

# Oahe Child Development Center, Inc. Annual Report

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#### **Vision Statement**

Caring communities that maximize the potential of all children and families

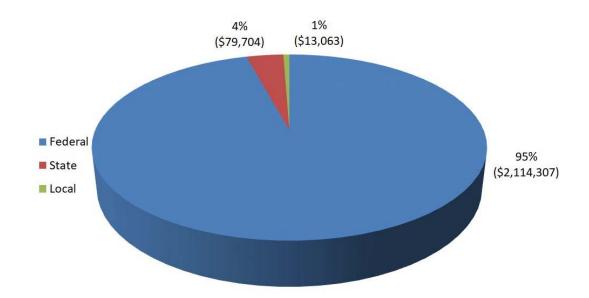
#### **Mission Statement**

Empowering individuals, strengthening families, and building communities for school and life success

### Oahe Child Development Center, Inc.

During the 2018-19 program year, Oahe Child Development Center (OCDC) served 161 Head Start children from 138 families and 59 Early Head Start pregnant mothers, infants, and toddlers from 56 families. The monthly average enrollment was 100% of funded enrollment. Head Start centers were located in Hughes and Jones County. Head Start home based services were provided in Hyde, Hughes, Stanley and Sully Counties. Early Head Start home based services were provided in Hughes, Hyde, Jones, Stanley, and Sully County. OCDC served approximately 83% of the eligible population.

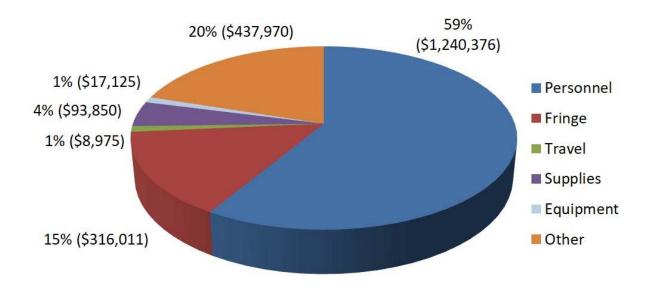
2018-2019 Funding: \$2,207,074



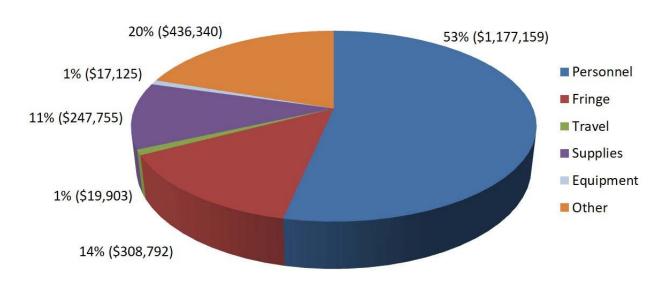
#### **Financial Information**

- Federal funding primarily comes from the Head Start Basic Grant, Head Start Training Grant, Early Head Start Basic Grant, and Early Head Start Training Grant.
- State funding comes from USDA Food Program Reimbursements.
- Local funding comes from United Way, SD Community Foundation and Harvest of the Month.

## 2018 - 2019 Budget



**2018 – 2019 Expenditures** 



#### **Most Recent Audit and Review**

The results from the most recent Federal Monitoring Review (April 2018), showed no areas of noncompliance. The most recent financial audit (May 2019) had no findings as well.

#### **Medical / Dental Information**

Oahe Child Development Center works with parents and the community to continue to educate regarding the importance of preventative care. The following chart shows information regarding the 2018-2019 program year:

	Head Start	Early Head Start
The percentage that are up-to-date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary health care.	94%	85%
The percentage of Head Start children who have completed a professional dental examination since last year's Program Information Report. (HS)	88%	N/A
The percentage of Early Head Start children who are up-to-date on preventive and primary oral health care according to the state's EPSDT schedule. (EHS)	N/A	83%

