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Early Childhood Tracking Program
Spirit Lake Dakota Tribe
Monthly Report for November 2020
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Listed below are the program activities that are compiled as a brief overview for the month:

- Immunizations were scheduled for November 2nd, 3rd, 10th, and 17th (mainly Tuesdays). Health Track Clinics was Wednesday November 18th. Due to Covid-19 the program continues to practice strict safety pre-cautions. NP Cheryl continues to provide quality services during Wednesday Clinics.
- RNs work hard in contacting and getting families to come in. There were 104 scheduled Immunizations with 52 (50%) completed. No show was 43 (41%), Rescheduled 3 (3%) and Cancelled 6 (6%). The Clinics scheduled 37 children with 19 (51%) showed, No show 8 (22%), Rescheduled 1 (3%) and Cancel 9 (24%).
- The Education Coordinator and two teachers continue to work with parents in serving forty-three special needs children in Home Base. There is no face to face contact with children, only deliveries to the doorway to the parent's homes. Education staff continue to collaborate with Four Winds Special Needs Program.
- On-going, Covid-19 Precautions executed by the tribe is in effect where our workers are considered hazard workers who are implementing all safety precautions. The education staff are teleworking, texting, and emailing from home as much as they can, but do have to come in one full day per week to assist with children/parents coming in for immunizations and clinic, getting ASQs from them. The Lifestream Data system we use, is such where all staff have protected access to all children's files from their home. All contacts and progress are documented in the data system. The two RNs have been working every day of the week, scheduling appointments, updating data, family status, re-schedule appointments-mailed cards, Health Track referrals for later dates and assisting Tribal Social Services. Education staff post educational activities on face book. Many parents are found on face book to communicate with and share educational activities. Each staff member is a positive support for parents.
- Nursing continues to work with Allyson or staff at TSS to assist with weekly weight checks on referred newborns. It's critical these newborns thrive, their weight gain is key to their health and educational development, on-going from last month.
- The Education Staff continued to do ASQs (Ages and Stages Questionnaires) over the phone with parents/guardians because of no contact with children at this time. The ASQs were done with much more thought and concern from the parents, this was positive. The staff completed a total of 36 ASQs and 0 Brigances (due to **no** physical contacts with children) this month. To date 132 Brigances have been completed and 401 ASQs have been completed. Sixty-eight (68) newborns are being followed up with ASQs for the final year count. Covid-19 has limited our boundaries this year, but staff have done well.
- The Education Coordinator continues to recruit "Child Find" new born babies from Altru hospital by phone to the mothers. There were 5 newborns recruited out of a total of 12 infants/toddlers below the age of one this month.

- Transportation /Maintenance Ermen Brown, Jr is full time and on-going in providing more transportation to families as RNs increased Immunization days to meet the needs of the families being served.
- Ermen has reorganized the waiting area as the weather is cold and families cannot do the paperwork before coming in. He divided the large waiting area into two small waiting areas. Covid-19 has thrown many challenges in how to make our work areas safe. The tribe has Covid-19 funding so the temporary walls were no cost to our program.
- Ermen also has divided the work area of the three teachers with temporary walls.
- The Car Seat Program is on-going with Nicole and Ermen coordinating the training.
- The director continues to meet, coordinate and collect weekly work plans from each staff.
- The director coordinates all financial activities with the tribal finance department and the human resource department on a continuous basis.
- The director requested a total of 100 Children's Christmas Stockings from the Partnerships With Native Americans, an organization out of Rapid City, SD. We will be generous next month to families who are in compliance with their children in the program
- The RNs and Teachers work hard in referrals and appointments for parents needing to take their child to other health and educational specialists.
- The entire staff continue to be a strong working team that has continued to give services to our families. The staff works well in coordinating with all agencies relating to children. The agencies involved this month are Ann Carlson Intervention, Lake Region Special Education, Four Winds Special Education, Tribal Social Services, Spirit Lake Health Clinic, CCCC Head Start, ND Dept of Health- Immunization, Tribal Health and WIC. The program collects data that reflects the work being done for our families.

Note: The RNs work so hard in scheduling children in for immunizations and clinics but our percentage rate for "no shows" is challenging, but we must keep trying and trying. All staff have been very responsible in providing health and educational services to families during this difficult time due to Covid-19.