

2023-2024

ANNUAL REPORT



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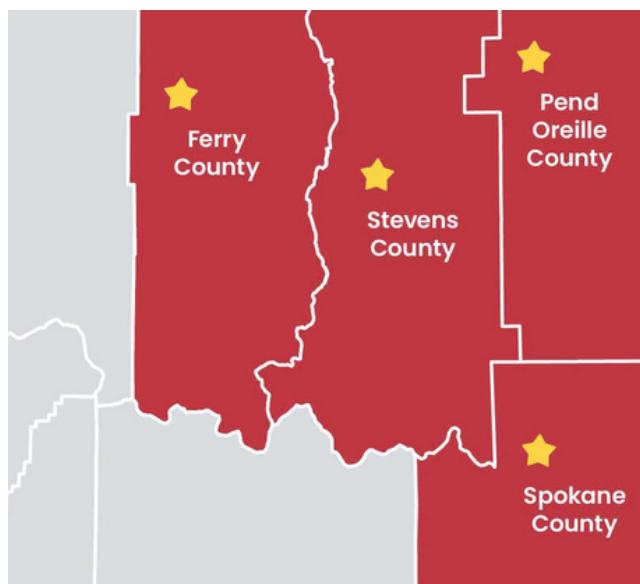


Eastern Washington University Early Head Start (EWU EHS) is a federally-funded program that promotes early learning and school readiness for children under age 3. EWU EHS also provides support for prenatal health and development. We have been serving the local communities for more than 20 years, aligning with Eastern Washington University's mission to ignite generational transformation, embrace equity and social justice, drive innovation, and transform the communities in our region.

EWU EHS accomplishes this mission by delivering the following services:

- Weekly home-visits with evidence-based curriculum and resources
- Twice monthly parent-child socialization experiences, called Play and Learns, at our state-of-the-art early learning classrooms in Newport and Colville, WA
- Parent opportunities for parent councils, parent meetings, and parent trainings

The EWU EHS service area covers over 6,000 square miles of Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties in northeast Washington State. These counties are federally designated frontier areas and medically underserved areas.





PARENT INVOLVEMENT

EWU EHS helps parents prepare their infant or toddler for success in school and in life by ensuring each child is making progress toward fulfilling their developmental potential

- ★ Parent Child Educators provide individualized learning activities to help parents support their child's language, cognitive, motor, and social emotional skills
- ★ Parents are engaged in planning and carrying out learning and developmental experiences with their child
- ★ Families are empowered to obtain early intervention services
- ★ Parents are encouraged to advocate for their child's health and developmental needs
- ★ EWU EHS provides support for the parent's mental health and well-being
- ★ There are extra opportunities for parents to attend parent meetings, policy council, professional trainings, and monthly play groups for their children



OUR LATEST NUMBERS

105

AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT:
PREGNANT PERSONS, INFANTS,
AND TODDLERS



133 FAMILIES SERVED

- ★ Percentage of eligible children served in 2023-2024: 94%
- ★ Children up-to-date on Well-Child Exams: 78%
- ★ Children Up-To-Date as Possible on Immunizations: 61%
- ★ Children that had a Dental Exam with a dentist or an Oral Screening from their doctor: 78%*

- ★ Enrolled children that were homeless: 10%
- ★ Enrolled children who were referred to Early Head Start services by a child welfare agency: 12%
- ★ Pregnant women served: 18
- ★ Children with a diagnosed developmental delay or disability: 10%
- ★ Children in foster care or placed with a legal guardian: 11%
- ★ Total enrolled children who graduated from the program: 51%

**153
CHILDREN
SERVED**

*The federal EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment) exam schedule recommends a first visit with a dentist upon the eruption of the first tooth or at age one, but it does not require a visit with a dentist until age 3.



PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARDEN

- ★ Planned and implemented individualized data-informed home-based learning experiences
- ★ Completed over 4,000 home visits throughout the 6000 square mile service area
- ★ Traveled over 120,000 miles to provide home-based services in remote areas
- ★ Coordinated and aligned services with Individualized Family Services Plans for children with disabilities
- ★ Utilized self-assessment data and ongoing developmental assessment data to plan new 5-year goals for the 2019-2024 grant application
- ★ Conducted Policy Council, staff, and board member interviews regarding WA Kids data and implications for the next 5-year program and school readiness goals



Summary of Community Assessment Findings and Trends

- Lack of childcare options
- Lack of housing and rental assistance options
- Increases in homelessness
- Limited medical, therapy, and dental services including sparse pediatric services
- Regression in all stages of development
- Increases in reported child abuse or neglect cases
- Increases in domestic violence, substance use, and crime
- Poorer mental and social health
- Internet and phone service connectivity issues
- Burdensome grocery and fuel prices
- Growing mistrust in government services
- Reported need for increased financial literacy and household budgeting skills

BUDGET



\$2,369,459

DHHS, ACF EARLY HEAD START AWARD



**\$944,468.93
NON-FEDERAL SHARE
CONTRIBUTIONS**

Operational Budget

Budget Category	Approved Budget	Actual Expenditures
Personnel	\$1,178,752.00	\$1,096,764.82
Fringe Benefits	\$546,814.00	\$466,278.61
Travel	\$54,040.00	\$55,161.65
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$65,442.00	\$105,170.96
Contractual	\$36,750.00	\$38,068.17
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$272,255.00	\$392,576.41
Total Direct Charges	\$2,154,053.00	\$2,154,020.62
Indirect Charges	\$215,406.00	\$215,438.38
Total	\$2,369,459.00	\$2,369,459.00

No Audit Findings. The State of Washington Single Audit Report for FY23 does not include any findings or questioned costs for Eastern Washington University. www.ofm.wa.gov

Head Start Compliance. Eastern Washington University Early Head Start did not have a federal monitoring review in FY 24 and meets compliance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS).