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YDI offers a broad range of programs that address each child’s needs while helping families face the challenges that impact them the most.

**Program Highlights**

Children and families enrolled in YDI’s Early/Head Start program receive the highest quality education and comprehensive social services. All centers are NAEYC accredited (National Association for the Education of Young Children.) This accreditation, along with the program having been recognized as one of ten national “Centers of Excellence” in early childhood education and development signifies that the children receive the highest level of care available. Children are assessed throughout the year on developmental milestones and the results indicate that the Early Head Start infants and toddlers demonstrated a 25% overall gain, while the Head Start preschoolers showed an 18% overall gain. Children leave our program, confident, excited about learning, and ready for continued school success.

**Child and Family Outcomes**

- 100% of children have identified medical homes
- 98.9% of children completed screenings for developmental, sensory and behavioral concerns
- 100% of children received nutritious meals, nutrition education in the classrooms, and nutrition assessments
- 100% of families have received at least one type of family service (i.e., parenting education, job training, etc.)

**High Quality Teaching Staff**

90% of Head Start and Early Head Start teaching staff are degreed

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**List of Programs**

**Head Start/Early Head Start 505-268-0024**

Provides comprehensive services to children 6 weeks to 3 years old for Early Head Start and 3 to 5 years for Head Start. Services include: a multi-cultural education program tailored to children’s individual needs: medical and dental screenings along with a variety of preventative health practices; evaluation, diagnosis, for children with special needs; and nutritious meals. The program is family focused.

**Pre-K 505-268-0024**

The Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Initiative prepares four-year-old children for success in school. Pre-K helps meet the vision of a seamless education system that begins in pre-kindergarten and continues through formal education.

**Caring Couples Healthy Children 505-268-0024**

Offers 14 workshops which focus on their relationship, needs to be an unmarried couple that is either pregnant or must have a 0-3 month infant.

**Center of Excellence 505-268-0024**

Awarded to YDI Head Start in September 2010. This award will be used to implement Tools of the Mind Curriculum, hire teacher mentors to implement curriculum, increase the number of Dual Language classrooms in the HS program and train parents for job readiness.

**Early Learning Mentor Coaches 505-268-0024**

Awarded to YDI Head Start in September 2010. This award will be used to hire Teacher Mentors to provide one to one coaching to teachers in the classroom in the implementation of the Tools of the Mind curriculum.