Average Monthly Enrollment 95%

Ages of Enrollees
3 year olds 167
4 year olds 173
5 year olds 58

Primary Language of Family Home
English 389
Spanish 8
European/Slavic 1

Race of Enrollees
Amer. Indian/Alaska Native 1
Asian 1
Black/African-American 39
Native Hawaii/Pacific Island 1
White 319
Bi-racial/Multi-racial 37

ACCOUNTABILITY

The annual agency audit was conducted by Sikich, LLP for Fiscal Year 2013.

Western Egyptian Head Start was placed into the Office of Head Start Designation Renewal System (DRS) during the 2013-2014 program year.

After completing the DRS process, Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council was awarded the full Head Start Grant for the 2014-2015 program year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FUNDING SOURCES
US Dept of Health and Human Services $2,196,803
(Fiscal Year May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014)

US Dept of Agriculture through IL State Board of Ed 145,652
(Child and Adult Care Food Program)

Proposed Budget for July 1, 2014 - April 30, 2015

Salaries $1,223,923
Fringe Benefits 237,552
Travel 3,116
Supplies 60,421
Contractual 90,020
Other* 384,214

$1,999,246

*utilities, parent activities, food, insurance, classroom/building leases

89% of Eligible Children were served in 2013-2014

WESTERN EGYPTIAN EOC HEAD START SERVED 398 CHILDREN FROM 362 FAMILIES IN THE 2013-2014 PROGRAM YEAR