



South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start Types of Services

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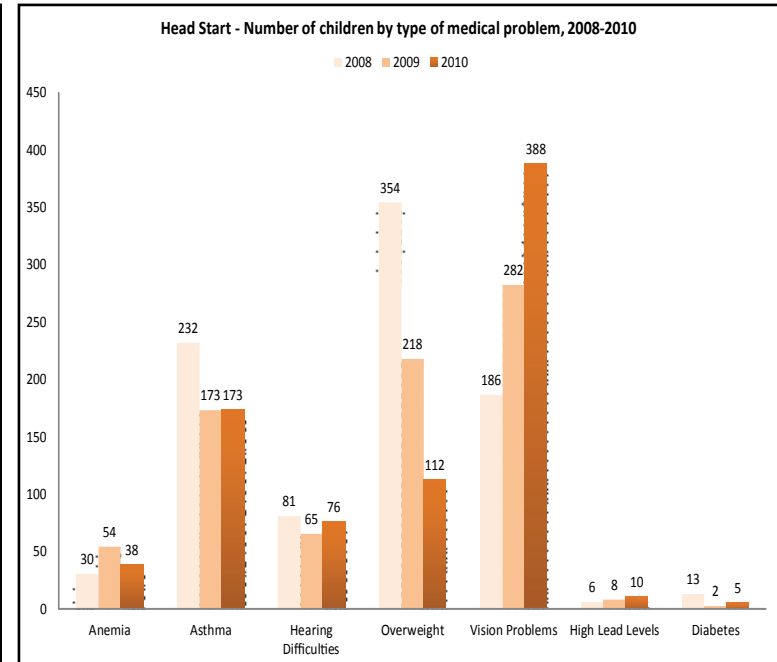
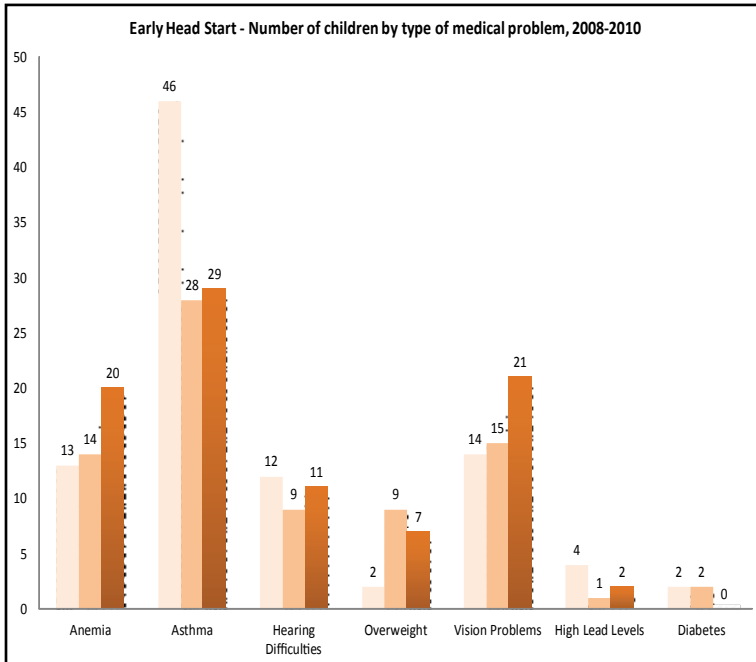
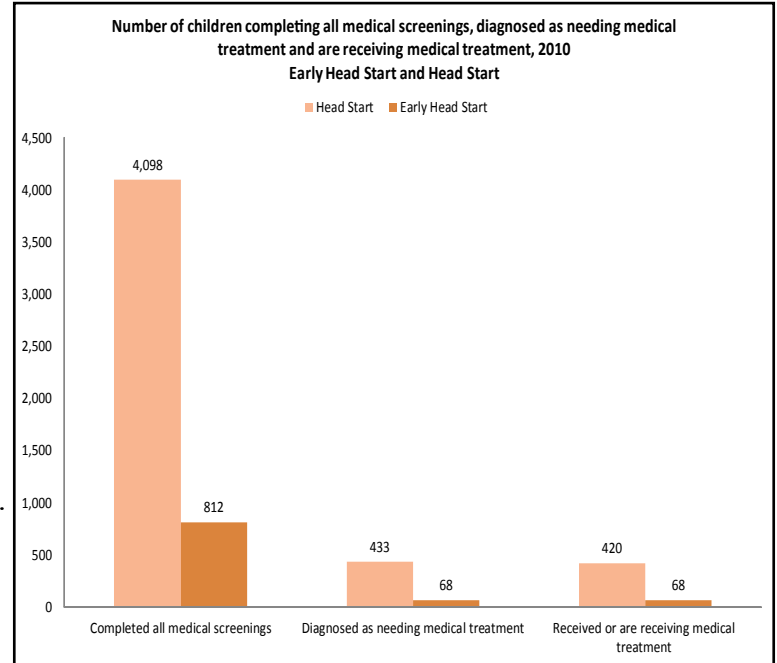
Medical Screenings

