

# FNA HEAD START 2013 PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT



## Fairbanks Native Association Head Start

320 Second Avenue, Fairbanks, AK 99701  
(907) 456-4989 - fax (907)456-4909



### Program Description

FNA Head Start promotes cultural identity of Alaska Native and American Indian families, while giving children educational, physical, social skills, and tools to have a great head start towards kindergarten. All of the children receive screenings to help ensure that they are where they should be developmentally and Head Start seeks to obtain additional services for them when needed. Head Start works with families to connect with partnering community agencies for additional resources that they may need.

### Program History

FNA Head Start opened its door in 1993. The original site, the Poldine Carlo Building dedicated to one of FNA's founders, provided part day services for 60 children and home base care for 22 children. The original program had 15 staff members.

FNA Head Start has grown through the years and a staff of 30 now enriches community children at two sites, the Poldine Carlo Building on 2nd Avenue and the McKinley Building on Gaffney Rd. Currently the program is funded to serve 140 children; 120 in the Center Base option and 20 in the Combo Option (a Home Base Option).

### Program overview

FNA Head Start accepts applications from all families of the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The children enrolled in FNA Head Start are guided in developing social skills, physical fitness and educational tools that give them a head start towards kindergarten. All children receive appropriate developmental screenings and referrals as needed. The program is inclusive and promotes cultural identity of Alaska Native and American Indian families through onsite activities and field trips to cultural events such as the Festival of Alaska Native Arts.

- ⊗ **Center Based (Ages 3-5 years):** Center based services focus on health, nutrition, education, and cultural activities.
- ⊗ **Part Day Services:** FNA Head Start has 4 Part Day Classes, 2 morning classes and 2 afternoon classes. The FNSBSD provides speech/language services once a week for these children. This service is open Monday through Thursday, 4 hours per day, September – May.
- ⊗ **Extended Day Services:** FNA Head Start has 2 Extended Day Classes are for parents/guardians who are in training/school, searching for work or currently employed. The FNSBSD provides speech/language services once a week for these children. The Extended Day Classes are open Monday through Thursday, 10 hours per day, September – July.
- ⊗ **Combo – Home Base/Center Base (Ages 3 to 5 years):** This service is a Home Base/Classroom experience combination. A home visitor schedules Classroom experience two times a week combined with one home visit a month between September– May.



~All enrolled Head Start children are eligible and participate in the CACFP (Child & Adult Care Food Program).~  
~This institution is an equal opportunity provider.~

### **Program Highlights for 2013**

- ☼ Head Start served 182 children during the Program Year and has a wait pool of less than 60 children at the end of the year.
  
- ☼ Of the children the Head Start served:
  - 100 children were enrolled based on income eligibility – 55%
  - 10 children were enrolled based on receiving public assistance – 6%
  - 16 children were enrolled based on homeless and/or foster child status – 9%
  - 46 children enrolled were in the over income category – 25%
- ☼ Head Start children received preventive health care services:
  - 155 Head Start children had health insurance.
  - 87 Head Start children were up-to-date on schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care.
  - 182 Head Start children were up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
  - 116 Head Start children completed a professional dental exam.
  - 163 Head Start children had a continuous source of health care.
- ☼ Head Start children received educational services:
  - 60 Head Start children completed routine screenings for developmental, sensory and behavioral concerns.
  - 27 Head Start children received services thru the FBNSB school district, one child tested out of services.
  - 70 Head Start children transitioned to kindergarten.
- ☼ Head Start Families were provided with:
  - Resources for emergency/crisis intervention
  - Adult education, English as a second language training
  - Housing and food assistance
  - Parenting, marriage, and child support
  - Health/mental health education
  - An array of abuse prevention assistance
- ☼ McKinley Site opened on October 7, 2013. The site is beautiful! It houses one infant/toddler class, the combo classes (one classroom) and two 3-5 year old classes.
- ☼ Head Start provided transportation services to an average of 8 children monthly and maintained an average ridership of 66% during program year 2013.
- ☼ February 21, 2013 the Head Start children performed at the Festival of Native Arts. Former Head Start student Elias Saylor drummed for the children. The performance was a wonderful success. The children performed the *Seagull Song*, the *Athabaskan Twist* and *Is It Time For Fish Camp?*.



