

Community Action of Orleans & Genesee

Head Start (birth to five) is a comprehensive program for children and families who are income eligible in Orleans and Genesee Counties. Head Start includes developmentally appropriate school readiness activities, health and dental services, family style meals and nutrition education, family goal setting, transportation, early intervention, and disability screening and support. There are five sites: Albion (2), Batavia, Kendall and Medina, as well as home-based services. School-readiness goals were set that align with the NYS common Core Standards in 2012. Assessments and individual planning are based upon these school readiness goals.

This report covers September 1, 2012-August 31, 2013

- 250 children were enrolled in Head Start (3 and 4 year olds)
99% average monthly enrollment
- 56 children were enrolled in Early Head Start (birth to 3 yrs old)
100% average monthly enrollment

The 2009 census indicates an 11.7% poverty rate in our area and

2332 children ages birth to five– 90.5% of children enrolled meet the income criteria



Health, nutrition and dental services are key to school readiness- All children receive medical, dental, and nutrition screenings and referrals for services

- 100% of children were up to date on physical exams and immunizations at the end of the year
- 98% of children had a medical home
- 89% of children completed dental exams
- 63,000 healthy meals were served in Head Start classrooms
- Curriculum for children and parent education includes physical, nutrition and dental education



From the time of enrollment, children and families work with staff and community agencies to prepare children for life-long learning and success in school

- 100% of Head Start and Early Head Start children who did not leave the program in the 1st 45 days completed developmental screenings;
- * 23% were identified with a disability requiring a service plan (IEP or IFSP)
- 100% of children received assessments using Teaching Strategies GOLD assessments
- Individual goals were set for each child by the staff and parents and progress is monitored

- 86 four-year-olds demonstrated readiness for kindergarten
- 3,600 bus trips by Community Action transported children to and from Head Start

Head Start Annual Report 2012-13

Family Engagement –At Head Start we recognize that parents are the child’s first and most important Teacher. Our commitment is to the parents as well as the children. This was displayed in 2012-13 as follows:

- 282 discreet families were enrolled
- 266 Head Start parents set goals using the family development model
- 2,926 hours of volunteer service were donated by Head Start parents

Head Start parents have an opportunity to be a part of the program on a daily basis. Most parents interact with the program at least once a month through classroom participation, monthly parent groups, Policy Council or Advisory meetings, parenting classes and events. Trainings are offered to them on topics related to child development and reaching their goals.



The Head Start Teachers helped me make goals like being able to purchase our own home. We were only able to do this with the help and support of Head Start staff. My daughter is now in first grade. She is an accelerated reader and does outstanding work in all her classes. I tell everyone that Head Start made her a genius! If it wasn't for the Head Start program and Community Action I don't know where I would be now. I don't just think of them as a preschool I think of everyone as family."

The program applied for and obtained refunding of the Head Start grants in 2012/13 under the 1st round of re-competition according to the Head Start Act. The need to re-compete was based upon a deficiency in the federal monitoring review in 2010. The deficiency was corrected and found to be in compliance in a review in 2012.

The income and expenses for the Head Start/Early Head Start Program from Feb. 2012 to Jan. 2013 are:

Revenues:		Expenses:	
HeadStart Grant (HHS)	2,322,757	Salaries and benefits	1,798,640
CACFP Program	113,946	Supplies	62,241
Local Match (Inkind)	528,177	Contractual	15,864
UPK and Contributions	55,758	Transportation	77,415
Other funds	<u>1,851</u>	Occupancy	103,173
Total Revenues:	3,022,489	Food/Nutrition	127,090
		Other Costs	96,133
		Inkind	528,177
		Indirect Costs	<u>213,756</u>
		Total Revenues:	3,022,489

Budget for Feb. 2013 to Jan. 2014 is: \$2,936,234.

The Community Action Board of Directors and Head Start Policy Council assure staff meets requirements and carries out the agency mission:

“To provide services, with dignity and respect, that help people become self-sufficient”