



South Dakota Head Start Association

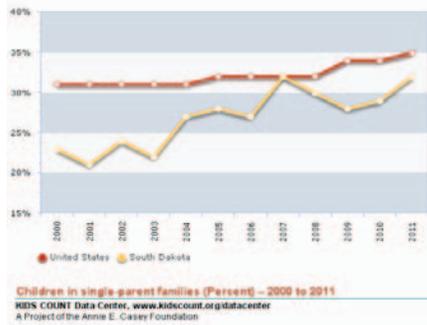
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South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start Families

Family Type

Information on types of families with children enrolled in South Dakota Head Start in 2011-2012 show there were 5,235 families (cumulative enrollment) enrolled in either Head Start/Early Head Start programs with a higher percentage of single-parent families than two-parent families.

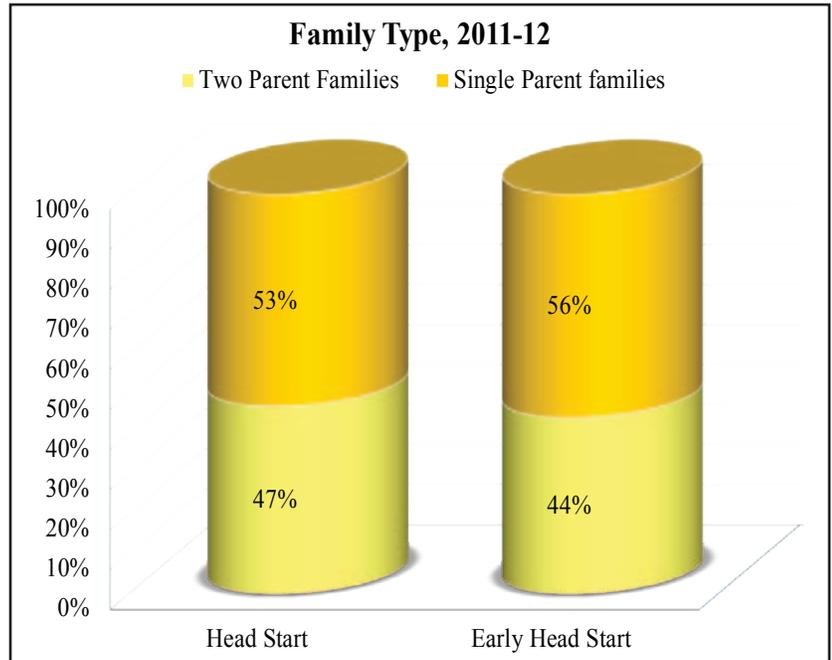
According to the KIDS COUNT Data Center the



percentage of children, under age 18, in single-parent families in 2011 was 32 percent. For the nation it was 35%. The number of children in single-parent families in South

Dakota has increased from 44,000 in 2000 to 62,000 in 2011, a 41 percent increase.

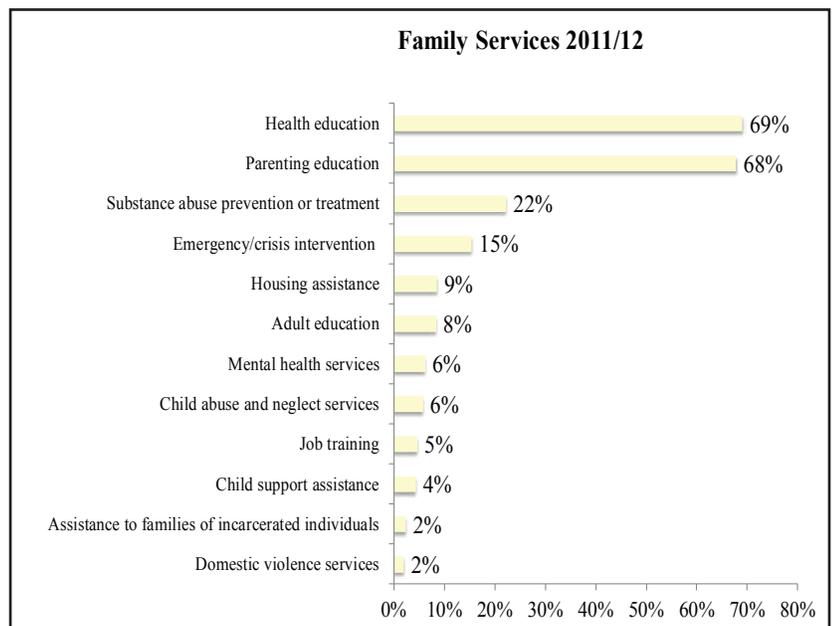
The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center, www.kidscount.org/datacenter



Family Services

In 2011-12, Early Head Start and Head Start programs provided a variety of family services. The chart on the right lists the 12 services provided to families. Over two-thirds of families took advantage of parenting education and health education. Over one-fifth of families, 22 percent, took advantage of substance abuse prevention or treatment services.

Services are provided in individual or small group settings often at the monthly parent meetings. Referrals are made to community agencies best able to support the family in attaining the identified goal. Adult focused educational newsletters support and promote family health and safety. Parenting education groups are often supported with curriculums such as Love and Logic and Common Sense Parenting.



