

Program Services

Child Health- Medical and Dental Examinations

Healthy children are ready to learn and grow! TREC highlights the importance of regular medical and dental check-ups for families. Staff offer helpful resources and support to encourage families to adopt healthy habits in their daily lives. By working together with healthcare, dental professionals, and families TREC strives to help participants reach their goals while emphasizing the importance of education and prevention related to immunizations, medical care, and dental care.

The table below provides information related to children's health.

Category	Area of Practice	Head Start	Early Head Start
Immunizations	Children with current immunizations per SD State's EPSDT Schedule	87.50%	81.63%
Dental Exams	Completed Dental Exam	66.25%	57.50%
Medical Exams	Up to date on Medical Exams	91.25%	71.43%

Family Involvement

The success of TREC Badlands Head Start in providing high-quality services is fundamentally linked to the active participation of engaged families. Our program has been fortunate to have a committed Policy Council and dedicated groups of parents who truly invest in the Head Start and Early Head Start programs. At the beginning of TREC's five-year project period, the organization set goals aligned with Head Start's Parent Family Community Engagement framework. This framework, in conjunction with TREC's objectives, helps parents and families acknowledge the significant progress they have made since joining Head Start. TREC has adopted various strategies to honor the essential role of family involvement in our program.

Throughout the program year, TREC recognized the contributions of families in numerous ways. Parent committee meetings during social gatherings increased as parents shared their valuable insights to help plan social events and parent activities. Additionally, parents engaged in a reading challenge and participated in learning activities at home through in-kind opportunities. TREC is dedicated to ensuring that all parents are involved and strives to give everyone a voice at the table.