



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

2025 Annual Report

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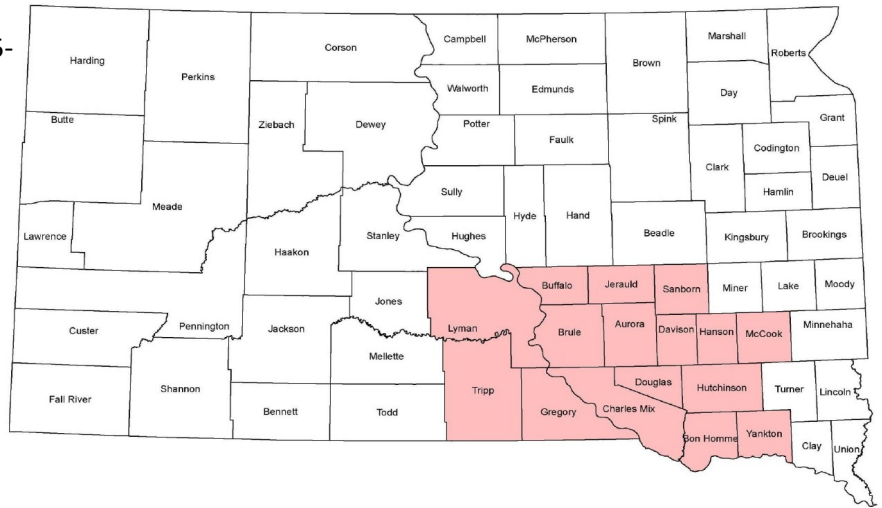
About Us

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 253 with a cumulative enrollment of 298 children from 268 households (from the 2025-26 school year). 46 children dropped and did not re-enroll in the program. 10 of the 46 children were enrolled for less than 45 days (from the 2025-26 school year).

Enrollment History:

Jan 2025	303/303	100%
Feb 2025	303/303	100%
Mar 2025	303/303	100%
Apr 2025	303/303	100%
May 2025	303/303	100%
Sept 2025	249/253	98.4%
Oct 2025	253/253	100%
Nov 2025	253/253	100%
Dec 2025	253/253	100%



Approximately 2,027 preschool-aged children live in South Central Child Development, Inc.'s service area. We serve 12% 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



REVIEW

See HeadStart.gov



Focus Area Two

Head Start Preschool 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—Our Head Start Preschool program aims to create a more responsive and supportive environment for lifelong well-being and success. We established a multi-disciplinary team in collaboration with Lewis and Clark Behavioral Health Services to strengthen mental health support for children and families. This partnership brings together educators, mental health professionals and family support staff to provide early intervention, trauma-informed care and coordinated services tailored to each child's developmental and emotional needs.

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

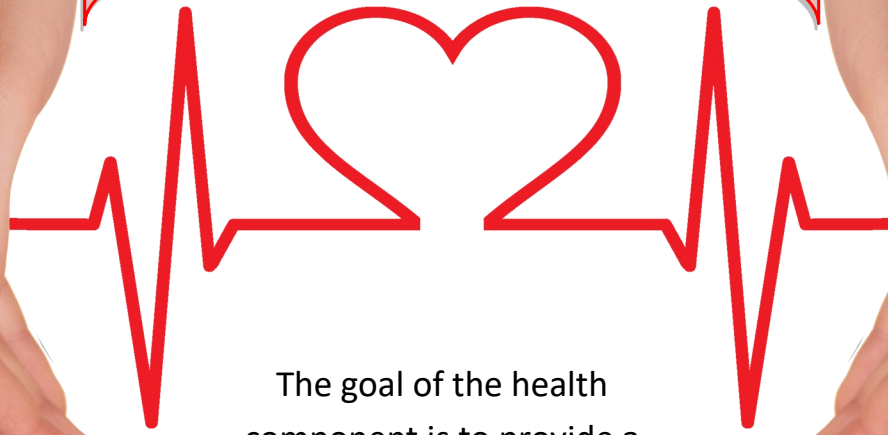


Parent, Family & Community Engagement—Our Head Start Preschool supports parents as nurturers, teachers and advocates for their child by engaging parents in policy making decisions that affect their child's growth and development, and developing and sustaining programs that support parents in carrying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

Family Services—Our Head Start Preschool 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 Preschool families.



