

Ounce of Prevention Fund Head Start & Early Head Start



Annual Report 2019

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General Information

Grantee: The Ounce of Prevention Fund

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Agency Type: Grantee

Agency Description: The Ounce of Prevention Fund is a Head Start/Early Head Start grantee which provides services through directly-operated, partner, and delegate programs throughout the city of Chicago and the south suburbs.

Educare – Directly-Operated Program

The Educare Center is a program to prepare young, at-risk children for school by implementing the approaches and practices that science tells us are necessary to help young children grow up safe, healthy, and eager to learn. This unique program provides education and care for 165 children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. Educare offers specialized supports for children and their families, including arts, intensive math and language, and many parent education opportunities. The center is the original site of a national network of Educare schools developed through a partnership between the Ounce of Prevention Fund and the Buffett Early Childhood Fund.

Healthy Parents and Babies – Directly-Operated Program

The Healthy Parents and Babies program has 78 program slots allocated to providing services for pregnant women, young parents, and children aged birth through 3 years old. The program philosophy is based on providing relationship-based, family-centered, child-focused programs for pregnant women, children, and families through home visits and doula services that begin as early as in a woman's pregnancy, if possible.

Site Location

Educare Center

5044 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615

Healthy Parents and Babies

Hayes Center
4859 S. Wabash Ave Chicago, IL 60615

Community Areas Served: Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Washington Park, Brighton Park, Humboldt Park, McKinley Park.

Children's Place Association – Partner Agency

Program Number: 05CH8456/01

Program Name: Children's Place Association: Arthur E. Jones Early Childhood Care and Learning Center and Home-Based Early Learning Program

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Agency Web Site Address: www.childrens-place.org

Agency Type: Nonprofit. Center-based Head Start/Early Head Start, home-visiting Early Head Start

Agency Description: Children's Place Association has 133 Head Start/Early Head Start-eligible slots. Children's Place provides comprehensive support services to children and families affected by illness and poverty. Programs include 24-hour nursing for medically complex children, mental health counseling, case management, summer camp, foster care and adoption, emergency assistance, supportive family housing and early education services that include a Home-Based program and the Arthur E. Jones Early Childhood Care and Learning Center. The Early Learning Center serves 0-5-year-old children with age-specific classrooms, degreed teachers and specially trained aides, an onsite nurse, nutritious meals, transportation, and a secure, private playground. The Home-Based program serves 0-3-year-old children, providing developmental and emotional screenings, nutrition education and assessments, monthly infant health checks by a Registered Nurse, advocacy, referrals, and group socialization. The Center-based programs includes Head Start and Early Head Start programming, and the Home-Based program provides Early Head Start programming.

Because of our capacity to provide nursing and specialized therapeutic care, Chicago Public Schools, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund selected Children's Place as one of just two organizations in the city to pilot a special education model project that began in 2017. At no cost to Children's Place, a special education instructor is placed in our Early Learning Center classrooms to assist children with special needs, so that they are able to stay in the group setting with their typically developing peers. The project also brings professionals on site to provide specialized therapies (speech, physical, occupational, etc.), rather than disrupting children's learning with trips to other facilities/locations. The resources this pilot brings to our Center benefit all of the children in our classrooms, as we ensure every child gets the individualized services, he/she needs to learn.

Site Location:

Early Learning Center

1800 N. Humboldt Blvd. Chicago, IL 60651

Home-Based Early Learning Program

3543 West Chicago Ave Chicago, IL 60647

Community Areas Served: Both programs supported by the Ounce operate out of Humboldt Park on Chicago's West Side. While a large percentage of Children's Place client families live near our program facilities, we serve children from across Chicago due to our capacity and experience in serving infants, toddlers and children living with illness or disabilities.

While Children's Place Association's catchment area is the entire city, the annual Community Assessment conducted by the Ounce of Prevention and Children's Place evaluates the areas surrounding/adjacent to the Early Learning Center since a large percentage of children served come from these areas. Some, such as Logan Square and West Town, are undergoing gentrification, but

pockets of poverty remain; others face ongoing issues of high poverty rates and racial disparities. Humboldt Park in particular had a high economic hardship index, high rates of unemployment and child poverty and increased crime rates.

According to data from the most recent Assessment conducted in July 2018, child poverty remains high in Humboldt Park, at 46%, and 21.5% of children live in extreme poverty in this community. The per capita income was \$18,576, below the Chicago average. The rate of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) receipt was 11% and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) receipt was 82%. Limited English proficiency was present in 15% of the households and 27% of adult residents did not have a high school degree. The violent crime rate increased 17% from the previous year and was 18.7 per 1,000 persons. While the unemployment rate had decreased it remained high, at 14%. Parents of children in Children's Place Early Head Start and Head Start programs experienced more unemployment than those in other Ounce programs. The percentage of families that have at least one parent employed was considerably lower than the average for all Ounce-supported Head Start programs.

