Northern Michigan Chapter Basic Needs

Head Start Backpacks Program

**Timing, duration, frequency of program**

Annually, August-September

**Fiscal Information**

Budgeted expense total for program last year: $14,500

**Partnerships**

Head Start provides the children who receive backpacks

**Clients**

Number of children/families served your last fiscal year: 376

Age range of clients served: 3-5 years

**Volunteers**

How many volunteers participate in this program (planning and working): 18

What roles do the volunteers have in this program? orders supplies, coordinates with Head Start directors, assemble and deliver backpacks

**Program Description**

Overall goal of this program: to foster success in school

What service/materials do you provide to your clients? Child size back packs filled with age appropriate school supplies, toiletries and a change of clothing (sweatshirt and pants, underwear, socks)

The Chairman orders needed supplies after coordinating with the Head Start directors. Each child receives a backpack appropriate for preschoolers. School supplies are provided that are needed in a Head Start classroom. Each child also receives a change of clothing in the backpack, something that is often needed in young children should they have an accident or otherwise soil their clothing at school. Volunteers meet before the school term to prepare the backpacks and then deliver them to the Head Start schools.

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