Health



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.

238 (79.9%) children received a dental exam.

58 children need dental treatment.
55 children received dental treatment.
298 (100%) children had a dental home at the end of the program year.

252 (84.6%) children received a medical exam.

93 children need medical treatment.
86 children received medical treatment.
296 (99.3%) 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.

**175 Head Start Preschool parents
provided volunteer services.**

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

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

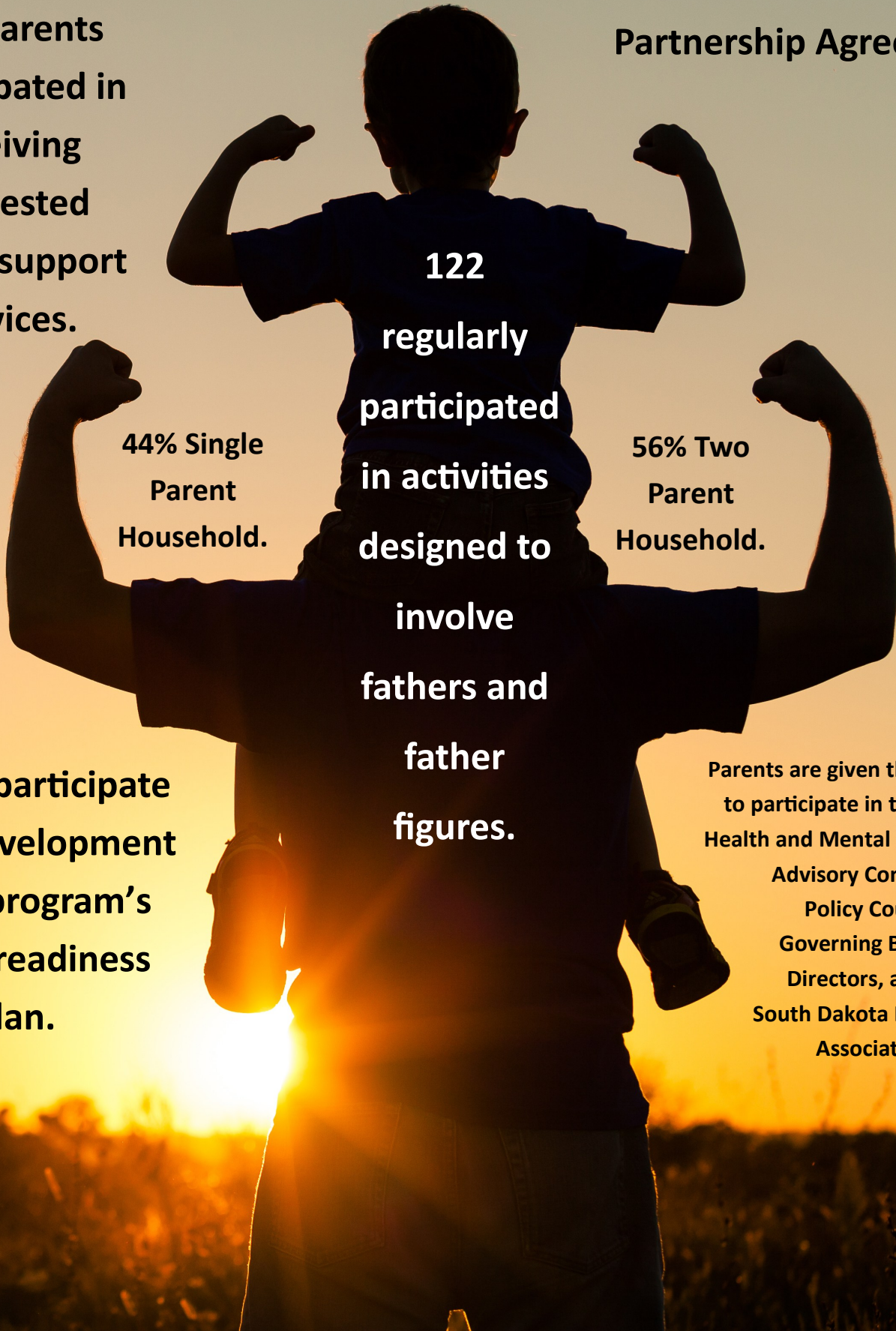
**122
regularly
participated
in activities
designed to
involve
fathers and
father
figures.**

