

Duluth Head Start Federal Grant Budget Proposal

August 1, 2011 through July 31, 2012

Anticipated Federal Program Operations Grant Funding: \$1,867, 220.

Training and Technical Assistance: \$28,958.

Total Federal Grant: \$1, 896, 178.

Funded Enrollment-255 children

Program Option:

Half day Classrooms: Federal Head Start funds will pay for **8 full-time teachers, 8 full-time paraprofessionals and 8 part-time paraprofessionals and 5 Family Advocates.**

The federal budget funds all the Head Start classrooms in our elementary schools. Head Start staff who work program-wide have their wages paid **20% state and 80 % federal funds**. They include: **clerical staff, director, education, disabilities/mental health, nutrition, health and enrollment coordinators**. In addition, our **2 mental health consultants** are partially paid with Federal Head Start funds.

This staffing reflects an increase in time for paraprofessionals, family advocates and mental health consultants as per our federal enrollment reduction granted in October 2010.

Federal Program Goals are developed by using child outcome data, Community Assessment Data and Self Assessment data. These goals become part of the Federal Head Start grant application that is due May 1, 2011.

Proposed Federal Grant Goals:

- 1) We will redesign our approaches to our developmental screening process in order to better serve families and enable our staff to have more timely information about children's needs.
- 2) We will pilot a team teaching model of service delivery in our classrooms which will include Early Childhood Special Education staff working directly with Head Start staff , children with special education needs and children receiving regular education.
- 3) We will focus on professional development opportunities to meet upcoming Head Start Act requirements for paraprofessionals, strengthen our use of OWL curriculum and SEEDS literacy strategies and build our capacity to meet the challenges of children with social-emotional needs.