Medical screenings are defined as those screenings included in the South Dakota Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule for well child care. For Early Head Start there has been an increase in the number of children completing all medical screenings from the previous two years. Those children diagnosed as needing medical treatment or received/receiving medical treatment remained the same from last year.

For Head Start there has been an increase from the previous year in the number of children completing all medical screenings. Those children diagnosed as needing medical treatment or received/receiving medical treatment decreased from the previous two years.

Type of Medical Services

The graphs show the number of children who received treatment by type of chronic health condition. Early Head Start shows asthma has decreased while anemia and vision problems increased over the three year period. Head Start shows asthma and overweight decreased while vision problems increased.

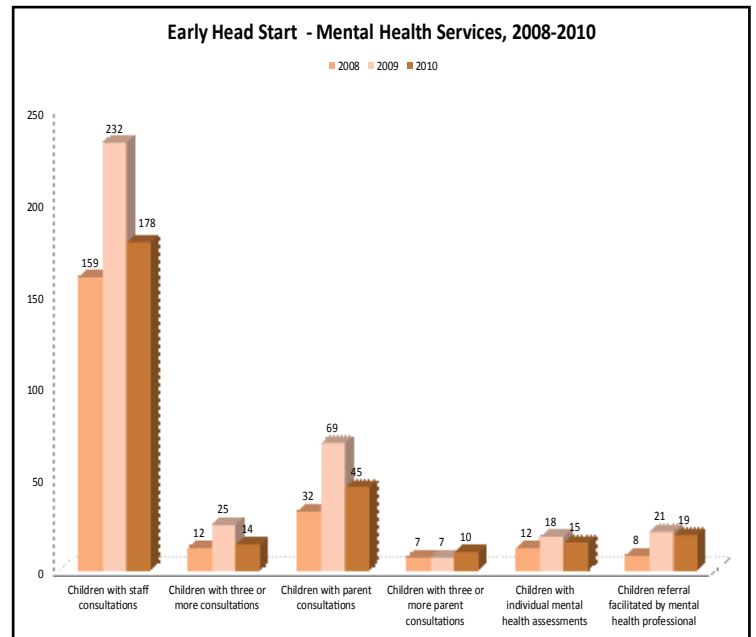
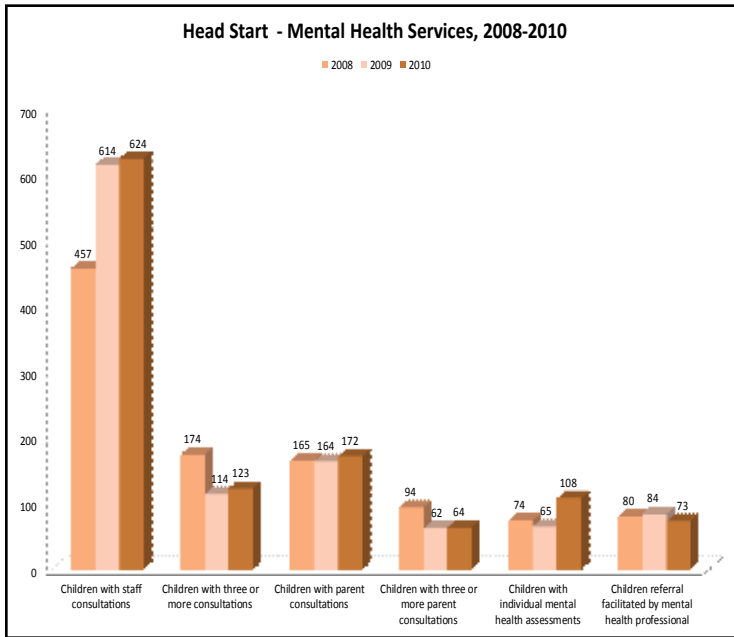


