

**UAACOG BOARD REPORT**  
**February 2010**

**DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM:** Fremont County Head Start

**SUBMITTED BY:** Lois Grabowski, Jo Beth Palmer

**REPORTING PERIOD:** November-December

**PURPOSE:** To provide a comprehensive pre-school experience to income eligible 3-5 year old children and their families.

**GOALS:** To establish an environment of trust, safety, respect and acceptance, where children, parents, staff and community are excited and challenge to learn, grow and develop to become lifelong learners.

<i>Number of Clients planned</i>	<i>Number of Clients served</i>
170	214 (end of December)

(Program year runs: August 1-July 31)

<i>Budget</i>	<i>YTD Spent</i>	<i>% of Funds Spent</i>	<i>% of Year expired</i>
<b>\$1,364,964.00</b>	\$570,236.44	42%	42%

**Expected changes to budget?** We have already received notice that we will be receiving additional Training and Technical Assistance funds for our next funding cycle, which will not begin until August 1, 2010.

Non-Federal Share Report: End of November

Budgeted In-kind-\$303,016.00

Amount Collected year to date-\$103,271.95

Balance to Collect: \$199,744.05

**Highlights:** During the month of November average attendance was 82% but dropped to a low 65% in December with illness and busses not being able to run for four days out of the ten scheduled days due to snow and icy roads. One four year old and six three year old children were on the waiting list for enrollment. Parent and community volunteer participation was very high during these two months. There were 192 in November and 180 in December. Special Needs Parent Teacher Conferences were held in November with thirty-three parents attending. Regular Parent Teacher Conferences were held in December with one-hundred-thirty-eight attending. In the area of Health four children have Health Care Plans, and six have Special Dietary Statements. As of December 2009 94% of children had current health exams, 86% dental exams, 100% Developmental, Hearing and Vision Screening. There are 99% of the children enrolled in Head Start are up-to-date with their EPSDT immunizations periodicity schedules. As of December there were forty-nine children enrolled who have been diagnosed with a special needs. Children receive inclusive therapy services in the classroom where they are enrolled. Twenty-five have Speech Language Delays and twenty-four are categorized as Non-Categorical and receive both speech and occupational therapy. Nutrition is very important part of our program. Children are provided two-thirds of their daily nutritional needs daily. Educational staff eats with the children. Virginia Herrera, Nutrition Manager meets monthly with a contracted Register Dietician to review meals as does the Nutrition Committee of Policy Council. There are four staff working in the kitchen and for the month of November and December they provided a total of 6,005 meals. Transportation was provided for twenty-one days and drove a total of 8,200 miles.

**Upcoming Events and FYI's:**

February;

ECE CARES for Families-parenting classes

February 9th-Family Night Art Show at Canon City Fine Arts Center

Annual Program Self-Assessment completed

February 16<sup>th</sup>-Fremont County Dad's Movie Night at Head Start at 6:00 pm

February 20-Fremont County Dad's sledding

February 23-First Aid/CPR for Head Start parents/guardians

**Heads Up aka "DUCK":** NAEYC has confirmed UAACOG Fremont County Head Start as a Candidate for NAEYC accreditation and site visit between February 22 and March, 2010.

**Letters, notes, and testimonials, client stories:** Some comments from the Parent Surveys; “Teamwork and diversity of staff working towards a common goal of safety and togetherness”, “The feel of being comfortable talking with the teacher on my child’s behavior and progress”, “ The teachers are amazing and this is a good stepping stone into school”, “The whole program is wonderful, I love that busses pick them up”, “It’s free of charge, that helps us a lot” and “the communication, they try to help me through tough times”.