

Healthy Start's Past Accomplishments Include:

- Free book kits to encourage parents to read with their children
- Brain games for parenting education
- 2500 calendars distributed with important information for every parent of a young child
- An Interagency Resource Checklist that improves communication among home visitors
- 5 scholarships for child care providers to the Montana Early Childhood Conference in partnership with the Tri-County Early Care and Education Council
- Newsletters for incoming kindergarten parents, addressing questions that parents and children may have when entering school
- A Kindergarten Transition Form completed by child care providers or parents that provides information about incoming kindergartners to the school teacher
- A "Reading Runs Through It" campaign with 2500 posters promoting early literacy
- Community cultural sensitivity conference
- Steps to Early Learning Grant, in partnership with the Council are Women's Opportunity and Resource Development (WORD), Child Care Resources, Parenting Place, Missoula City-County Health Department, Head Start, Families First, and Missoula County Public Schools Family Resource Centers.

The grant promoted early literacy throughout Missoula through:

- education and training of parents, caregivers, and professionals;
- early learning activities for children and low-income families;
- development of partnerships and linkages among schools, early learning programs, and the community.