

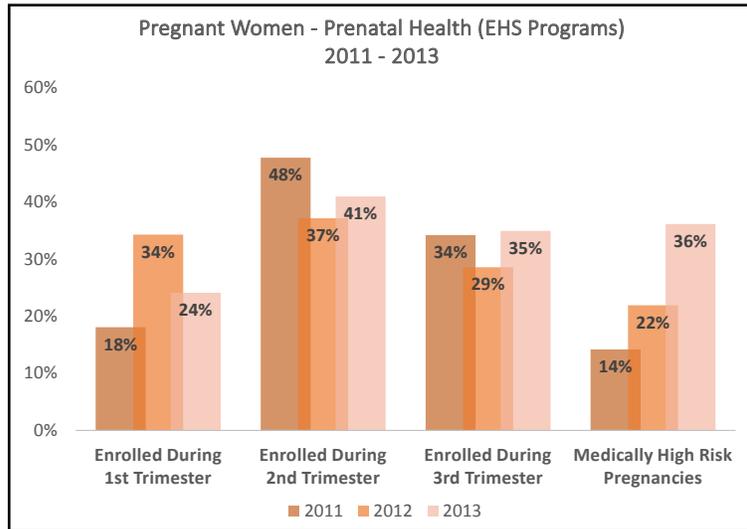


South Dakota Head Start & Early Head Start Early Head Start/Infant Toddler

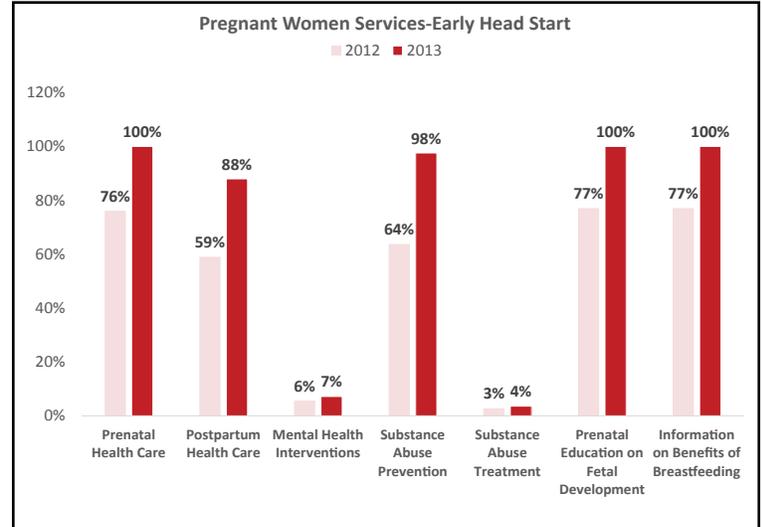
Pregnant women

Early Head Start provides services to pregnant women and their families through the child's first three years of life. EHS is in a unique position to support pregnant women because a healthy pregnancy has a direct influence on the health and development of a newborn child. Research shows the prenatal period of growth and development has a lasting impact on the child's potential for healthy growth and development after birth. Early Head Start in South Dakota provides prenatal health, dental services, and other services for pregnant women.

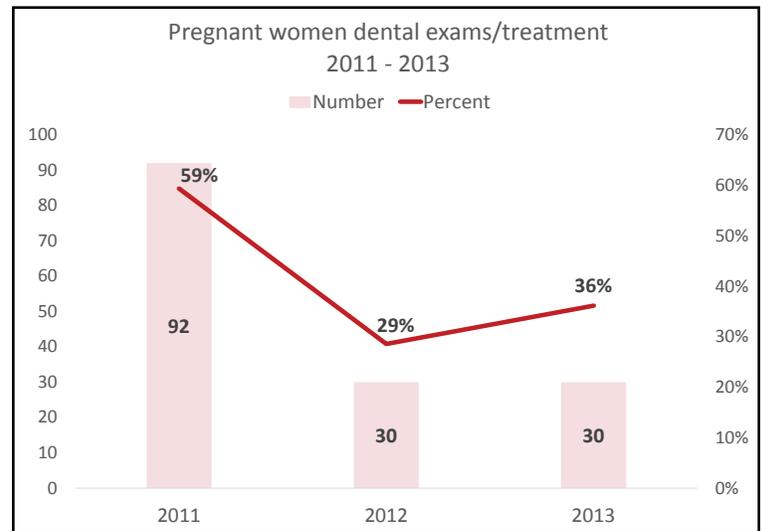
The chart below shows prenatal health for pregnant women in the EHS program for the 2011- 2013 program years. The percentage of pregnant women enrolled during the first, second or third trimester has varied over the program years. The percentage of pregnant women identified as medically high risk increased from 14 percent in 2011 to 36 percent in 2013.



Pregnant women services include prenatal and postpartum health care, mental health interventions, substance abuse prevention and treatment, prenatal education on fetal development, and information on the benefits of breast feeding. The chart at the top of the next column shows the percentage of pregnant women receiving these services for the 2012 and 2013 program years.



Pregnant women services also include dental exams and treatment. The chart below shows the number and percent of pregnant women receiving dental exams/treatment for the 2011-2013 program years.



"Small ideas to help strengthen family values are used and the results have been a blessing. Raising kids is challenging. This program (Head Start) offers a lot of suggestions that tend to ease the toughest areas."