Poverty rates for children in the evaluated communities varied greatly by race/ethnicity, with African American and Hispanic children having the higher rates than White children. (The exception was Hermosa, where poverty percentages were similar for all racial groups.) The majority of children served by Children's Place early education programs are African American and Hispanic. Approximately 50% of children served by the Early Learning Center are African American, 40% Hispanic and 10% other. In the Home-Based program 70-75% of families are Hispanic, 15-20% African American and 10% other.

Per US Census data, the poverty level begins at annual incomes of \$12-25,000 depending on family size; in our last fiscal year, FY 2018, 80% of Early Learning Center client families made annual incomes below the federal poverty level, and 76% of Home-Based client families did. A significant portion of families made considerably less: 51% of families served by the Early Learning Center made annual incomes of \$10,000 or less and 37% subsisted on annual incomes of \$5,000 or less. In the Home-based program 17% of families made annual incomes of \$10,000 or less and 8% made annual incomes of \$5,000 or less.

Children's Place specializes in serving families and children with special needs. Nearly half of the children served in the Early Learning Center, 49%, in FY 2018 had an illness or disability; furthermore, 21% had a parent living with a disability or medical condition. In the Home-Based program, 5% of children had a disability or medical condition and 5% had a parent living with a disability or medical condition. More than 45% of children in the Home-Based program have an

SGA Youth and Family Services – Partner Agency

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Agency Type: Private/Public Not-for-Profit

Agency Description: SGA Youth & Family Services supports the emotional and social development of Chicago area children, adolescents, and young adults by providing fee-free therapy, case management, and other supportive services for individuals and their families. SGA’s mission: SGA helps children, families, and communities facing great challenges to realize their potential. SGA’s vision is to lead the evolution of services to transform challenged neighborhoods in the greater Chicago area into healthy communities. SGA Youth & Family Services partners with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to provide comprehensive Early Head Start home based services to families. The agency services 123 Early Head Start and Head Start eligible children.

Site Location:

SGA Home Visiting Office
3152 W. 47th Street
Chicago, IL 60632

Community Areas Served:

Brighton Park
McKinley Park
New City

First Step Child Care Center – Partner Agency

Program Name: First Step Child Care Center, Inc.
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Fax Number: (708) 747-5000
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Head Start Director Email: lfoster@fs3c.com
Agency Web Site Address: firststepofrichtonpark.com
Agency Type: For-Profit

Agency Description: First Step Child Care Center is a for-profit center that provides a program which involves the development of the whole child, through carefully designed experiences that tap into the child’s natural curiosity and developmental readiness.

Since 1999, First Step Child Care Center in Richton Park, IL has been providing an environment that is safe and nurturing to the children in its care from ages 6 weeks right up to 5 years. At First Step Child Care Center each child’s learning experience reflects the results of rigorous research in child development as well as an awareness of what constitutes best practices in early childhood education. All children are eligible to apply if they are enrolled in the daycare center.

In April of 2015 First Step added a federally funded Head Start program for 14 preschool children and by the end of the 2016-2017 program year this program expanded to include 33 children 3-5 years of age. Today, the program offers services to 80 Head Start children and 24 Early Head Start children. Head Start/Early Head Start advances the principles that First Step holds dear and provides a framework for supporting the wellbeing of the whole family. First Step Child Care Center knows that every child’s emotional well-being is vitally important. Our warm, loving staff provides a stable environment in which children thrive.

Site Location:

First Step Child Care Center
22025 Governors Highway Richton Park, IL 60471

Community Areas Served

- Crete
- Park Forest
- Richton Park
- Matteson
- Steger
- University Park
- Chicago Heights

Casa Central – Delegate Agency

Program Number: 007

Program Name: Casa Central – Early Learning Academy

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Head Start Director Email: mreynolds@casacentral.org

Agency Web Site Address: <http://www.casacentral.org>

Agency Type: Social Service Agency / Non-Profit (Non-CAA)

Agency Description: Since 1954, Casa Central has been transforming lives and strengthening communities, with a special focus on Hispanics. Our network of social services propels a diverse population of all ages toward self-sufficiency and a higher quality of life. The agency's Early Learning Academy provides Head Start and Early Head Start services to children, ages birth to five, and their families. The program serves 84 Head Start and 120 Early Head Start children and their families in both home- and center-based settings, and specializes in preparing children for entry into Kindergarten or Head Start with an emphasis on social-emotional development, literacy enhancement, and math comprehension.

Center-Based Early Head Start & Head Start The Center-Based Early Head Start and Head Start program option, which includes Child Care collaboration, provides full-day early learning services in six classroom settings (two Early Head Start, four Head Start) for children ages two – five. All classrooms are also part of our partnership with the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services Preschool for All and Prevention Initiative programs, which support increased staff credentialing and licensing and the maintenance of smaller teacher: child ratios to ensure high-quality, individualized services for all children.

