



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

2024 Annual Report

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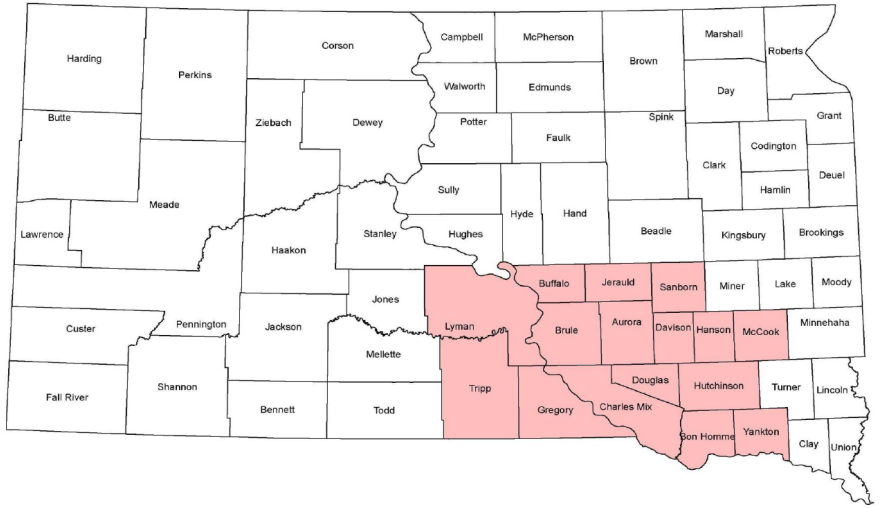
About Us

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 Preschool 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 303 (100%) with a cumulative enrollment of 333 children from 296 households (from the 2024-2025 school year). 43 children dropped and did not re-enroll in the program. 11 children were enrolled for less than 45 days (from the 2024-2025 school year).

Enrollment History:

Jan 2024	303/303	100%
Feb 2024	303/303	100%
Mar 2024	303/303	100%
Apr 2024	303/303	100%
May 2024	303/303	100%
Sept 2024	303/303	100%
Oct 2024	303/303	100%
Nov 2024	303/303	100%
Dec 2024	303/303	100%



Approximately 2,027 preschool-aged children live in South Central Child Development, Inc.'s service area. We serve 15% 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



Focus Area One



Focus Area Two



Health



259 (77.8%) children received a dental exam.

64 children need dental treatment.
62 children received dental treatment.
333 (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 Preschool 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 Preschool staff will assist in establishing one.

270 (81.1%) children received a medical exam.

77 children need medical treatment.
74 children received medical treatment.
333 (100%) 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 Preschool to Kindergarten. Through the promotion of family engagement and school readiness goals, the movement of children and families from Head Start Preschool 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 Preschool 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.

185 Head Start Preschool parents provided volunteer services.

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

296 parents participated in receiving requested family support services.

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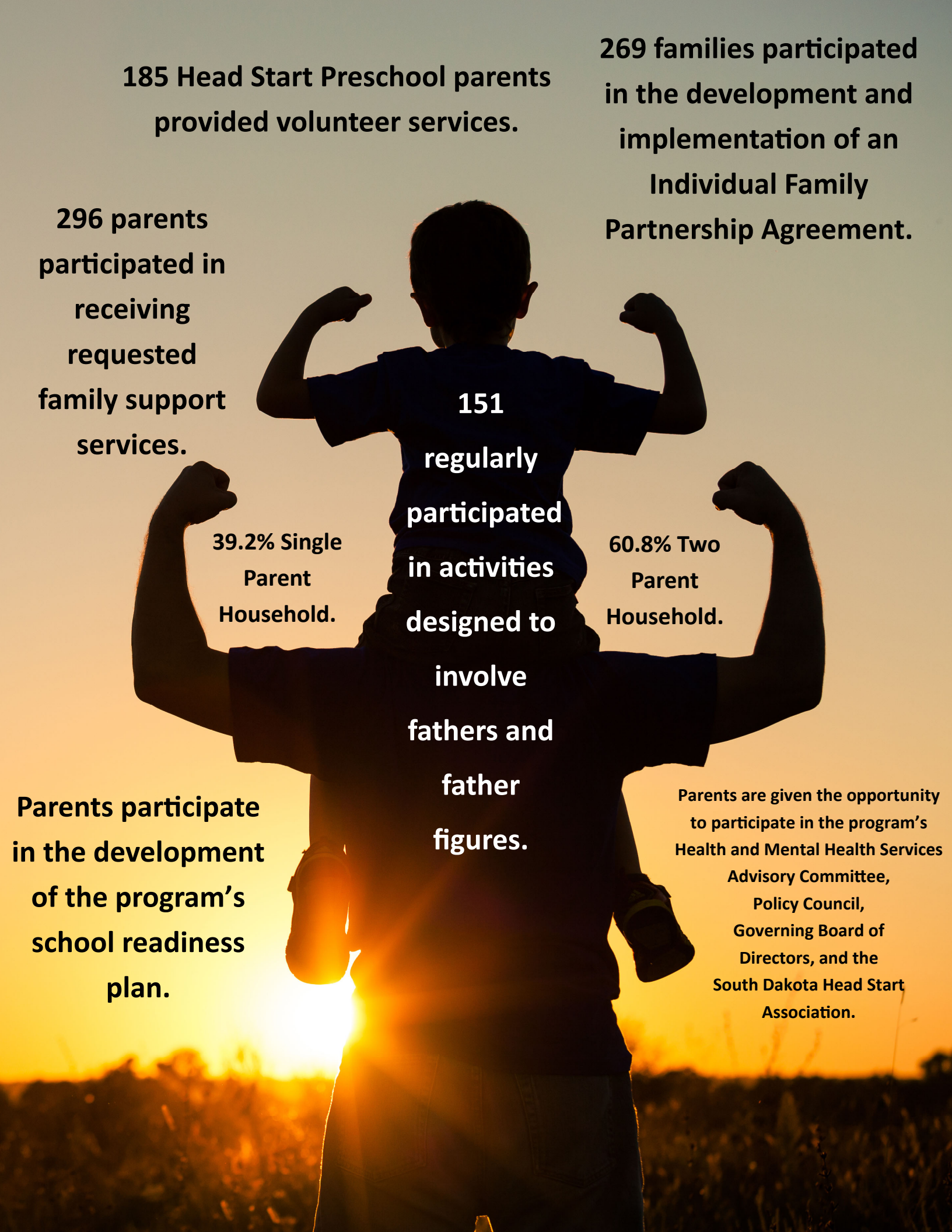
regularly participated in activities designed to involve fathers and father figures.

