

Ounce of Prevention Fund Waukegan Early Head Start



Annual Report 2018

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General Information

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Agency Description

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

Name of Agency: One Hope United

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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.

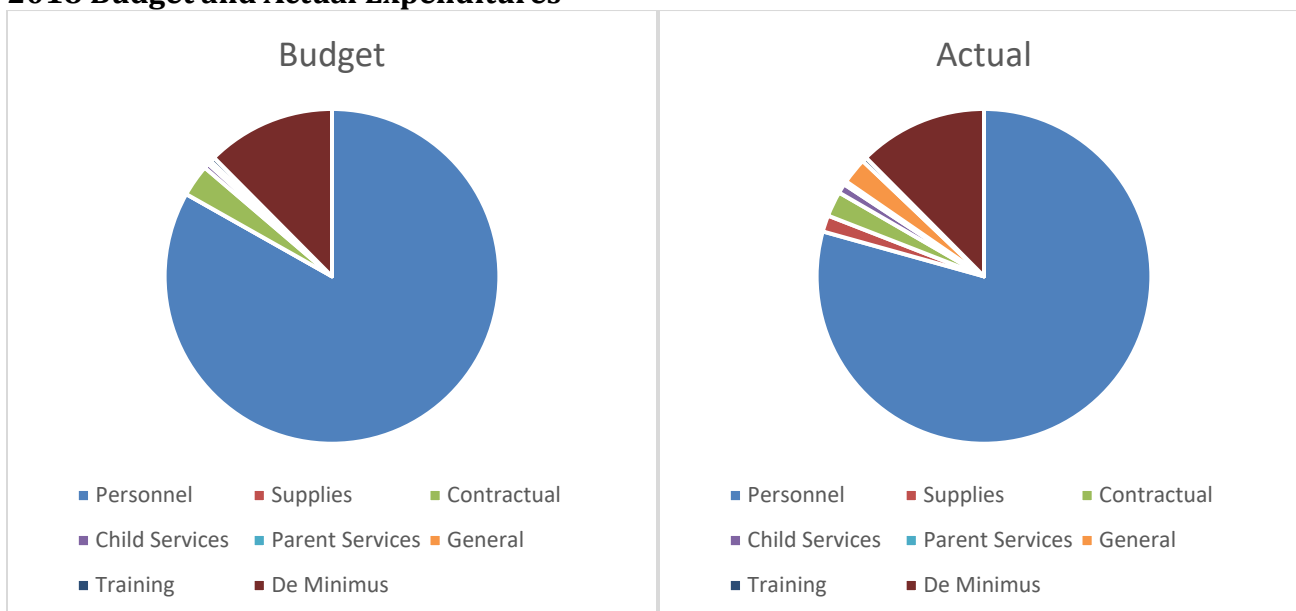
Communities served: Waukegan Township including: Waukegan, Beach Park, Park City, North Chicago

Overall Grantee Budget 2018 – Early Head Start

Total Public and Private Funds received: \$1,186,441

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

2018 Budget and Actual Expenditures



Summary of your most current Community Assessment

Children and Families Served in 2018

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: 80

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

ADA for calendar 2018: 85%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-2	2112
Percentage of children served in agency	4.6%

Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams

	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams
	75.5%	N/A*

*not required for Early Head Start

Community Assessment Summary:

Key Findings

One Hope United, Waukegan continues to provide a variety of needed services in their recruitment areas for infants, toddlers and their families. To varying degrees and in different ways, Park City, Waukegan and North Chicago probably had the most needs of the four municipalities.

Demographic Key Findings

Lake County as a whole had a considerably higher per capita income than either Waukegan Township or the municipalities that compose Waukegan Township indicating this sector of Lake County has a higher percentage of low-income individuals than other sectors.

Waukegan Township, Waukegan and North Chicago all saw decreases in child poverty between 2015 and 2016 and in the 5-year span between 2012 and 2016. Park City and Beach Park saw increases in child poverty, Park City by only 1% but Beach Park increased by 68% between 2015 and 2016.

The White child population in Waukegan stayed about the same between 2012 and 2016 and 26% lived in poverty. The Black child population decreased and over half of the Black children remaining in 2016 lived in poverty. Hispanic children increased just slightly with over a third of these children living in poverty. Children of Other races/ethnicities decreased by roughly half and almost a quarter (22.6%) of these children lived in poverty.

