



South Central
Child Development Inc.
Head Start Preschool & Family Services

2023 Annual Report

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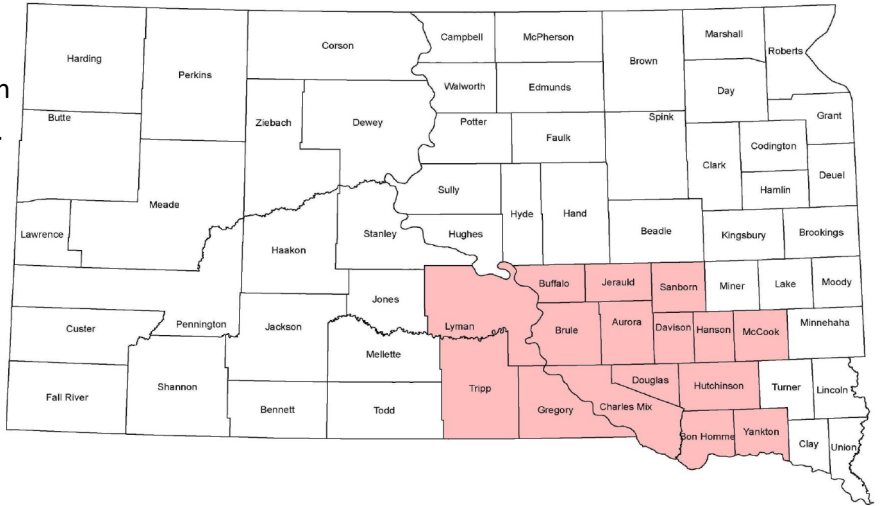
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Established January 2, 1986

About Us

South Central Child Development, Inc. provides Head Start Preschool and Family Services to children and their families located in the following sixteen counties: Aurora, Bon Homme, Brule, Buffalo, Charles Mix, Davison, Douglas, Gregory, Hanson, Hutchinson, Jerauld, Lyman, McCook, Sanborn, Tripp, and Yankton. Our Head Start Program provides three service delivery options (focused on school readiness) through a center-based program, a home-based program, and a locally designed option.

The average enrollment for the Agency was 336 and 303 (100%) with a cumulative enrollment of 344 children from 310 households (from the 2023-2024 school year). 52 children dropped and did not re-enroll in the program. 5 children were enrolled for less than 45 days (from the 2023-2024 school year).



Enrollment History:

Jan 2023	336/336	100%
Feb 2023	336/336	100%
Mar 2023	336/336	100%
Apr 2023	336/336	100%
May 2023	336/336	99.7%
Sept 2023	302/303	100%
Oct 2023	303/303	100%
Nov 2023	303/303	100%
Dec 2023	303/303	100%

Approximately 2,027 preschool-aged children live in South Central Child Development, Inc.'s service area. We serve 17% of those children.

Our last Federal Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) review was completed in 2017. CLASS scores programs in three domains, rating them between one (1) and seven (7), with seven being the highest. We received the following scores:



Emotional Support	5.7656
Classroom Organization	5.4167
Instructional Support	2.6250

Clean Audit

Focus Area One

2019



REVIEW

Clean Audit

Focus Area Two

2022

Head Start Services

Nutrition—Nutrition education promotes good nutrition as a way to good health. The emphasis is placed on nutrition education for the parents as well as the child. Nutritious meals and snacks are served during child group activities.



Mental Health—The goal of the mental health component is to provide a comprehensive program to ensure a positive mental health attitude for the child and the family. This is accomplished by providing positive experiences to assist in the child's physical, emotional, cognitive, and social development; with an overall goal of social competence and mental wellness. Head Start will assist and provide resources and referrals with follow-up to ensure the child and family receives identified mental wellness services.

Disabilities—The Head Start Program believes that all children, regardless of their disability, can benefit from a comprehensive evaluation and services at an early age, whether they be provided by Head Start or by other service agencies. By coordinating available services in the community and state with local Head Start resources, the child will receive immediate and ongoing services.



Parent, Family & Community Engagement—Head Start supports parents as nurturers, teachers and advocates for their child by engaging parents in policy making decisions that affect their child's growth and development, and developing and sustaining programs that support parents in carrying out their parental responsibilities with respect for their own values, ethics and cultural backgrounds.

Family Services—The Head Start Program is based on the premise that when low-income families have access to local resources and programs, they will develop more self-reliance and social competence. The Family Services component provides information, referrals, assistance, and support in education, health, nutrition, disabilities, and community resources to Head Start Families.



Health



255 (74.1%) children received a dental exam.

44 children need dental treatment.
43 children received dental treatment.
344 (100%) children had a dental home at the end of the program year.

The goal of the health component is to provide a comprehensive child wellness program which includes a broad range of medical and dental services to the preschool age child that assist in the child's physical, cognitive and social development. Each child is required to have a physical examination, provide a record of immunizations and complete a dental examination. Head Start will assist families with identified health needs and follow-up with the family to ensure the child receives the needed services. If the family has not established a "medical home" or "dental home", Head Start staff will assist in establishing one.

