



Mississippi Action For Progress, Inc.

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FACT SHEET - 2008

- ▶ **Founded:** On September 13, 1966, a non-profit community based corporation called MAP was chartered and later became the largest program providing comprehensive, high-quality Head Start in the State of Mississippi. Its first governing board meeting was conducted in October of that same year providing services to infants, toddlers and expectant mothers.
- ▶ **Philosophy:** MAP, in its diversity, represents a cross section of Mississippians working for and with disadvantaged children and their families. Our philosophy commits us to the belief that every child deserves a head start in life - an equal opportunity to develop character, talent, mind body and personality. We strive to prepare children to function in our society by providing life experiences; maximizing each child's potential for contributing, and ultimately determining the destiny of our country.
- ▶ **Mission:** Our mission compels us to not only serve the children, but to also serve as a catalyst for change and development for the disadvantaged community. We endeavor to be a mechanism for increased parental and citizen involvement in local and state communities.
- ▶ **Program Design & Management:** Our program is governed by a Board of Directors of 19 members, 6 of which are parent-elected and 1 Policy Council Liaison Representative; a Policy Council comprised of parents from each region (in all program options), a Board Liaison, and one community person (per region); and locally organized Parent Committees. The agency is also systematically organized to oversee and implement fiscal operations, human resource affairs, facilities, materials and equipment and research and development.

Service Area

MAP is culturally, ethnically, and geographically diverse serving 22 of the 82 counties in the state: (Alcorn, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Claiborne, Franklin, Hancock, Ittawamba, Lauderdale, Leflore, Lincoln, Neshoba, Pearl River, Perry, Prentiss, Scott, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Warren, Winston, Yalobusha and Yazoo).

The Central Office is located in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as an Early Head Start Demonstration Unit.

Enrollment

- ◆ 5,389 enrollment opportunities
- ◆ *Head Start*
- ◆ Center Based - 4,868
- ◆ Full-Year/Full-Day - 246
- ◆ Childcare Partners - 125
- ◆ *Early Head Start*
- ◆ Expectant Mothers - 23
- ◆ Infants & Toddlers - 127

Program Options

- ◆ Standard part Day/Part Year w/AfterKare© Services
- ◆ Full Day/Full Year
- ◆ Expanded childcare partnerships with local day care providers and public schools

Clientele*

- ◆ Expectant Mothers
- ◆ Infants and Toddlers (6 wks-36 months)
- ◆ Young Children (3 and 4 year olds)

*Includes children of all racial backgrounds and children with disabilities



CENTRAL OFFICE in Jackson, Mississippi

- ▶ **Research & Development:** The foundational core of our program planning is the data collected and compiled by this arm of Program Design and Management. Its function encompasses (1) a comprehensive in-depth review and analysis of information about the local communities, children, their families, and available resources inclusive of competitors and potential partners, (2) Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (ERSEA), (3) client satisfaction analysis and (4) post Head Start tracking.
- ▶ **Program Services:** Our unique approach to providing comprehensive services include Child Health & Development, Education & Early Childhood Development, Disability Services, Dental, Nutrition, Mental Health, and Family & Community Partnerships (including services to expectant mothers).
- ▶ **Community Network:** Our program is supported by a variety of community resources such as local health departments, colleges and universities, community colleges, public school systems, local and state elected official, faith-based initiatives, and local community support, i.e. city and county government, chambers of commerce, civic organizations, etc.
- ▶ **Program Celebrations and Special Initiatives:** While MAPing our way through the challenges, our program is proud of the following accomplishments:

~Teacher Qualification
Mandate Compliant
~Continuing Education/Staff
Development
~MAP Demonstration Unit
~Frontline Leadership Institute
~Child Progress Indicator
Assessment Instrument
~e-MAP Technology System
~AfterKare©/Extended Day
~Childbirth Doula Program
~Mobile Medical & Dental Unit
~Male Initiative Program
~Youth Coalition
~Harvest Festival
~Environmental Health Program
~Grandparents' Program
~Family Literacy

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