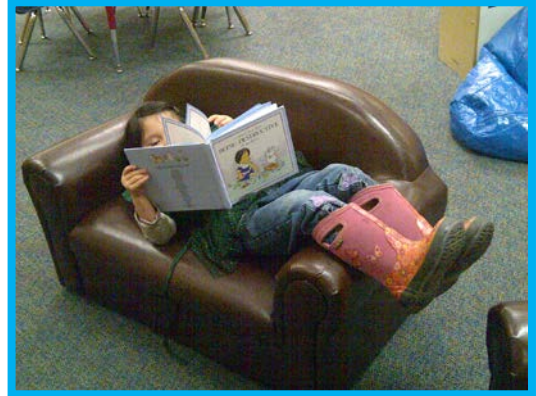
- ☼ The Head Start Part Day Option held their End of Year Celebration on May 23, 2013 and the Extended Day Option held their End of Year Celebration on July 25, 2013. Both celebrations took place at Pioneer Park and were great wonderful successes!
- ☼ Head Start staff participated in a number of recruitment events during the year:
  - ☞ Mush for Kids on April 6, 2013
  - ☞ Kids Day at Friends Church on June 15, 2013
  - ☞ FNA booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair on August 5th, Kids Day.
  - ☞ Best Beginnings Health Fair on September 14, 2013
- ☼ Head Start and Early Head Start walked in the Golden Days Parade on Saturday, July 20, 2013. We handed out close to 3000 children toothbrushes with FNA EHS/HS name and phone numbers imprinted and close to 1000 EHS/HS Head Start applications.
- ☼ Two Head Start families joined the National Park Service in Denali National Park, July 26-28 for CAMP (Camping Adventures with My Parent/s). This was the first time that FNA partnered with NPS for CAMP.
- ☼ Head Start held the Annual Head Start Family Holiday Party on December 18, 2013 at the Pioneer Park Civic Center. This year we had activity tables set up for the families to participate in during the party. The food was great and the special visitor (Santa) stayed busy but was not overwhelmed. Kudos to the staff and volunteers that did a great job!
- ☼ In accordance with the Head Start Reauthorization - School Readiness Act of 2007 the FNA Head Start Primary Teachers for program year 2013; four of the six Primary Teachers on staff meet the required qualifications.
- ☼ Tanana Chiefs Conference provided the following health services on site to the Head Start Program during September 2013:
  - ☞ The Dental Clinic provided dental exams to the Head Start children.
  - ☞ The Eye Clinic provided vision exams to the Head Start children.
- ☼ The Head Start children received on site hearing exams and height and weight measurements during September and October 2013.
- ☼ FNA Early Head Start/Head Start had nine nominees for Alaska Head Start Association Providers of the Year Awards for 2013. FNA Early Head Start/Head Start had two award winners:
  - ☞ Ashley Vedrode – Beating the Odds
  - ☞ Jayme Gunderson – Beating the Odds – **Award Winner**
  - ☞ Dennis Bjorklund – Father of the Year – **Award Winner**
  - ☞ Gayle Bjorklund – Mother of the Year
  - ☞ Aileen Cotter – Administrative Support of the Year
  - ☞ Dina Contreras – Assistant Teacher of the Year
  - ☞ Tyler Brooks – Bus Driver of the Year
  - ☞ Crystal Hill – Content Specialist of the Year
  - ☞ Jerri Lomax – Home Visitor of the Year



**School Readiness**

☼ FNA Head Start Child Development Outcomes Children "Ready for School" - Fall 2012 and Spring 2013: Percentages reflect changes in children learning between Fall 2012 and Spring 2013. (Only the children that were kindergarten bound in fall 2013 are reflected in the outcomes report. Full outcomes available on request)

- Physical Development: Fall 2012 – 57.69% / Spring 2013 – 90.26%
- Social Emotional Development: Fall 2012 – 73.09% / Spring 2013 – 93.10%
- Cognitive Development: Fall 2012 – 90.39% / Spring 2013 – 100.00%
- Language Development: Fall 2012 – 55.13% / Spring 2013 – 73.66%
- Literacy Development: Fall 2012 – 73.72% / Spring 2013 – 95.87%
- Mathematics Development: Fall 2012 – 28.85% / Spring 2013 – 54.77%
- Approaches to Learning: Fall 2012 – 71.15% / Spring 2013 – 90.45%



**2013 Sequestration Effects**

The Sequestration effect to the Early Head Start/Head Start budget was a funding cut of \$194,671. This funding cut resulted in 30 enrollment slots not being filled, 5 staff vacancies not being filled, Home Based year cut from a 12 month option to a 9 month option, and EHS/HS not receiving wage increases during FY13-14.

**Fiscal**

**HEAD START BUDGET FY 2012-2013**

**Revenues:**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| DHHS – Office of Head Start                         | \$1,646,988.00        |
| Extended Day Services                               | \$ 158,982.98         |
| State of Alaska Grant (shared with FNA-EHS)         | \$ 129,669.00         |
| Child/Adult Care Food Program (shared with FNA-EHS) | \$ 148,400.21         |
| Child Care Grant                                    | \$ 5,349.14           |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                                | <b>\$2,089,389.33</b> |

**Expenses:**

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Payroll and fringe benefits | \$1,266,593.12         |
| Operating expenses          | \$ 545,515.36          |
| Indirect expenses           | \$ 277,016.72          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>       | <b>\$ 2,089,125.20</b> |

☼ FNA Early Head Start/Head Start Program served 48,504 meals and snacks to the Head Start children during the 2013 program year with the Child Adult Care Food Program grant.

☼ Credit card expenditures for FY 2013 were \$2943.94. This was the use of one credit card, the Fleet One card which is used for fuel for the school buses.

☼ IN-KIND FUNDING: We received a total of in-kind funding for our Head Start classroom and office spaces, as well as other in-kind support in the amount of: \$411,747