306 (89.0%) children received a medical exam.

48 children need medical treatment.
47 children received medical treatment.
342 (99.4%) children had a medical home at the end of the program year.

School Readiness, Outcomes and Transitions

Our Agency commits to helping all children build a strong foundation necessary for school readiness and the transition from Head Start to Kindergarten. Through the promotion of family engagement and school readiness goals, the movement of children and families from Head Start to the public education setting will be a smooth transition. This is accomplished through the transition process and solid program foundations focused on school readiness.



We recognize parents as their child's first teacher and become a resource to help parents with their child's School Readiness Plan. Individual Child School Readiness Plans are developed with the parent using information gathered from "This is My Child". School Readiness Goals center around the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework Central Domain areas. Staff and parents look at the individual child's areas of need and write goals for the individual child to support the child's Head Start experience in each identified area. During the year, staff and parents communicate about the child's progress during home visits and parent/teacher conferences. Progress on each child's Individual School Readiness Plan is documented in their Desired Results Development Profile (DRDP).

South Central Child Development, Inc. measures the progress children make in five domains in DRDP. These domains include Approaches to Learning/Self Regulation, Social and Emotional Development, Language and Literacy Development, Cognition/Math and Science, and Physical Development/Health. Children who do not have English as the first language are also assessed in the domain of English Language Development.



The Agency continues to collect, monitor and analyze annual progress for each child through DRDP reports through base-line information at the beginning of the school year, mid-year data and end of the year outcome data.

**190 Head Start parents
provided volunteer services.**

**220 families participated
in the development and
implementation of an
Individual Family
Partnership Agreement.**

**318 parents
participated in
receiving
requested
family support
services.**

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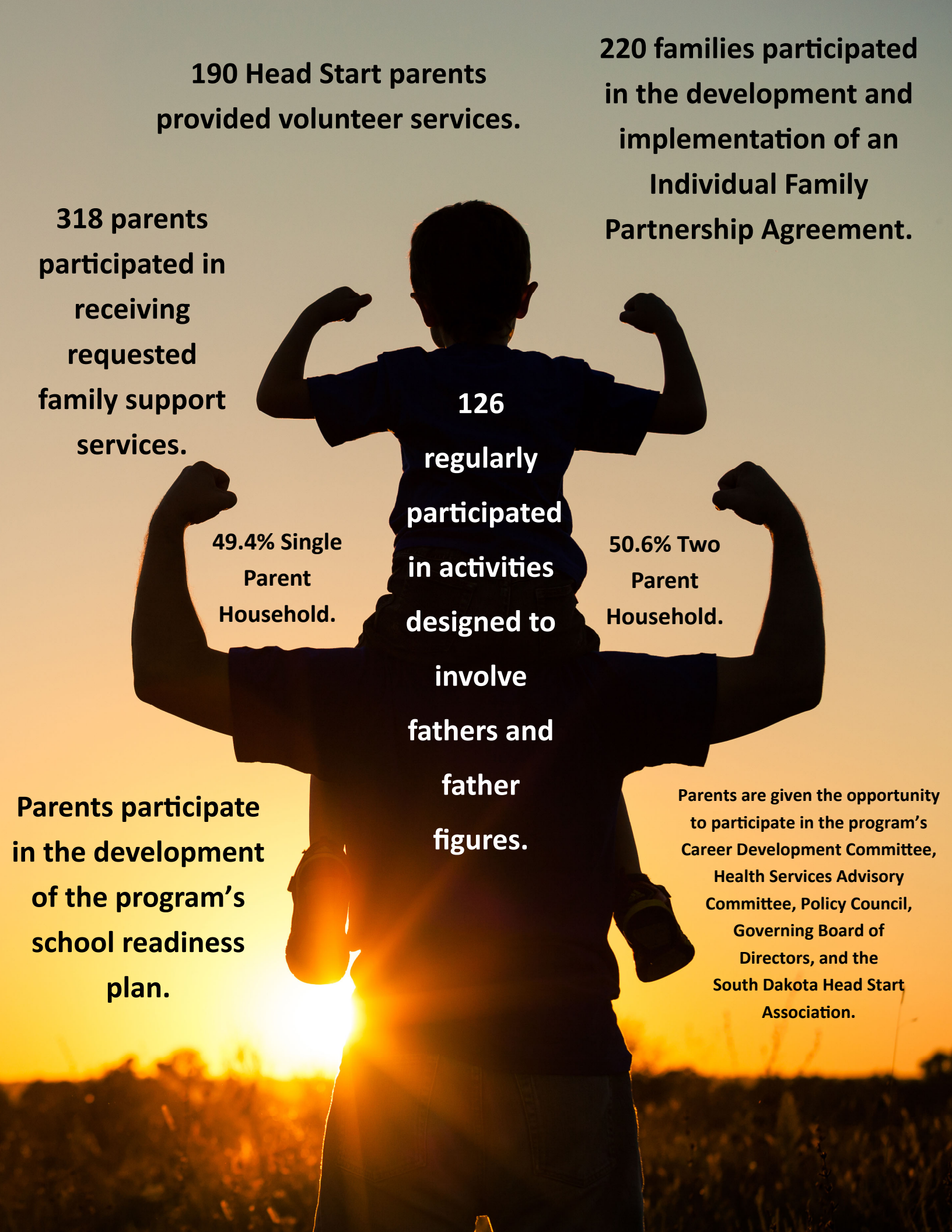
**regularly
participated
in activities
designed to
involve
fathers and
father
figures.**