39.2% Single Parent Household.

60.8% Two Parent Household.

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

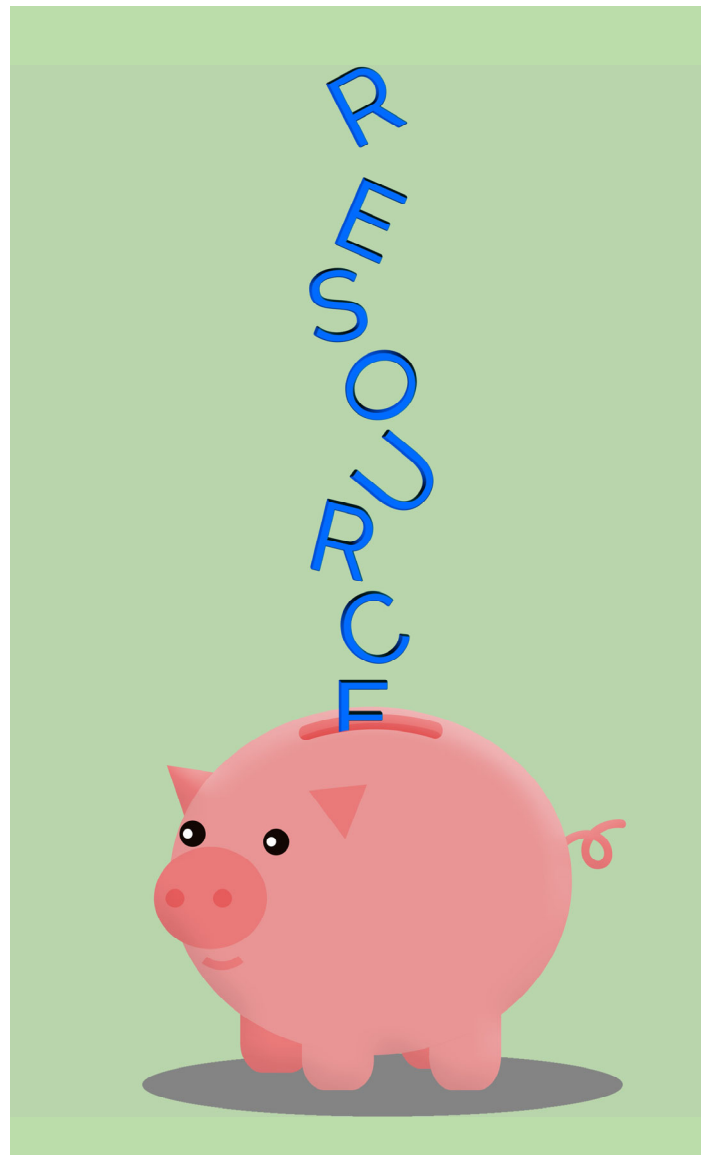
Parents are given the opportunity to participate in the program's Health and Mental Health Services Advisory Committee, Policy Council, Governing Board of Directors, and the South Dakota Head Start Association.



South Central Child Development, Inc. is funded to serve 303 Head Start Preschool Children, within a sixteen county service area, at an average cost of \$12,067.99 per child based on the 2024 fiscal year federal budget of \$3,656,601. The Agency had \$74,910.65 in reimbursements from USDA funds through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The agency also had a non-federal budget requirement of \$914,152 and was able to secure \$1,255,721 in In-Kind donations.

The agency incurred a total of \$476,218 in administrative expenses, plus \$3,060 in administrative In-Kind, making up 9.76% of the total federal and non-federal share of the 2024 budget.

The 2024 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

2024 Operating Expenses (Federal Budget)		2025 Budget	
Grant Award	3,656,601	Grant Award	3,656,601
Personnel	2,076,132	Personnel	2,071,221
Fringe Benefits	594,631	Fringe Benefits	456,018
Travel	0	Travel	6,000
Equipment	40,611	Equipment	56,000
Supplies	59,582	Supplies	49,500
Contractual Expenses	444,160	Contractual Expenses	531,325
Other Expenses	367,350	Other Expenses	451,403
Training	35,134	Training	35,134
Total Expenses for	3,617,600	Total Budget for	3,656,601