The Center-Based program uses the research-based Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies GOLD developmental assessment tools to support quality education and ensure that programming meets the needs of all children in the program. Each classroom has three teaching staff who are overseen by a Site Director and an Academic and Development Manager/Education Coordinator.

The Center-Based program is in the Gold Circle of Quality as part of ExceleRate Illinois. ExceleRate Illinois is a statewide quality recognition and improvement system designed to make continuous quality improvement an everyday priority among early learning providers. The program establishes standards for helping young children develop intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally. It provides a framework for early learning professionals to identify opportunities for improvement, increase their skills, and take steps to make positive changes. Gold Circle programs like Casa Central's have met the highest quality standards in three areas: learning environment and teaching quality; administrative standards; and training & education. Furthermore, the program holds Awards of Excellence in Preschool Teaching & Learning and Infant/Toddler Services.

Home-Based Early Head Start & Head Start

The Home-Based Early Head Start and Head Start program serves hard-to-reach populations (including, for example, teen parents and immigrant families) within the comfort of each family's home. The Home-Based program uses the research-based Parents as Teachers curriculum, as well as the High Scope/COR Advantage developmental assessment tools. In the Home-Based program option, families are assigned to a Parent Educator for weekly 90-minute home visits. The program is overseen by a Site Director and two Education Coordinators.

Early Learning Academy Across both the Home- and Center-Based program options, the Early Learning Academy provides a safe, nurturing environment, and addresses the comprehensive content areas of Early Head Start and Head Start programming, including ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance); Health and Nutrition; Education; Disabilities and Wellness Promotion; and Parent, Family & Community Engagement. Led by the Head Start Director/Vice President of Children’s Services, the program-wide content-area staff include an ERSEA Coordinator, Nurse/Health Manager, Family Development Coordinator, Disabilities & Wellness Promotion Coordinator, Wellness Promotion and Nutrition Consultants, and a Systems Manager who manages data and supports continuous quality improvement activities across program options and content areas.

In order to holistically support participating families, each is assigned to a Family Development Specialist. Led by the Family Development Coordinator, each Specialist works closely with the family, helping families set and achieve goals, connect with community resources, and ensure that children are healthy, able to participate in program services, and equipped to thrive in Kindergarten and beyond. The Family Development Specialists use the evidence-based Parents as Teachers curriculum as a tool to connect with families, as well as other strategies and approaches. Specialists partner with the program’s Nutrition Consultant to complete nutrition assessments and individualized nutrition plans for children identified as in need of nutritional support. Furthermore, the Family

Development Specialists collaborate with families and the program’s Nurse/Health Manager to ensure that children have comprehensive medical examinations including screening for lead, tuberculosis, and hemoglobin levels; are up to date on their immunizations; are connected with primary healthcare providers who serve as a medical home; have pediatric dental exams; and are connected with dental care providers who serve as a dental home.

The Early Learning Academy has partnerships with local healthcare providers to ensure that children have current immunizations and physical examinations and that they have had hearing and vision screenings. These partnerships do not supplant a medical or dental home, but rather provide additional supports and resources to families. The program has additional partnerships with service providers in the community in order to ensure comprehensive supports to families; these include service providers in areas such as domestic violence, housing, and financial literacy.

Early Learning Academy Site Locations:

Home-Based

1335 North California Avenue Chicago, IL 60622

Center-Based

1343 North California Avenue Chicago, IL 60622

Primary Community Areas Served: • Hermosa • Humboldt Park • Logan Square • West Town

Children's Home + Aid - Delegate Agency

Name of Agency Children's Home & Aid

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Program Name: Children's Home & Aid

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Agency Web Site Address: www.childrenshomeandaid.org

Agency Type: Nonprofit Organization

Agency Description: For 137 years, Children's Home & Aid has been linking children and families to a network of care and opportunity, helping them recover their health, hope and faith in those around him. Every year, the agency protects children, youth, and families, offering counseling and education services to overcome the obstacles of abuse, neglect, and poverty. Children's Home & Aid offers more than 70 programs and serve more than 40,000 children and families each year in over 60 counties. Programs include adoption services, early childhood education, family counseling, foster care, and youth services as well as advocates for beneficial public policies relevant to child welfare, early childhood, and juvenile justice. Children's Home & Aid partners with The Ounce of Prevention to provide quality Head Start & Early Head services for 146 children in families.

Site Locations:

Mitzi Freidheim Child & Family Center

1701 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, IL 60636

VIVA Home Visiting Program

100 N. Western Ave

Chicago, IL 60512

Community Areas Served:

Englewood, West Englewood, New City, Humboldt Park, Hermosa, Logan Square, and West Town.