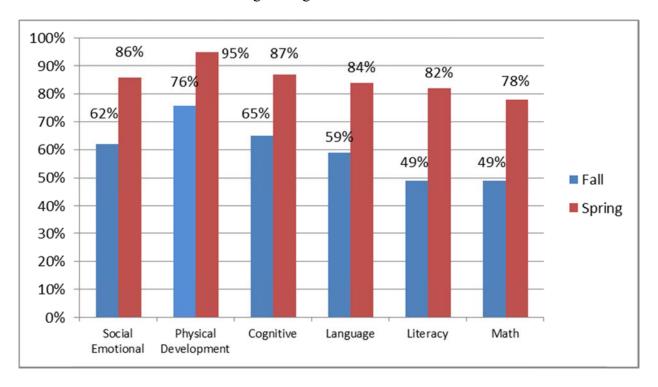
#### **School Readiness**

The focus of school readiness is making sure that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning and schools are ready for children. OCDC partners with families to set school readiness goals which emphasize five domains of learning: (1) Physical Development (2) Social and Emotional Development, (3) Approaches Toward Learning, (4) Language and Literacy Development, and (5) Cognition. School readiness goals apply to infants, toddlers, and preschool-aged children, with expectations progressing as children get older. The goals are aligned with South Dakota Early Learning Standards, Head Start Framework, and expectations of local schools. Creative Curriculum is the curriculum used and progress towards school readiness goals is measured three times per year using data from Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment.

# OCDC School Readiness Goal Scores 2018-2019 Percentage of Children Meeting or Exceeding Age Level Expectations

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Develop/use perceptual information to guide motions/interactions such as traveling, navigation, and balance.	76%	93%	97%
Develop skills to manipulate and explore.	84%	93%	98%
Develop healthy habits and safe practices.	74%	89%	93%
Regulate own emotions and behaviors.	75%	86%	90%
Establish positive relationships and interactions.	67%	86%	94%
Demonstrate a positive self-concept and self-confidence.	65%	78%	85%
Begin to learn and use rules, routines and directions.	70%	83%	90%
Develop persistence/attentiveness, curiosity/initiative, and flexibility/creativity.	78%	90%	95%
Demonstrate receptive and expressive language.	73%	86%	90%
Engage, respond to, and understand stories and books.	66%	81%	87%
Demonstrate alphabet knowledge and phonological awareness.	66%	74%	82%
Demonstrate the concepts of print.	70%	76%	82%
Demonstrate early writing skills.	61%	81%	88%
Begin to develop inquiry, reasoning, and problem-solving skills.	72%	86%	92%
Begin to learn/use simple mathematic skills.	62%	75%	83%

The following chart shows the percentage of enrolled children that met or exceeded age level expectations across all learning domains during the 2018-19 program year, as assessed by Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment.



# **OCDC Program CLASS Scores**

Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) is used to monitor classroom quality. The classrooms are scored on a scale of 1-7 with 7 being the best, except for the negative climate in which a score of 1 is the best. The following are scores from our most recent Federal Review, which occurred in April 2018.

Domain	Dimension	2018 National CLASS Scores Average	2018 OCDC CLASS Scores
<b>Emotional Support</b>	Positive Climate	6.04	6.00
	Negative Climate (Smaller number is better)	1.06	1.00
	Teacher Sensitivity	5.90	6.25
	Regard for Student Perspectives	5.44	6.38
	Average of Dimension	6.08	6.4063
Classroom Organization	Behavior Management	5.99	6.50
	Productivity	6.10	6.75
	Instructional Learning Formats	5.29	6.19

	Average of Dimension	5.80	6.4792
Instructional	Concept Development	2.44	2.25
Support	Quality of Feedback	2.98	3.63
	Language Modeling	3.46	3.75
	Average of Dimension	2.96	3.2083

Transition activities and information are provided to ensure the smooth movement of children and families from Head Start into a public education setting, from Early Head Start to Head Start, as well as through other life changes. This is accomplished through the use of informational materials, parent socials, visits to the public school or Head Start, transition meetings with local education agencies, transfer of records, and ongoing education about the transition process. Examples of transition activities include: educational material sent to families about sippy cups, pacifiers, toilet training, new siblings, new baby packets for parents, meetings with kindergarten teachers, and transition plans for each child. Transition packets and information are given to families for summer activities and information about the child's next placement.