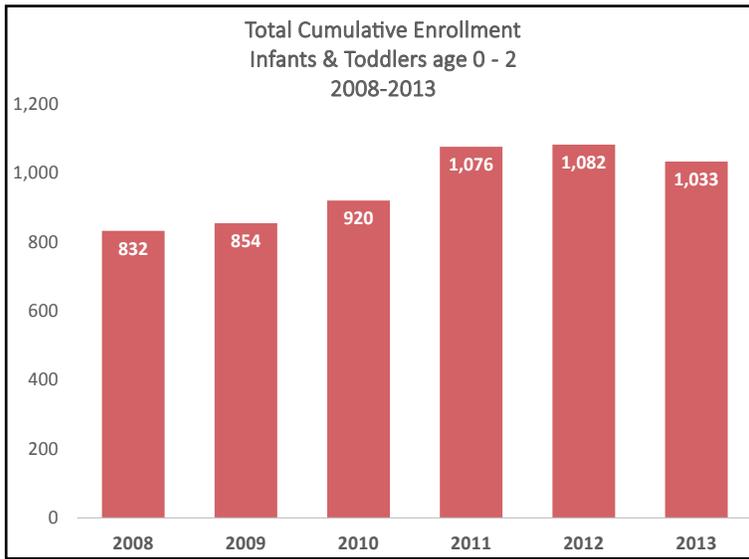
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The Head Start / State Collaboration Office - (<http://doe.sd.gov/oess/headstart.aspx>)

The Head Start / State Collaboration Office, at the Department of Education, 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.

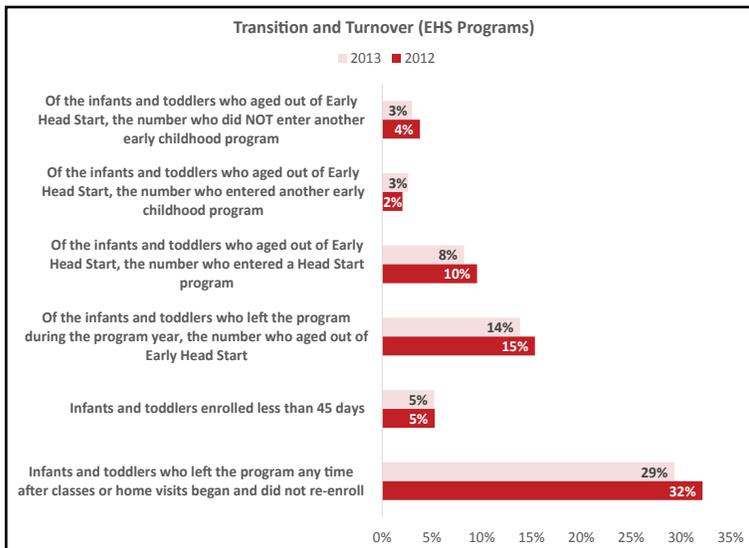
Infants & Toddlers

The total cumulative enrollment has increased since 2008. The largest enrollment was the 2012 program year with 1,082. The current program year, 2013 saw a slight decline in infant and toddler enrollment. See chart below.



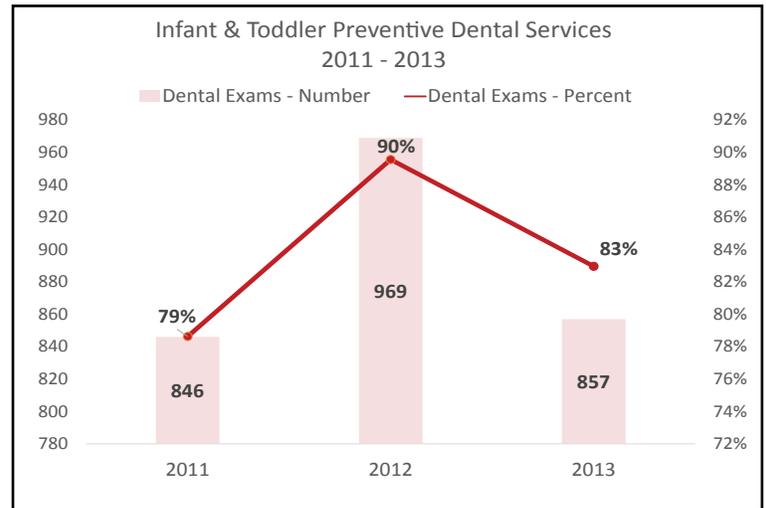
Transition & Turnover

Ten percent of infant and toddlers who age out of EHS enter a Head Start program. Almost one-third of infant and toddlers left the program after classes or home visits began in 2013. See chart below.



Preventive Dental Services

Early Head Start is focused on prevention and early intervention. This is based on the premise that a child must be healthy in order to be ready to learn. Good oral health for infants and toddlers provides a foundation for good adult oral health and is necessary for a child's behavioral, speech, language and overall growth and development. The chart below shows the number and percent of infant and toddlers receiving preventive dental health.



Data Sources: Data are from the Head Start Program Information Reports 2011, 2012, and 2013. Unless otherwise noted, figures for are all Early Head Start (EHS) programs in South Dakota, including Tribal programs. There are eight (8) EHS programs in South Dakota.

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.