One Hope United - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05-CH8456-002

Program Name: One Hope United

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Fax Number: 312-949-1168

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Agency Web Site Address: www.onehopeunited.org

Agency Type: Private/Public Non-Profit

Agency Description: One Hope United was founded as Chicago Baptist Orphanage in 1895. Today, One Hope United is a federation of agencies that spans four states, serving more than 15,000 children and families each year. One Hope United provides advocacy, support, and treatment to vulnerable children and families. Although there are countless child welfare agencies across the United States, very few organizations are able to offer the diverse array of prevention, intervention, and community-based programs and services available through One Hope United.

One Hope United's Early Learning and Child Development centers are dedicated to educating, nourishing, and empowering young children and families. Our 12 Child Development centers throughout the Chicago land area serve more than 2,200 children each year. All of our eligible centers are accredited or undergoing accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)—a distinction held by only 10% of centers in the country.

Program Description: The One Hope United Head Start Centers include the Bridgeport Child Development Center I & II. The programs have been providing the community with the highest quality of early education and care for 40 years. Our teachers use The Creative Curriculum® to plan intentional, individualized learning experiences for children, including children with special needs. Our classroom environments include learning centers such as blocks, dramatic play, art, library, discovery, sand and water, music and movement, and computers. Children are engaged in activities that promote math, science, cognitive, social-emotional, physical, language and literacy development. Through active involvement with the environment, children learn to understand the world around them as they develop essential school-readiness skills and lay the foundation for a love of learning.

The Head Start Centers partner with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to provide Head Start services for 3- to 5-year-olds. The Head Start model provides a nurturing environment that supports the healthy growth and development of each child in the context of the child's family, culture and community. The center also partners with the Department of Children and Family Services to provide Preschool for All and Prevention Initiative Programs that provide a seamless transition for children from preschool into the public-school system.

Locations / Communities Served

Bridgeport Child Development Center

3053 S. Normal Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

Bridgeport Child Development Center II

514 W. 31st Street
Chicago, IL 60616

Serving: Bridgeport & New City

Edgewater Early Learning Center

5244 N. Lakewood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60640

Serving: Edgewater, Uptown & Rogers Park

One Hope United Waukegan - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05CH010774-201

Program Name: Waukegan Early Learning Center

Program Address: 1500 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087

Agency Address: 514 W. 31st Street

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Head Start Director Name: Rosanne DeGregorio

Head Start Director Email: rdegregorio@onehopeunited.org

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Program Description: The program partners with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to provide Early Head Start services, both center-based and home based, for children 6 weeks to 3 years. The Early Head Start model provides a nurturing environment that supports the healthy growth and development of each child in the context of the child’s family, culture, and community.

In the center-based program, teachers utilize the Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos which provides a unique “learn by doing” approach that allows children to explore and understand the world around them. The home-based program includes a weekly 90-minute home visit as well as socialization activities that provide opportunities for children and parents to meet and engage in a variety of learning experiences. Parent Educators utilize the Parents as Teachers Curriculum to partner with parents in helping their children grow up healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Site Location:

Waukegan Early Learning Center
1500 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087

Communities Served:

Waukegan Township including Waukegan, Beach Park, Park City, North Chicago

Highlights from Ounce of Prevention

New Initiatives for Early Childhood in Illinois

- With a new executive administration, many initiatives and plans are moving forward for young children in Illinois
- Three initiatives were recounted: Preschool Development Grant, Birth Through Five (PDG B-5) Renewal, the Prenatal to Three Initiative (PN3) report, and the Governor's Early Childhood Education and Care Agenda
- Many of the goals and objectives are geared toward expanding programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, improving quality and strengthening the workforce
- Many of the goals and objectives will help strengthen all programs for young children but they may also pose challenges to recruitment and enrollment of Early Head Start and Head Start programs as they expand

Homelessness

- Precise counts of homeless young children were not obtainable and this report follows recommendations that counts of homeless students in public schools is the most precise guide to the number of homeless in a community
- Information from the Chicago Public Schools for the top ten elementary schools with enrolled homeless students provided information on the Chicago community areas that might have high population of homeless families including those with young children

Here is the list from 2019:

- KIPP Ascend Primary – 171 homeless students (**Brighton Park**, North Lawndale, South Lawndale)
- KIPP Bloom Primary – 158 homeless students (Auburn Gresham, **Englewood**, Greater Grand Crossing, **Washington Park, West Englewood**)
- Nicholson STEM – 133 homeless students (Auburn Gresham, **Englewood**, Greater Grand Crossing, **Washington Park, West Englewood**)
- Chalmers School of Excellence – 127 homeless students (**Bridgeport, Brighton Park**, Lower West Side, **McKinley Park, Near West Side**, North Lawndale, South Lawndale)
- Howe School of Excellence – 111 homeless students (Austin, West Garfield Park)
- KIPP One Primary – 105 homeless students (Austin, East Garfield Park, **Humboldt Park**, North Lawndale, West Garfield Park)
- Parker Elementary Community Academy – 73 homeless students (Auburn Gresham, **Englewood**, Greater Grand Crossing, **Washington Park, West Englewood**)
- Genevieve Melody Public Elementary School – 71 homeless students (Austin, East Garfield Park, **Humboldt Park**, North Lawndale, West Garfield Park)
- Montessori Englewood – 69 homeless students (Austin, Auburn Gresham, Chicago Lawn, **Englewood**, Gage Park, **West Englewood**)
- Beasley Academic Center – 68 homeless students (Armour Square, **Bridgeport, Brighton Park**, Douglas, **Englewood, Fuller Park**, Gage Park, **Grand Boulevard, McKinley Park, New City, Washington Park, West Englewood**)