**49.4% Single
Parent
Household.**

**50.6% Two
Parent
Household.**

**Parents participate
in the development
of the program's
school readiness
plan.**

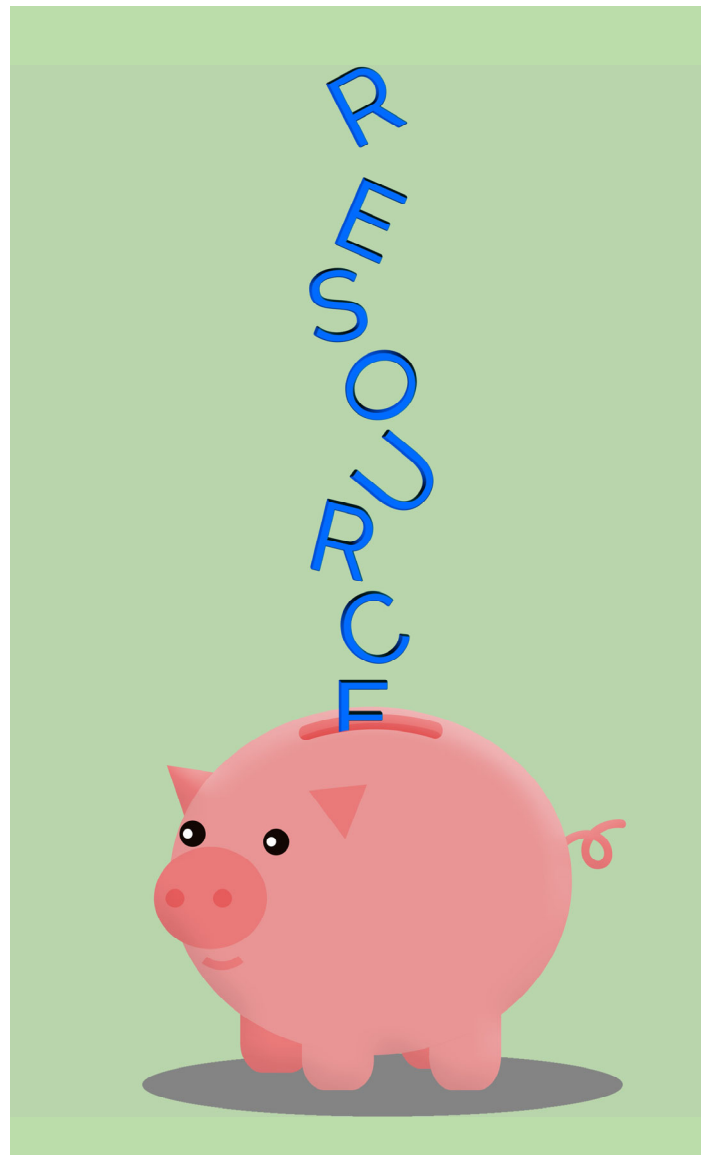
**Parents are given the opportunity
to participate in the program's
Career Development Committee,
Health Services Advisory
Committee, Policy Council,
Governing Board of
Directors, and the
South Dakota Head Start
Association.**



South Central Child Development, Inc. is funded to serve 303 Head Start Children, within a sixteen county service area, at an average cost of \$11,793.57 per child based on the 2023 fiscal year federal budget of \$3,573,451. The Agency had \$83,625 in reimbursements from USDA funds through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The agency also had a non-federal budget requirement of \$823,940 (after a \$69,423 waiver) and was able to secure \$1,241,901 in In-Kind donations.

The agency incurred a total of \$450,906 in administrative expenses, plus \$1,339 in administrative In-Kind, making up 9.39% of the total federal and non-federal share of the 2023 budget.

The 2023 fiscal audit was completed by [ELO](#) with no findings. A full copy of the audit may be found on our website at www.sccdinc.com.



South Central Child Development, Inc. Financial Information

2023 Operating Expenses (Federal Budget)		2023 Budget	
Grant Award	3,573,451	Grant Award	3,573,451
Personnel	2,045,728	Personnel	1,989,385
Fringe Benefits	536,357	Fringe Benefits	492,692
Travel	2,852	Travel	5,000
Equipment	45,737	Equipment	45,737
Supplies	36,487	Supplies	53,500
Contractual Expenses	475,046	Contractual Expenses	530,505
Other Expenses	396,110	Other Expenses	421,498
Training	35,033	Training	35,134
Total Expenses for	3,573,350	Total Budget for	3,573,451