

The Umatilla Morrow Head Start program stresses the importance of the involving the entire family (parents and siblings) in a partnership for constructive learning and growth experiences. Family partnership and involvement result in increased communication and understanding of child and family strengths and needs around the child's health, social, emotional, cognitive and physical development. By involving the family we provide a program which reflects the local customs, ethnic, cultural and linguistic characteristics of each family and the communities we serve. In addition, to provide a program responsive to family needs, parents participate in the community assessment and, through Parent Policy Council, assist in the determination of the program design and option.

Due to the rural nature of the communities we serve, the program assesses, identifies, coordinates, integrates and utilizes existing community resources to meet the needs unique to each community. As a result, the program provides a variety of options, serving children birth to five and their families. Listed below is the description of each of the program options and sites:

Full Day/Full Year

Services are provided beginning at 6:30 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. five days per week, Monday through Friday for 220 days per year. Staff includes one Teacher, three Teacher Assistants, one Family Advocate, and one Cook. Each family receives two education home visits per year from the teacher and social services are provided by the Family Advocate.

Full day/Part Year

Services are provided beginning at 6:30 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. five days per week, Monday through Friday for 177 days per year. Staff consists of one Teacher and two Teacher Assistants, one Family Advocate, and one Cook. Each family receives two education home visits per year from the teacher and a minimum of three social services visits from the Family Advocate.

Early Head Start Full Day

Services are provided beginning at 6:30 a.m. and until 6:00 p.m. five days per week, Monday through Friday and 220 days per year. Staff includes one Teacher, two Teacher Assistants, one Family Advocate and one Cook. Each family receives two education home visits per year from the teachers and social services are provided by the Family Advocate. Priority is given to teen parents in Pendleton, Hermiston, Boardman and for half of the slots in Umatilla.

The sites of Pendleton EHS, Boardman EHS, and Hermiston EHS, which are primarily teen parent programs, operate 177 days as full day and in the months of June, July, and August they provide home-based services. In Umatilla, a full-year program is provided to teens who are working through the summer months and a home-based program is provided to teens who do not work or go to school in the summer months.

Center Base

Services are provided four days per week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for 3 ½ hours per day for 128 days per year. Services are provided by a Child and Family Advocate, Teacher Assistant, Cook and Bus Driver. Each family receives two education home visits per year and a minimum of three social services home visits-both provided by the CFA.

Combination

Services are provided three days per week, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday for 3 ½ hours per day for 95 days per year. Services are provided by a Child and Family Advocate, Teacher Assistant, one Cook, and one Bus Driver. Each family receives nine home visits per year.

Home Base

Services are provided by weekly home visits lasting 1 ½ hours each. Socialization periods are contracted to local community preschools. Families may choose to send their child weekly or at a minimum of two days per month. 34 home visits are provided by a Family Educator.