Recruitment of Early Head Start and Head Start – Unmet Needs of Eligible Children

- Analysis of all the Chicago community areas and several municipalities in the south Cook and Will and Lake Counties found several community areas and municipalities that could be fruitful recruitment areas for infants and toddlers
- The analysis also revealed community areas and municipalities that might not be as fruitful for infants and toddlers
- The Ounce Early Head Start program through One Hope United remains the only Early Head Start program in Lake County. Even accounting for child care, Waukegan and North Chicago still have a number of eligible infants and toddlers
- The number of other early childhood programs and child care slots in Chicago and the county municipalities can provide more services than there are eligible children in some communities
- The analysis also revealed Chicago communities and municipalities that could be fruitful for recruitment of preschoolers into Head Start and areas that might not be fruitful

Recruitment of Early Head Start and Head Start – High Priority Children

Disabilities

TABLE 9 Part C, Early Intervention Services July 2017 – June 2018		
Child and Family Connections Lake County, Chicago and Southern Collar Counties	Number of Children with an IFSP	% of IFSPs with Initial Evaluations, Assessments and Meeting within 45 Days
CFC #2 – Lake County	666	97.9%
CFC #8 – Southwest Chicago	1,099	98.3%
CFC #9 – Central Chicago	1,215	96.5%
CFC #10 – Southeast Chicago	988	98.5%
CFC #11 – North Chicago	2,468	99.8%
CFC #12 – South Suburban	1,491	98.7%
CFC #15 – Will, LaSalle, Grundy & Kankakee Counties	1,582	95.2%

- Accurate counts of eligible children with disabilities was not available nor was an updated report from the Bureau of Early Intervention
- Information from the 2019 Community Assessment was repeated for this report
- Updated information on the number and percentage of children in the Chicago Public Schools for young children was included
- New information on disabilities for the county municipalities was not obtained

TABLE 10 Potential Special Education Eligible Children				
CFC	Head Start Program	Potentially Special Education Eligible	Number of Potentially Eligible with Documented Transition Meetings	Percent of Potentially Eligible with Documented Transition Meetings
#8 SW Chicago	SGA Head Start	664	296	61%

#9 Central Chicago	Casa Central Children's Home + Aid (Viva) Children's Place One Hope United (Bridgeport I & II) SGA	762	209	68%
#10 SE Chicago	Children's Home + Aid (Englewood) Educare One Hope United (Bridgeport I and II)	571	393	95%
#11 North Chicago	Children's Place One Hope United (Edgewater)	1,481	314	31%
#12 South Suburbs	First Step	960	673	82%
#15 LaSalle, Will, Grundy, & Kankakee Counties	Additional south suburban areas	1,166	673	82%

Child Abuse and Neglect/Foster Care

- Rates of child abuse and neglect increased for many communities in Chicago between 2017 and 2018
- Specific information on child abuse and neglect and substitute care at the municipality level was not available

Teen Birth Rate

- The teen birth rate nationally continues to decrease year by year
- Most community areas in Chicago and in the municipalities also saw decreases in the teen birth rate between 2017 and 2018
- A few communities saw increases
- The only available information on teen births for the municipalities is through the census data, which is an undercount from a count of vital statistics; nevertheless, it provides a guide to areas with high teen birth rates

Poverty and Extreme Poverty

- Child poverty has been decreasing the last year or two and the rates continue to decrease – from 12.3% in 2017 to 11.8% in 2018
- Poverty rates for infants and toddlers also decreased but they still remain the group with the highest poverty rates – 17.8% compared to 16.9% for preschoolers and 15.6% for older children (6-17)
- The Chicago young child poverty rate in 2018 was 23% and in 2017, 28%, a decrease of 16%.
- Poverty decreased for children 0-5 between 2017 and 2018 for every Chicago community area.
- Still, many community areas had poverty rates at or higher than 25% and most of those communities also had high rates of extreme poverty
- Unlike Chicago, not all the municipalities saw decreases in child poverty between 2017 and 2018
- Several municipalities in the south suburbs had higher percentages of child poverty than seen in the Chicago community areas

- As with Chicago, municipalities with high rates of child poverty also had high rates of extreme poverty