## **Parent Engagement**

OCDC believes that parents are a child's first and most important educator and sends home weekly educational home activities for the parents to complete with their child(ren). Parents are asked about their child's strengths, needs, and interests. This parent engagement helps to promote positive child outcomes. Parents are encouraged to be engaged throughout the learning process as well as asked to be engaged in a variety of activities, committees, and volunteering opportunities in the program, some of which include Health Services Advisory Council, interview committees, Policy Council, and Parent Committees. Some specific parent engagement activities during the 2018-2019 program year included: Project Connect, Health and Nutrition Night, Stress Reduction Activity Night, Little Red Hen Night, and Pancakes for Parents.

Staff build relationships with parents and encourage them to set and achieve goals for themselves and their child(ren). OCDC's Head Start families set 92 goals for themselves during our 2018-2019 program year and completed 72 of them for a 78% completion rate. Early Head Start families set 38 goals and completed 28 of them for a 74% completion rate. Parents are encouraged to attend parent events that focus on health and safety, mental health, nutrition, transition, family and community services, and education topics. During the 2018-19 program year, OCDC had 393 people volunteer services or items to our program, and 196 of those were current or former Head Start or Early Head Start parents.

# Parent Statistics from our 2018-19 Program Year

#### Percent of parents that:

stated staff kept them informed of program information, activities, socials or parent meetings.	98%
felt program staff listened to their concerns and provided appropriate information, resources, and referrals to meet their family's needs.	100%
gained knowledge regarding their child's health care needs.	98%
stated they gained knowledge from our program about strategies that helped	98%

them with their child's behavior.	
stated they gained knowledge and strategies that helped them with their child with his/her literacy and language skills.	99%
stated they had become more involved with their child's education.	95%
made at least one healthy change in their diet this year as a result of being in our program.	90%
stated our program gave them an opportunity to advance their career and other life goals.	78%
were involved in their child's classroom and/or lesson planning.	93%
stated that our program increased their awareness of the availability of mental health resources in the community.	94%
stated they have been kept informed of Policy Council activities.	94%
felt their self-confidence and leadership skills improved by being involved with our program.	91%
had experiences in our program that supported their self-sufficiency, parenting skills, or their family's independence.	95%
stated the overall quality of services that OCDC provided to their families as above average and excellent.	95%
rated OCDC's reputation in the community as excellent or above average.	97%

The following are a few comments from the parents of our enrolled children:

- Thanks to you, my daughter has improved so much over the last few months it is unreal. Everything has improved!
- I like how all the staff care about the children. They are so willing to help my child in any way possible. They let us know of programs available. I cannot say enough good things about the program and staff.
- The teachers have each child and their specific needs all identified so I am confident as a parent that they are learning at the pace they are ready for.
- Head Start has impacted our family by giving my daughter the opportunity to interact with peers and learn proper behavior with the oversight of competent professionals.
- My child has developed in motor skills, recognition skills, and has learned a lot at Head Start. Head Start encouraged me to register to vote and to pursue our goal of buying a home for our family. Because of Head Start, we have developed new routines in our home and we are eating healthier and trying new things.

## **Summary of Key Findings from the Community Assessment**

Key findings from the overall community assessment that provide vital information for program planning include:

• Children need to continue to grow in the areas of math and social skills.

- South Dakota childhood obesity is still a concern.
- Alcohol/other drug abuse are concerns in the community; however, individuals surveyed did not feel it was a concern for their family, only for other families in the community.
- Bullying and other social emotional skills are a concern in the community.

Strengths noted in the community assessment were:

- Head Start and Early Head Start and preschool services
- Faith/spiritual support systems
- School systems
- Collaborative Helping Communities

OCDC used the information obtained from the community assessment in conjunction with other program data to guide program services and set program goals and objectives.