The Head Start / State Collaboration Office - (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.asp>)

The Head Start / State Collaboration Office, at the Department of Education was established in 1990, is the state's central point of contact between South Dakota Head Start programs and State agencies. Its purpose is to disseminate information about Head Start, assist in development of multi-agency and public/private partnerships between Head Start and the State, assist with interagency agreements for services and transitions from early childhood into the public schools, collaborate with other agency initiatives, and help build early childhood systems and access to comprehensive services for all low-income children.

Mental Health Services

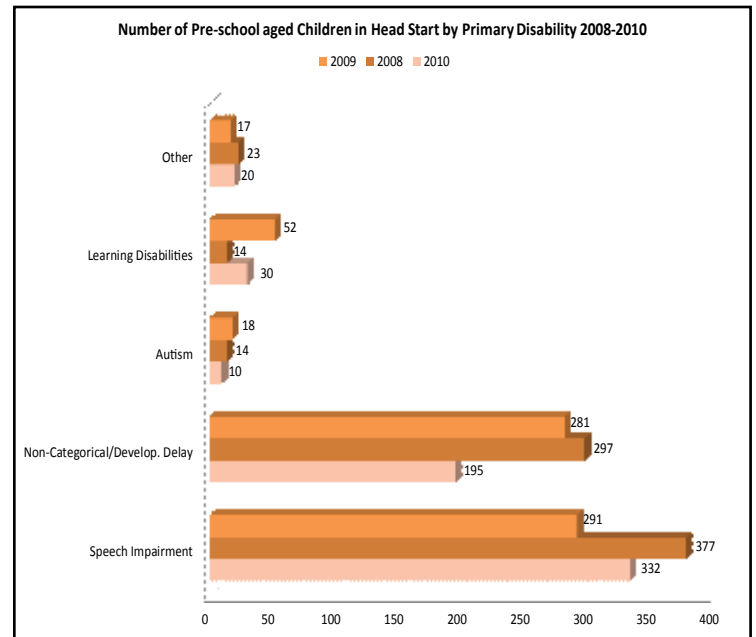
The graphs show the number of children and mental health service for 2008, 2009 and 2010. Early Head Start data show a decrease from the previous year, in the number of children served. There was an increase in the number of "children with three or more parent consultations." Head Start shows slight increases in the number of children and mental health services from the previous year except for "children referrals facilitated for mental health." That number decreased from 84 to 73. Both EHS and HS increased the number of children with staff consultations. From 2008 to 2010 the staff consultations increased 12% for EHS and 37% for HS.



Disability Services

The graph on the right shows the number of children and their primary disability (preschool programs) for 2008, 2009, and 2010.

While most (over 80%) of South Dakota pre-school aged children are not diagnosed with a disability, the most commonly diagnosed disability is Speech Impairment. This affected over 7 percent of enrollees in 2010. Non-categorical developmental delay is the second most commonly diagnosed disability for Head Start pre-school aged children.



Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2008, 2009, 2010. The figures are all Head Start and Early Head Start programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. There were 23 reporting sites.



South Dakota Head Start Association (<http://sdheadstart.org>)

The South Dakota Head Start Association, established in 1989, is to coordinate and conduct activities designed to enhance awareness of Head Start in South Dakota, to be a support link between local, regional and National Head Start programs, to develop joint policy positions and statements which reflect a consensus of the opinions of Head Start Parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends, to establish communication, cooperation and an action network between head Start Directors, Staff, Parents, and Friends within the State of South Dakota, to conduct training on a statewide basis for Head Start parents, Staff, Directors, and Friends and to coordinate efforts with other interested groups.

Our Mission: The South Dakota Head Start Association is a leading voice supporting the work of Head Start programs and their partners through education, advocacy, training and networking for quality early childhood education and services to families. **Our Vision:** To be a positive voice, a powerful advocate and promoter of quality programs for children, families, and communities in South Dakota.



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