

Oglala Lakota College  
“First Level of Education”



2018-2019 Self Assessment

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**Wounspe Oaye Tokahe Self-Assessment 2018-2019**

**Oglala Lakota College Head Start/Early Head Start**

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## **Program Description**

Oglala Lakota College a tribal college on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation located in Southwest South Dakota. August of 2005 the college was granted authority to manage the operation of our Head Start/Early Head Start program.

Service and recruitment are within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation which encompasses 2,800,000 acres of land with Pine Ridge Village, Martin, Kyle, and Wanblee as the largest districts. Smaller districts include Manderson, Porcupine, Wounded Knee, Oglala, Allen and Batesland. Oglala Lakota College is decentralized and has a college center in each of the districts with a Head Start/Early Head start center in close proximity to provide quality education to our children from 0 to 5 years of age.

Also located within the boundaries of the Pine Ridge Reservation we have six Tribal Grant School, 2 parochial schools, Oglala Lakota County School district, BIA school, Lakota Immersion day care, OST Child Care and 1 immersion school.

Oglala Lakota College Wounspe Oaye Tokahe-First Level of Education HS/EHS Program serves 136 EHS infants, toddlers and twenty-eight expectant mothers. EHS centers are located in the following districts Porcupine, Kyle, Manderson, Pine Ridge, Wounded Knee, and Batesland. Head Start provides services for 427 children from three to five through a center based option in nine districts.

Our focus areas for our 18-19 school year for Self-Assessment are Fiscal, Governance, and Management Systems. Team leaders from our Administration were assigned for each area on January 24, 2019. Team leaders began recruiting Policy Council members, Oglala Lakota College staff/Faculty, and Head Start Family Center Services Providers to be part of their teams. Administration meetings are held every two weeks and team leaders gave updates as to what their findings were or what Data was being analyzed. Policy Council reviewed the time line presented by the director and approved with monthly updates given. At an Annual Board of Trustees and Policy Council retreat held on April 6, 2019 they were given updates of the Self- Assessment, Comprehensive Community Assessment, Program Grant Goals & Objectives, and budget.