**44% Single
Parent
Household.**

**56% Two
Parent
Household.**

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

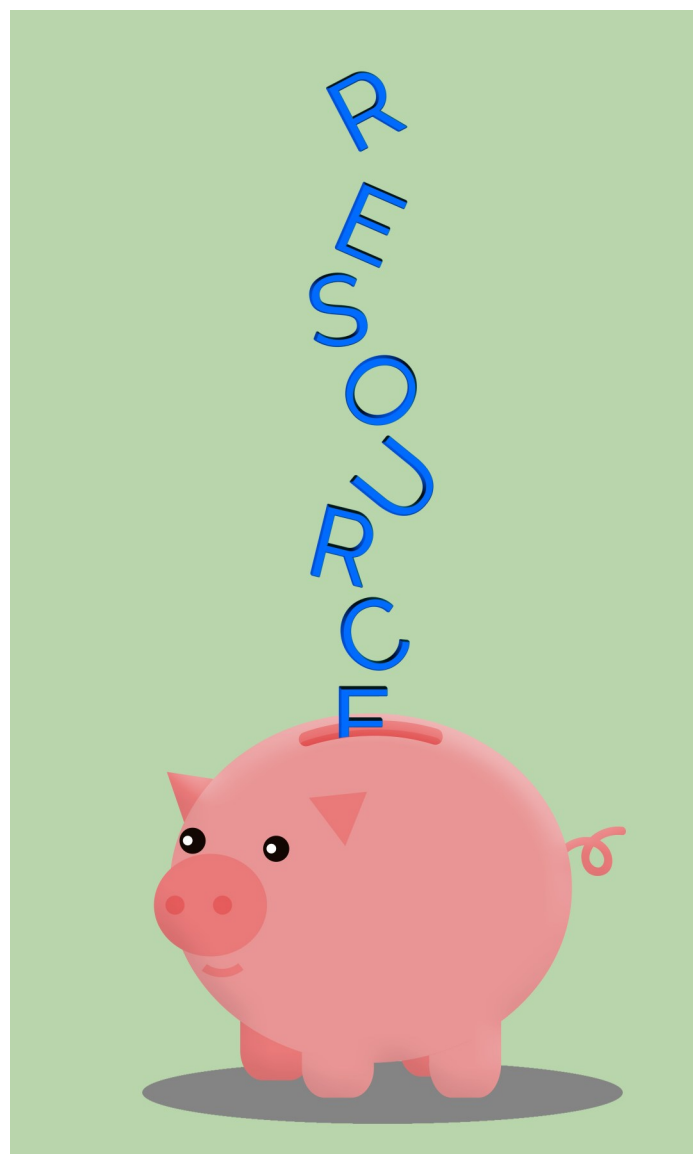
**Parents are given the opportunity
to participate in the program's
Health and Mental Health Services
Advisory Committee,
Policy Council,
Governing Board of
Directors, and the
South Dakota Head Start
Association.**



South Central Child Development, Inc. is funded to serve 253 Head Start Preschool Children, within a sixteen county service area, at an average cost of \$14,607.12 per child based on the 2025 fiscal year federal budget of \$3,695,601. The Agency received \$65,402.68 in reimbursements from USDA through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). The agency also had a non-federal budget requirement of \$914,150 and was able to secure \$1,183,956 in In-Kind donations.

The agency incurred a total of \$487,773 in administrative expenses, making up 10.0% of the total federal and non-federal share of the 2025 budget.

The 2025 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

2025 Operating Expenses (Federal Budget)		2026 Budget	
Grant Award	3,695,601	Grant Award	3,656,601
Personnel	2,085,826	Personnel	2,149,712
Fringe Benefits	693,957	Fringe Benefits	535,859
Travel	2,233	Travel	6,000
Equipment	50,861	Equipment	56,000
Supplies	45,985	Supplies	40,250
Contractual Expenses	403,767	Contractual Expenses	395,576
Other Expenses	377,838	Other Expenses	438,070
Training	35,134	Training	35,134
Total Expenses	3,695,601	Total Budget	3,656,601