Health

- Since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act, enough evidence has accumulated to show that the expansion of Medicaid has improved the health of poor Americans
- Unfortunately, the number of uninsured children and individuals continues to rise, until the COVID-19 virus, despite low unemployment and a strong economy
- In 2017 the percentage of uninsured people was 7.9% and in 2018, 8.5%
- Between 2016 and 2018, the number of uninsured children increased by 400,000
- In Illinois, the percent of uninsured rose from 7.8% in 2017 to 8.1% in 2018
- The percentage of uninsured in Chicago actually dropped slightly from 10.9% in 2017 to 10.7% in 2018

Perinatal and Child Health Indicators

- The Chicago community areas had information on low birth weight, prenatal care, infant mortality and elevated lead blood levels
- A few community areas in Chicago had low indicators on two or more of the four perinatal and child health indicators
- Perinatal health indicators were only available at the county level for the municipalities

Oral Health

- Information on good oral health during pregnancy and the child's first six years was provided

Asthma

- No updated information was found for asthma

Social-Emotional

- Information on a Kindness curriculum was included, where children behaved more altruistically, had a better attention span, better grades and showed a higher level of social competence

Nutrition

- SNAP receipt continued to decrease for most community areas
- Census data was available for SNAP receipt for the county municipalities and only available for households with children under the age of 18
- Several municipalities saw increases rather than decreases in SNAP, perhaps coincident with the high rates of poverty in some of the municipalities
- SNAP was included in new regulations on public charge that was to go into effect in October, 2019. But a federal court judge has stopped implementation of the new regulations and they are not currently in effect

Unemployment

- A few Chicago communities saw small increases in unemployment; most saw decreases
- Despite the decreases, several communities still had unemployment of 20% or higher
- Census data provided unemployment information for 2018 for the municipalities
- Several municipalities saw increases in unemployment and a few had unemployment at 20% or higher
- Lake County municipalities all had decreases and all had unemployment less than 10%
- New information for Chicago on children that would be income eligible for the child care subsidy but ineligible because of non-working parent or parents was provided; some of these families might be eligible for Early Head Start or Head Start and might be receptive to home-based services
- The same information for municipalities through the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map provided information on number of parents not working but without the filter of income eligibility; still some of the families might be eligible for Early Head Start or Head Start services and receptive to home-based services

Immigrants

- Immigrants continue to face threats of deportation and additional challenges in obtaining health care and public services
- In 2018, one in seven adults in immigrant families reported avoiding public benefits
- Nearly half of community health centers report that during 2019 immigrant patients did not enroll in Medicaid and nearly 40% of health centers report that parents declined coverage for their children
- Although the federal government changed the rules for public charge decisions that would include regular Medicaid, SNAP, many federal housing programs, and TANF, which was scheduled to go into effect on October 15, 2019, an appeals court judge blocked the new regulations from going into effect in January, 2020

Language and Foreign Born

- Several communities in Chicago had communities with substantial percentages of both Spanish speaking households and Other language households
- Municipalities in Cook and Will County had few households with limited English proficiency
- Waukegan and Park City had substantial percentages of Spanish speaking households with limited English proficiency
- The communities with high percentages of foreign born did not tend to be communities with high percentages of poverty or high numbers of challenges other communities face

Crime

- The Chicago Department of Public Health collects information on feelings of safety during the day and at night; few had enough information to analyze but the few that did stood out from the other areas
- The Chicago Department of Public Health also collected information on how safe community members felt in their parks, playgrounds and walking paths. A few communities had less than half the residents who felt safe in their communities
- Many Chicago community areas saw decreases in property crime between 2014 and 2018
- Conversely many community areas saw increases in violent crime between 2014 and 2018
- Crime rates do not necessarily equate to feeling safe; Fuller Park with high property and violent crime rates had a safety percentage of 84% and the Loop also with the highest property crime rate had an 88% feeling of safety

- Crime statistics for the municipalities from the Uniform Crime Report were available for 2018 and for 2017
- Compared to many Chicago community areas, municipalities experience less crime and report less crime overall.
- Most of the municipalities with information saw decreases in the property crime rate between 2014 and 2018
- Between 2014 and 2018, most of the municipalities with information also saw decreases in violent crime

Domestic Violence

- A research report on domestic violence in Chicago was documented in the 2018 Community Assessment. Fuller Park had the highest rate of domestic violence of all Chicago community areas and Englewood, Washington Park and West Englewood were in the top tier of community areas with the highest rates of domestic violence. No new information was available.ⁱ
- Chicago Safe Start is a city resource for children 0-5 who have witnessed violence; centers can be accessed through <https://safestartcenter.wordpress.com/tag/chicago-safe-start/>.
- The City of Chicago Domestic Violence Help Line is 1-877-TO-END-DV, ^{[[SEP]]}1-877-863-6338 or ^{[[SEP]]}1-877-863-6339 (TTY).