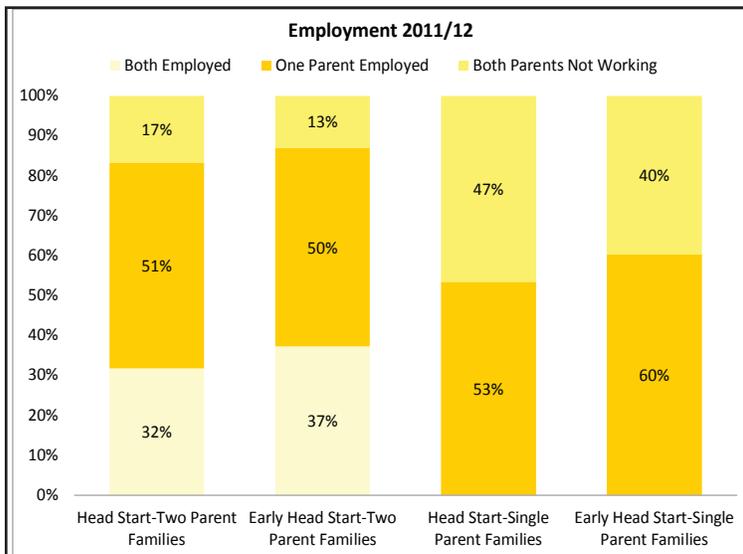
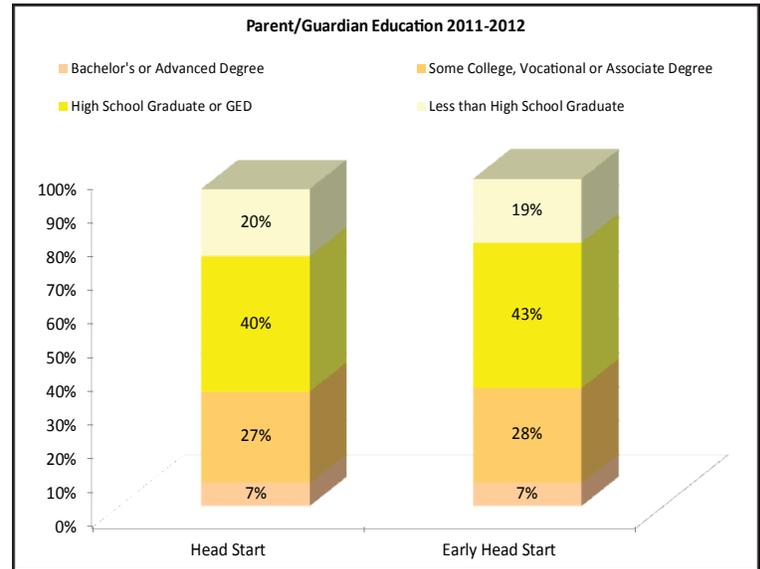
The Head Start / State Collaboration Office - (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.aspx>)

The Head Start / State Collaboration Office, at the Department of Education was established in 1990, is the state's central point of contact between South Dakota Head Start programs and State agencies. Its purpose is to disseminate information about Head Start, assist in development of multi-agency and public/private partnerships between Head Start and the State, assist with interagency agreements for services and transitions from early childhood into the public schools, collaborate with other agency initiatives, and help build early childhood systems and access to comprehensive services for all low-income children.

Education Level

In 2011/12, 40 percent or more of families in Early Head Start/Head Start contained a parent whose highest education level attained was a high school diploma or GED. For 28 percent of EHS and 27 percent of HS families, the highest level of parental education was some college, vocational or associates degree. There were 7 percent of families in Early Head Start and Head Start that had a bachelor's or advanced degree.

There were 248 families who received services in adult education and 222 families who received job training during the 2011/12 program year. The family services staff assists parents in completing their educational goals.



Employment

In 2011, South Dakota ranked first in the nation with 77 percent of children under age six with all available parents in the labor force¹. The national rate was 65 percent.

For Head Start and Early Head Start programs, over half of single- or two-parent families have a parent in the labor force. A third of two-parent families have both parents in the labor force.

For single-parent families in Early Head Start 40 percent are not working, however one-fifth are in training or school. There are 47 percent of single-parents in Head Start not working, however 17 percent are in training or school.

¹Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data Center, <http://datacenter.kidscount.org> accessed 2/21/13.

Children under age 6 with all available parents in the labor force (Percent) – 2008 to 2011						
	Year	Percent		Year	Percent	Rank
United States	2008	64%	South Dakota	2008	78%	1 st
United States	2009	64%	South Dakota	2009	73%	4 th
United States	2010	65%	South Dakota	2010	75%	2 nd
United States	2011	65%	South Dakota	2011	77%	1 st

Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2011/12. The figures are all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. In 2011/12 there were 23 reporting sites.

South Dakota Head Start Association (<http://sdheadstart.org>)



The South Dakota Head Start Association, established in 1989, is to coordinate and conduct activities designed to enhance awareness of Head Start in South Dakota, to be a support link between local, regional and National Head Start programs, to develop joint policy positions and statements which reflect a consensus of the opinions of Head Start Parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends, to establish communication, cooperation and an action network between head Start Directors, Staff, Parents, and Friends within the State of South Dakota, to conduct training on a statewide basis for Head Start parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends and to coordinate efforts with other interested groups.

Our Mission: The South Dakota Head Start Association is a leading voice supporting the work of Head Start programs and their partners through education, advocacy, training and networking for quality early childhood education and services to families. **Our Vision:** To be a positive voice, a powerful advocate and promoter of quality programs for children, families, and communities in South Dakota.