In 2016 Waukegan had the highest percentage of households with limited English proficiency moving from 12.1% in 2014 to 12.8% in 2016. One Hope United Waukegan served a diverse set of families; the majority Hispanic with a variety of racial identities, a more diverse variety than in 2015-2016. 13% were Non-Hispanic Black and with small percentages of other Non-Hispanic racial identities. 56% of the children spoke Spanish and 41% spoke English and 2% spoke Middle Eastern & South Asian.

Education Key Findings

Waukegan Township had their highest percentages for adult education levels in the area of High School Diploma/GED, 32%, and 30% with less than a High School Diploma based on 2016 Census data. In One Hope United's program, 42% of adults had attained a High School Diploma/GED in 2017 and 24% had less than a High School Diploma. For single parent families enrolled in the program, a high percentage, 40% were enrolled in school.

According to data from the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map website (IECAM) most of the suburban municipalities in Lake County saw a decrease in the number of eligible infants and toddlers between 2014 and 2015, although the decreases were much smaller than the decreases seen in Chicago. The data shows 2112 early head start (0-2) eligible children in 2014, a decrease of 35 eligible children since 2013-14. Since the data is a year behind the Chicago data, more losses might be in store in the future.



Disabilities Key Findings

In 2017 - 2018 One Hope United's Waukegan Early Head Start program served 9 infants and toddlers with disabilities. All 9 infants were receiving services. The number was 13% of the funded enrollment, which met the 10% requirement for enrollment of infants and toddlers with disabilities. 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

The repeal of the Affordable Care Act in the House of Representatives, replaced with the American Health Care Act, if enacted, would re-structure Medicaid in ways that might find many children and parents without comprehensive health care or any health care. There continue to be challenges in navigating the health care system in Waukegan. Data from the 2017 - 2018 PIR indicated that 98% of children in the Waukegan Early Head Start program were insured and 100% had a medical home.

Social Service Key Findings

Updated information on housing characteristics continues to imply the lack of affordable housing in Chicago and suburbs. That housing situation contributes to homelessness for families and, indeed, One Hope United served seven families experiencing homelessness in 2017-2018; of this number, three families acquired housing during the program year. Eight families expressed a need for housing support and received those services. 100% of families received at least one service including Health Education, Parenting Education, and Asset building 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 plan, 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/Safe Sleep - Nurse
- ✓ Infectious Illnesses in Infants & Toddlers - Nurse
- ✓ Nutrition / Healthy Snacks - Nutritionist
- ✓ Dental Health for Infants & Toddlers / Mobile Van

Mental Health

- ✓ Social-Emotional Development
- ✓ Stress Management
- ✓ Challenging Behaviors/Biting-MHC
- ✓ Positive Discipline Workshop



Education and Literacy

- ✓ Lending Library
- ✓ Ages & Stages of Child Development
- ✓ School Readiness / Transitions
- ✓ Literacy Night

Male Involvement

- ✓ Donuts with Dad
- ✓ Science Night with Dad

Community and Social Services

- ✓ Health Service Advisory Committee Meeting
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Budgeting & WIC
- ✓ Emergency Preparedness & Evacuation Plans



Family Events

- Fall & Winter Festivals
- Winter Celebration
- Week of the Young Child
- End of the Year Celebration

NAEYC Accreditation! The Waukegan Early Learning Center was proud to attain accreditation through the National Association for the Education of Young Children on October 5, 2018, a distinction shared by only 10% of centers in the country! Staff posed for a photo during the Professional Development Day on October 14, 2018.



School Readiness

Across the site the strengths include providing quality experiences in both routines and activities in children's home language. More than half of our staff are bi-lingual to support our Spanish speaking children and their families in both the center and home base programs. Center base was able to gather enough data for majority of children to be assessed in all areas. Cognitive development is an area of strength for the center. Center based classrooms in the spring checkpoint had 92% meeting and 3% exceeding expectation in the area of cognitive development. In addition to cognitive development, physical development was an area of strength with 87% meeting and 3% exceeding expectations. In home base, their strongest areas of development were literacy with 79% of children meeting expectations, and cognitive with 73% meeting expectations.

Summary of Annual Review Findings

There was no Federal Review for the grantee for grant year 2018.

Summary of Audit Findings

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.