Challenges in Communities and Municipalities

- Several measures of challenges in communities such as poverty, homelessness and unemployment were recounted in the report; in each case, the communities with the highest (or lowest) percentage or rate were listed
- The Chicago Health Atlas had additional measures – economic hardship, child opportunity and food insecurity
- Altogether 16 measures for Chicago communities were tabulated to create profiles for each Chicago community using the lists of highest (or lowest) percentages or rates
- West Englewood appeared the most often and had the most challenges; other communities with many challenges were Greater Grand Crossing, North Lawndale, West Garfield Park, Englewood and New City

Those communities with 8 or more factors were (Ounce recruitment areas in purple):

- **West Englewood** – 13 factors (schools with high homelessness and ever homeless, high child abuse and neglect rate, high rate of teen births, high 100% poverty, high extreme poverty, low perinatal and child health indicators, high SNAP receipt, high unemployment, unsafe at night, high violent crime, high economic hardship, very low child opportunity, food insecurity)
- **Great Grand Crossing** – 10 factors (schools with high homelessness, high child abuse and neglect rate, high rate of teen births, high 100% poverty, high extreme poverty, low perinatal and child health indicators, high SNAP receipt, high unemployment, high violent crime, high economic hardship)
- **North Lawndale** – 9 factors (schools with high homelessness and ever homeless, high child abuse and neglect rate, high rate of teen births, high 100% poverty, high extreme poverty, high SNAP receipt, high economic hardship, very low child opportunity, food insecurity)
- **West Garfield Park** – 9 factors (schools with high homelessness, high rate of teen births, low perinatal and child health indicators, high SNAP receipt, high unemployment, high violent crime, low neighborhood safety, high economic hardship, very low child opportunity)

- **Englewood** – 8 factors (schools with high homelessness, high child abuse and neglect rate, high rate of teen births, low perinatal and child health indicators, high unemployment, high violent crime, high economic hardship, very low child opportunity)
- **New City** – 8 factors (schools with high homelessness, high child abuse and neglect rate, high rate of teen births, high 100% poverty, high extreme poverty, high percentage of households with limited English, high economic hardship, very low child opportunity)
- Fewer measures were available for the municipalities – 7 in all
- Similar profiles were constructed for the municipalities; Riverdale, Dixmoor, Dolton, Harvey and Markham had the most challenges in the Cook and Will municipalities
- In Lake County, Waukegan and North Chicago had the most challenges

Summary of Annual Review Findings

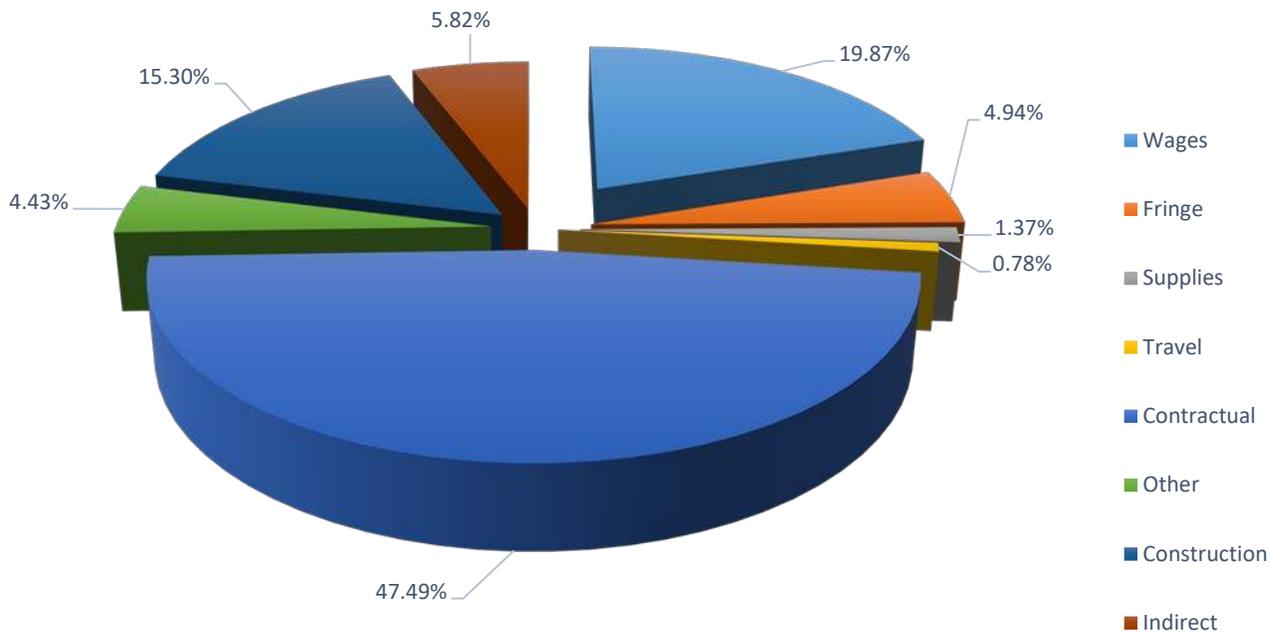
On August 28, 2020, the Administration for Children and Families published the Head Start Designation Renewal System (DRS) final rule in the Federal Register. This final rule revises the conditions for determining whether a Head Start grant will be subject to an open competition under the DRS. Grantees that met one or more of the prior DRS conditions will only be required to compete after the effective date of the rule if they also meet one or more of the revised conditions.

