



South Dakota Head Start Association

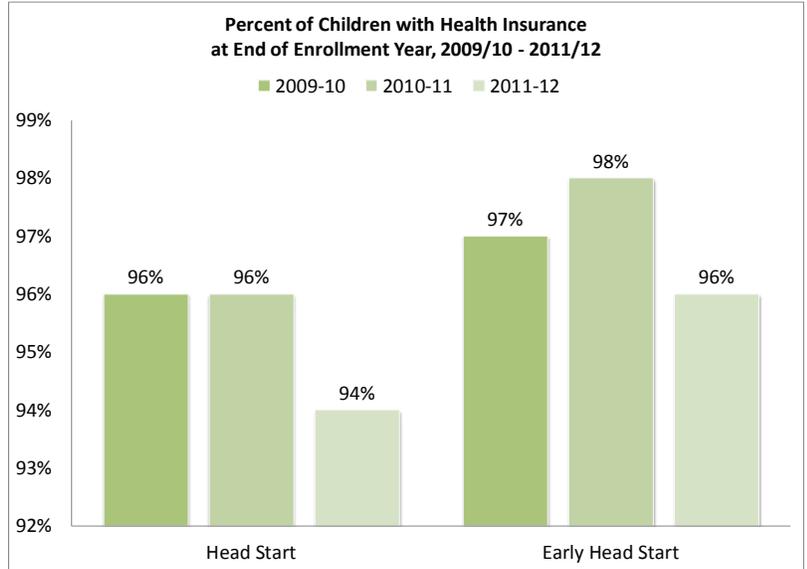
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South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start Health

Health Insurance

The data show that children in Early Head Start are more likely to have health insurance than children in Head Start. Some reasons may be a mother's possible participation in Title 19 provided services during pregnancy, the coverage of well baby checks, and the public health thrust for early childhood immunizations.

The percentage of children with health insurance decreased slightly for Early Head Start children and Head Start children. The majority of enrolled children in Head Start and Early Head Start in South Dakota depend on Medicaid/CHIP to meet their insurance needs.

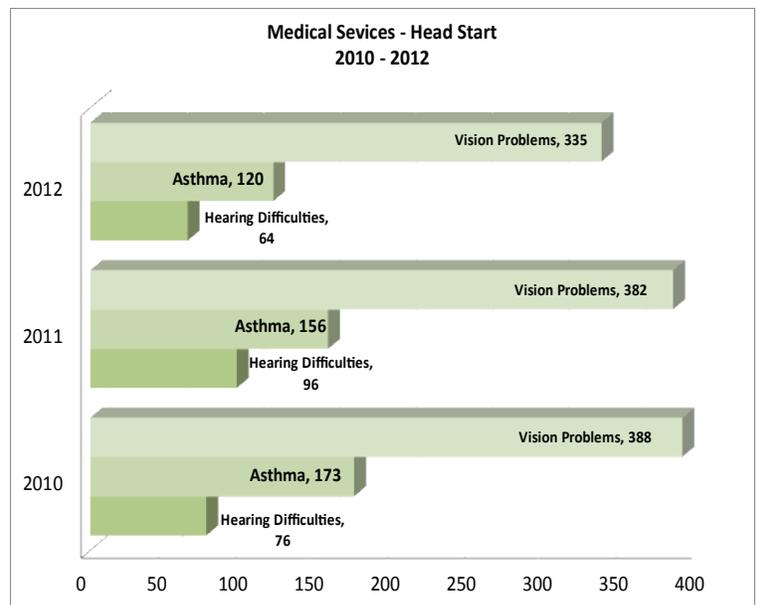
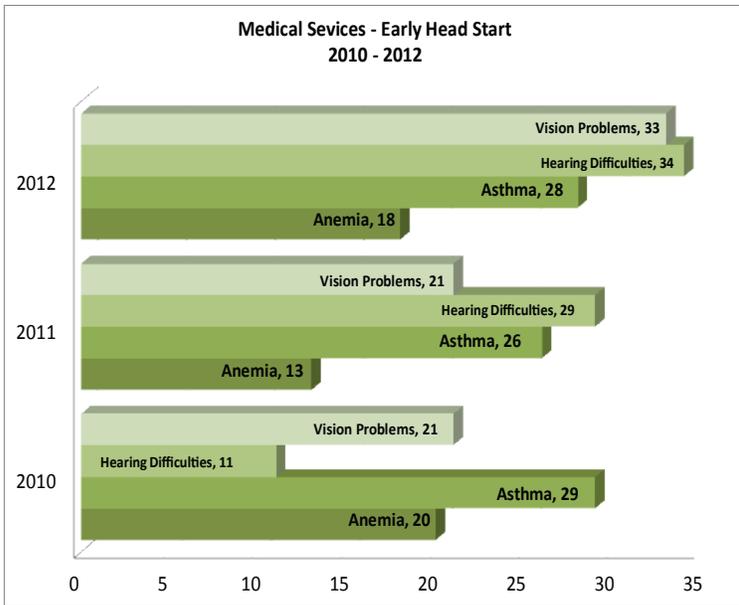


