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One Hope United Early Head Start Program

Annual Report 2019



General Information

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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 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.

Communities served

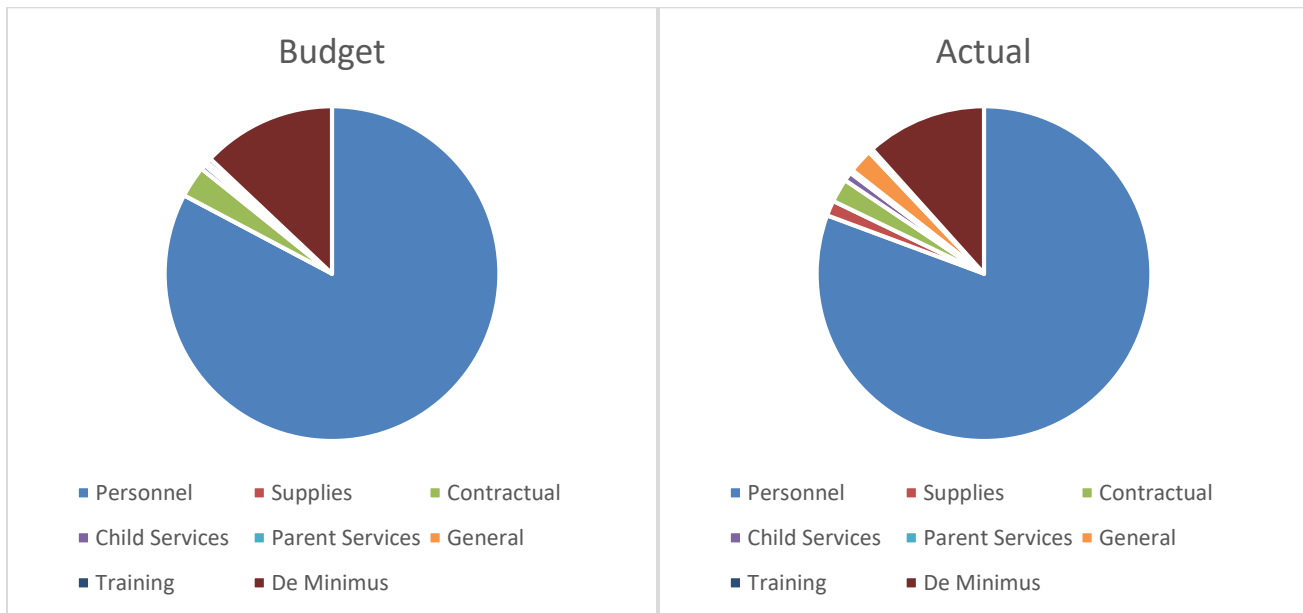
Waukegan Township including: Waukegan, Beach Park, Park City, North Chicago

Overall Grantee Budget 2019- Early Head Start

Total Public and Private Funds received: \$1,038,695

Public Funds		Private Funds	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Federal	769,675	Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, etc.	60,473
State	356,293	In-kind	201,615
Local School District	0		
Total	1,125,968	Total	262,088

2018 Budget and Actual Expenditures



Summary of your most current Community Assessment

Children and Families Served in 2019

Grantee Funded Enrollment

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
Center-based Program		
a. 5 days per week	0	0
1. Full-day enrollment	0	40
2. Part-day enrollment	0	0
b. 4 days per week	0	0
1. Full-day enrollment	0	0
2. Part-day enrollment	0	0
Home-based Program	0	30
Unallocated Slots	0	0
Total:	0	70

Total Children Served: 98

Total Families Served: 77

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 100%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-2	1701
Percentage of children served in agency	5%

Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams

	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams
	69.4%	N/A*

*not required for Early Head Start

Community Assessment Summary:

Key Findings

Demographic Key Findings

In the Lake County municipalities, Waukegan, North Chicago and Park City remain moderately high for children in poverty and Beach Park low in percentage of children aged 0-5 living in poverty.

