

Presenter info



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Partnership for Community Action, Inc.

Operating MIECHV:

A Program Perspective

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Early/ Head Start Program



Program Overview



The Partnership for Community Action, Inc.'s Head Start/Early Head Start program serves over 1400 children in DeKalb and Rockdale counties in the State of Georgia.

Head Start = 1140

Early Head Start=229

- Center Based – 181
- Home Based – 32
- ***MIECHV– 12 (DeKalb only)**
- Pregnant Moms - 16



Operating MIECHV @ PCA



- MIECHV is blended into PCA's Early Head Start Home Based (HB) Program Option. We currently have one full time home visitor who serves 12 families.
- Georgia MIECHV Benchmarks are met and exceeded in addition to the EHS HB Program Option Performance Standards.
- MIHOPE Initiative is also blended into the program.



Quality Enhancements



Supplemental assistance MIECHV has been able to provide:

- Improved Socialization Classroom
- Additional Supplies and Materials for Home Visiting
- Increased technology for EHS/HB/MIECHV Program
- Additional professional development for MIECHV Home Visitor/Supervisor



Program Challenges



- MIECHV vs. Early Head Start enrollment requirements
- Many entities ensuring program quality and success; needed to clarify roles and effective communication systems
- Utilized multiple database systems including:
 - ✓ Child Plus (Internal system)
 - ✓ Teaching Strategies GOLD (assessment database)
 - ✓ GEOHVIS (Georgia Home Visiting Information System)
- MIHOPE randomization process

BLENDING PARENTS AS TEACHERS AND HEAD START EXPECTATIONS



Parents as Teachers Foundational Curriculum and Approach aligns with:

- Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework's Five Essential domains
- Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework: Family Engagement Outcomes
- State Early Learning Guidelines for Infants and Toddlers

MIECHV Impact on Families/Program



- 2013/2014 Served 20 children and families in MIECHV requires that we serve 12 children each year.
- 25% of families enrolled in MIECHV home visiting are dual language learners who are Immigrants from Ethiopia
- 33% enrolled are Teen Moms



Outcomes and Data



- 75% or 8/12 met widely held expectations for all developmental domains
- 25% or 4/12 did not meet the widely held expectations for 2 of the developmental domains(speech and gross-motor)
 - 2 children referred to *Babies Can't Wait* for services
 - 2 children came to the program with IFSP's through *Babies Can't Wait*



- 42% or 5/12 mothers enrolled were able to find employment with the support of the MIECHV Home Visitor
- 33% or 4/12 mothers enrolled in school for continuing and/or higher education
- 100% of families received resource/referrals based on information from the Family Partnership Agreement

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Success Stories



- A MIECHV teen mom, was enrolled for two years, successfully:
 - Established personal and family goals
 - Enrolled in Job Corps-March 2014
 - Left unstable/unsafe environments by removing herself and child from abusive relationships
 - Earned GED

Where are we today?



- MIECHV has become a valuable asset to the Early Head Start/Home Based Program Option. It has helped create a successful and transformative program for our community within DeKalb County. The ability to serve more families at home provides a unique opportunity for community outreach, creating a broader involvement with community providers in our area.



Thank you



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for giving us the opportunity to share information
about our program
with you.



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