Children's Medical Services

For both Early Head Start and Head Start, there was an increase in the number and percent of children up-to-date according to South Dakota's EPSDT schedule at end of enrollment year.

The graph shows the number of children who received treatment by type of medical service for the past three program years. There was an increase from previous program years in the number of Early Head Start children receiving treatment for vision problems, hearing difficulties, and asthma.

For Head Start children, there was a decrease from previous program years in the number receiving treatment for vision problems, asthma and hearing difficulties.

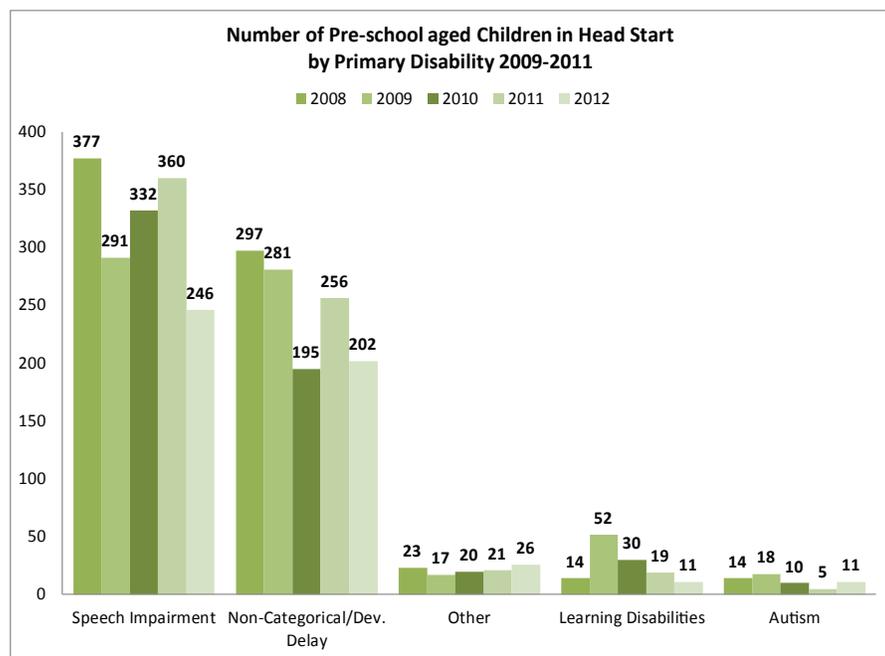
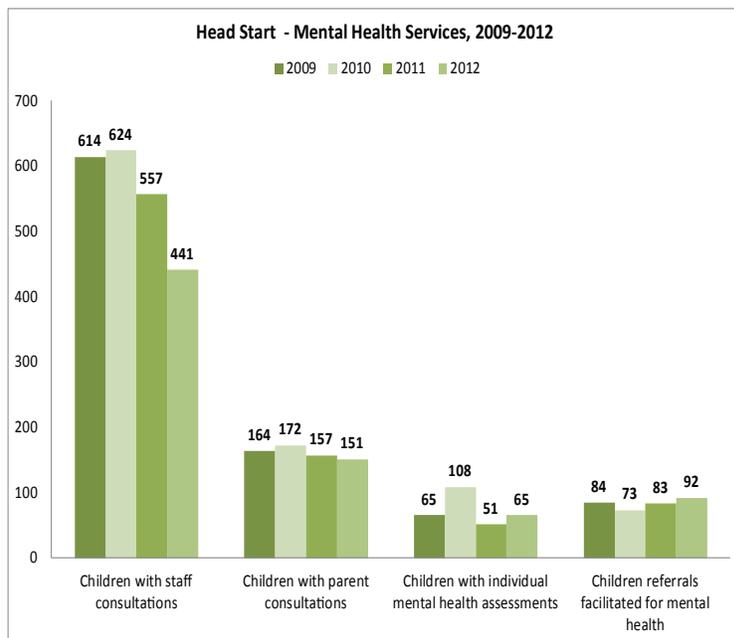
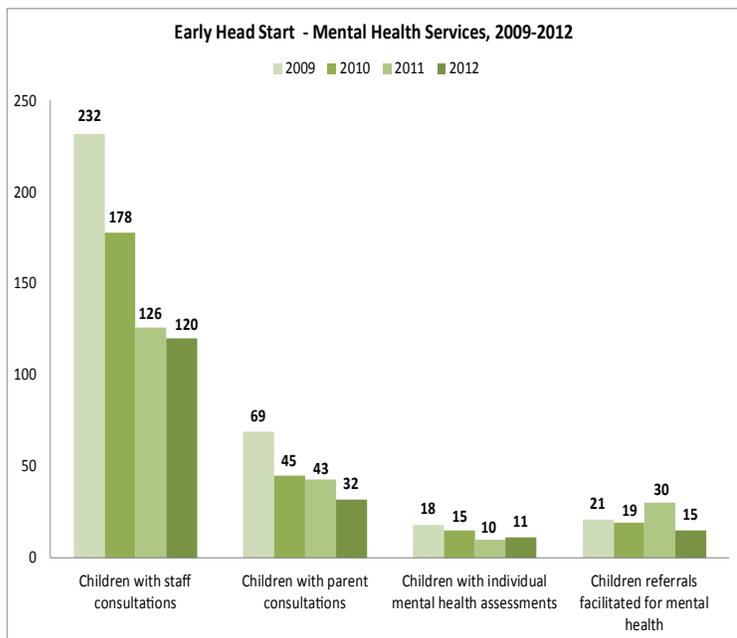


The Head Start / State Collaboration Office (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.aspx>)

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.

Mental Health Services

Early Head Start and Head Start programs provide mental health services and refer to mental health providers based on the needs of the child and family. The charts show Mental Health Services for Early Head Start and Head Start. For both programs there were fewer children with a staff consultation than in previous years.



Disability Services

The graph on the right shows the number of children and their primary disability (preschool programs) for 2009, 2010, 2011, and 2012.

Federal Head Start standards require that children with a disability comprise at least ten percent of total enrollment. In 2011/2012, over 12 percent of South Dakota children enrolled in Head Start had a diagnosed disability.

Most of South Dakota pre-school aged children are not diagnosed with a disability. The greatest number of children are diagnosed with speech impairment. This affected over 5 percent of enrollees in 2012. Non-categorical developmental delay is the second most commonly diagnosed disability for Head Start pre-school aged children.

Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2006/07 - 2011/12. The figures are all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. There are 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.



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