Earlier this year, Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago, IL received a notice of competitive status for Grant No.05CH8456. **This grant is no longer subject to competition because it does not meet any of the revised conditions in the DRS final rule. This grant is now eligible to receive a new non-competitive 5-year grant award.**

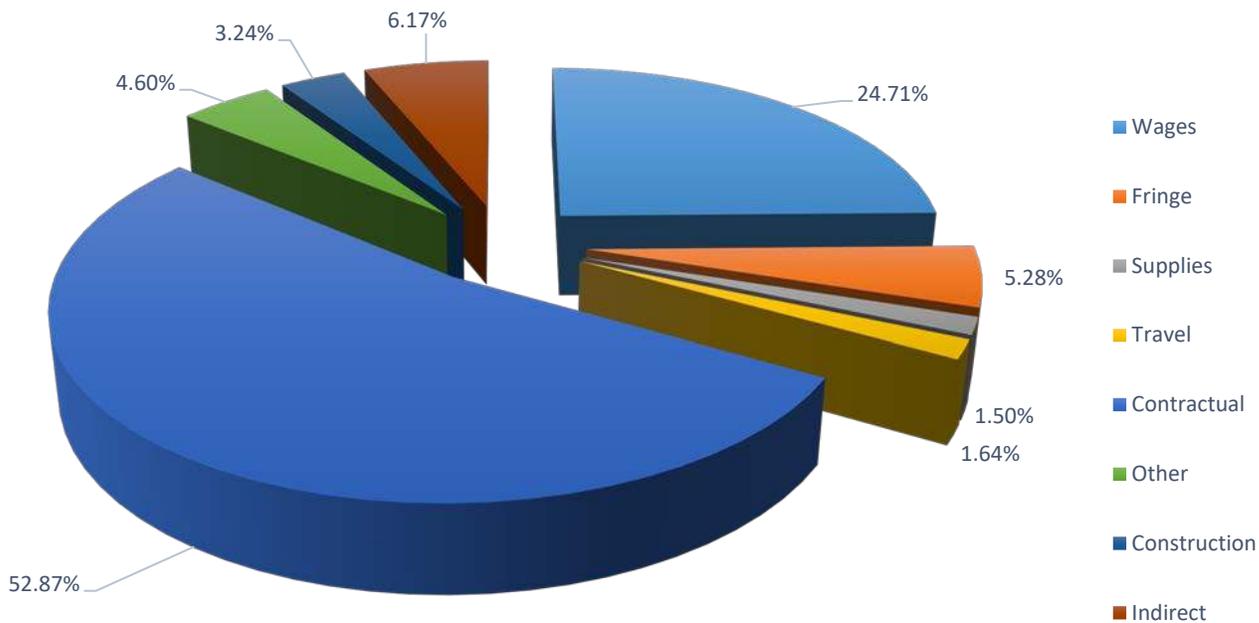
Overall Grantee Budget 2019

TOTAL PUBLIC & PRIVATE FUND RECEIVED:		\$ 18,969,472
Source	Public	Private
Federal	16,450,479	
State & Local	2,222,852	
Individual, Corporations, Foundations, In-kind, Other		296,141
TOTAL	\$ 18,673,331	\$ 296,141

2019 Head Start & Early Head Start Budget



2019 Head Start & Early Head Start Expenses



Summary of Audit Findings

The FY19 audit has been completed for the grantee, delegate and all but one partner program.

Children's Place Association (CPA) – on of our partner programs – is in the process of completing their FY19 Single Audit. A new audit firm was hired due to the original firm not being able to complete this work. CPA had audit finding in FY18, including two repeating from Fy17. CPA implemented a corrective action plan which remains in place.

Centers for New Horizons (CNH) - one of our partners – had audit findings in FY19 related to internal control over financial reporting. There were no findings related to their federal awards.

Chicago Child Care Society (CCCS) – one of our partners – had audit findings in FY19 related to their federal awards, including two repeating from FY18. CCCS implemented corrective action plans.

One Hope United (OHU) – on of our delegates – due to employee turnover,OHU had one finding in FY19 related to reporting on a federal pass-thru Foster Care award.

Summary of Information Required by the Secretary

The Ounce Board of Directors and Policy Council were given brief summaries and links to all Program Instructions and Information Memorandums.

ⁱ Connecting to Safety and Stability: Domestic Violence Needs Assessment of Chicago. Heartland Alliance. Available at www.heartlandalliance.org/research.