Waukegan Township and the city of Waukegan both had 15% of children living in extreme poverty – below 50% of the federal poverty level.

Waukegan’s race/ethnicity composition of the 0-5 children in Waukegan was 16% Black with 46% living in poverty, 66% Hispanic with 31% in poverty, and 22% Other Race children with 20% living in poverty.

Lake County stayed the same in the percent of households with limited English proficiency between 2016 and 2017 as did the city of Waukegan. Waukegan Township increased just slightly between 2016 and 2017.

Waukegan had the highest percentage of households with limited English proficiency at 13% in 2017 followed closely by Park City at 12%. Beach Park had the lowest percentage at 1%.

In 2017-2018 the Waukegan Early Head Start program served children that were 72% Hispanic, 18% non-Hispanic Black, 5% non-Hispanic White, and 4% non-Hispanic Bi-Racial.

Education Key Findings

Most municipalities in Lake County and Waukegan Township, Beach Park and North Chicago had their highest percentages for adult education in the category of some college/AA degrees while Park City and Waukegan’s highest were in high school diploma. The majority of the parents in the Waukegan Early Learning Center program had a high school degree or GED.

Results from this first year of state-wide implementation of the kindergarten readiness assessment, KIDS, revealed that the majority of children, 42%, were not ready in the 3 areas of development measured: social-emotional, language and literacy, and math. A breakdown of the data to geographic regions and preschool attendance were not analyzed.

Disabilities Key Findings

In 2017-2018, the Waukegan Early Learning Center served 9 infants and toddlers with disabilities. All of them were receiving services. The number served represented 13% of funded enrollment and 9% of cumulative enrollment, just shy of the 10% requirement.

In Lake County, there were 701 children with an IFSP, Individual Family Service Plan. The program has a relationship with the local CFC and works closely together to assess, evaluate and provide services to children.



Health Key Findings

Recent census numbers revealed that the number of uninsured young children has grown for the first time since 2008, moving from 3.8% in 2016 to 4.2% in 2017. At 8%, Lake and Will County had the lowest percentage of low birth weight. Preterm births were the same across suburban Cook, Will and Lake Counties at 10%.

The Center maintained high levels of health insurance and having a medical home. Immunizations, physicals, having a dental home and oral health decreased from 2016-2017. Although the Waukegan Early Learning Center program decreased on all three indicators, the percentages were still higher than the Illinois and national averages for all three indicators.

Social Service Key Findings

While mental health needs in the community are getting more attention locally, there are still a limited number of providers, especially for people who do not speak English. Local primary care providers continue to be the first line of help for people, but their help is limited to providing referrals which parents have a hard time following up on. Early Intervention provides social worker support for qualifying families, but this is not a widely known option and is only an option for families with a child who qualifies for services.

Parental involvement

Parent Committee Meetings

- Monthly Parent Committee Meetings took place at the Center based program
- The Home based program provided bimonthly parent meetings during the socialization activity
- Parents reviewed menus, discussed child outcomes, reviewed self-assessment results and Quality improvement plans, provided input for program activities and participated in workshops to enhance their parenting skills and understanding of child development.

Parent Education Activities

Health

- ✓ First Aid/CPR – Nurse
- ✓ Nutrition / Healthy Breakfast - Nutritionist
- ✓ Dental Health for Infants & Toddlers / Mobile Van

Mental Health

- ✓ Milestones and development
- ✓ Challenging Behaviors/Biting-MHC
- ✓ Positive Discipline Workshop



Education and Literacy

- ✓ Lending Library
- ✓ Child Outcomes discussion
- ✓ School Readiness / Transitions
- ✓ Curriculum Night

Male Involvement

- ✓ Donuts with Dad
- ✓ Science Night with Dad

Community and Social Services

- ✓ Health Service Advisory Committee Meeting
- ✓ Car Seat Safety
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Plans
- ✓ Early Intervention

Family Events

- Fall and Spring Family Festivals
- Winter Celebration
- Week of the Young Child
- End of the Year Celebration

