

Ounce of Prevention Fund Head Start & Early Head Start



Annual Report 2014

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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. 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 & Babies – Directly Operated Program

The Healthy Parents & Babies program has 65 program slots allocated to providing services for pregnant women, young parents and children birth through age 3. The program philosophy is based on providing relationship-based, family-centered, child-focused programs for pregnant women, children, and families served 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 & Babies
Hayes Center
4859 S. Wabash Ave
Chicago, IL 60615

Community Areas Served

- Grand Blvd
 - Kenwood
 - Washington Park
 - Brighton Park
 - Humboldt Park
 - McKinley Park
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Centers for New Horizons – Delegate Agency

Program Name: Centers for New Horizons
Address: 4150 South King Drive, Chicago, IL 60653
Phone Number: 773- 373-5700
Head Start Director Name: Christa Hamilton
Head Start Director Email: christah@cnh.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.cnh.org
Agency Type: Private/Public Non-Profit

Agency Description

Centers for New Horizons partners with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to provide comprehensive Early Head Start services to children and build the communities in which they reside. The agency serves 48 Early Head Start-eligible children.

Site Location

Effie Ellis II Early Care & Education Center
4301 S. Cottage Grove
Avenue Chicago, IL 60653

Centers for New Horizons – Dawson
3901 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois 60639

Community Areas Served

- Grand Blvd.
 - Washington Park
 - Kenwood
 - Bronzeville
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Children’s Place Association – Partner Agency

Program Name: The Children’s Place Association
Address: 1800 N. Humboldt Chicago, Illinois 60647
Phone Number: 773-395-9193

Head Start Director Name: Traci Ouimette
Head Start Director Email: touimette@childrensplace.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.childrens-place.org
Agency Type: Not-For-Profit

Agency Description

The Children's Place Association is a safe haven for children and families whose lives have been devastated by disease and poverty. Children's Place partners with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to service HIV/AIDS-affected and medically fragile children and families. The agency services 35 Head Start center-based eligible children.

Site Location

Family Center
1800 N. Humboldt Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60647

Home Visiting Program
3059 W. Augusta
Chicago, IL 60622

Community Areas Served

- Medically Fragile Families throughout the city of Chicago

SGA Youth and Family Services – Partner Agency

Program Name: SGA Youth and Family Services
Address: 3152 W. 47th Street, Chicago, IL 60632
Phone Number: (773) 321-9232
Fax Number: (773) 475-7454
Head Start Director Name: Leticia Ramirez
Head Start Director Email: qramirez@sga-youth.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.sga-youth.org
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. This year SGA as an organization worked on a new mission statement for the organization. The new mission statement is: SGA helps children, families, and communities facing great challenges to realize their potential. SGA's new vision is: SGA will lead the evolution of services to transform challenged neighborhoods in the greater Chicago area into healthy communities.

Site Location

EHS Administrative Office
3152 W. 47th Street

Chicago, IL 60632

SGA Administrative Office
11 E. Adams, Suite 1500
Chicago, IL 60603

Community Areas Served

- Brighton Park
- McKinley Park
- New City

Aunt Martha’s Youth Services – Head Start Delegate

Program Number: 05CH6100-001
Program Name: Aunt Martha’s Youth Service Center
Address: 19990 Governors Highway, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
Phone Number: 708-747-2780 (Head Start site)
Fax Number: 708-747-2812
Head Start Director Name: Joan Schmitt
Head Start Director Email: jschmitt@auntmarthas.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.auntmarthas.org
Agency Type: Private/Public Not-for-profit

Agency Description

Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center provides a full continuum of services for children, teens and families in nine counties across northeastern Illinois. The program provides Head Start services to 226 children ages 3-5 in two locations noted below.

Site Locations

Park Forest
23485 Western Avenue
Park Forest, IL 60466

Riverdale
14424 Wentworth Avenue
Riverdale, IL 60827

Community Areas Served

- Crete
- Park Forest
- Richton Park
- Riverdale
- Steger
- University Park
- The Beacon Hill area of Chicago Heights

Casa Central – Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05CH6100-007
Program Name: Casa Central Children’s Services
Address: 1343 N. California, Chicago, IL 60622-2803
Phone Number: (773) 645-2300
Fax Number: (773) 645-1432
Head Start Director Name: Amanda McMillen
Head Start Director Email: amcmillen@casacentral.org
Agency Web Site Address: <http://www.casacentral.org>
Agency Type: Private/Public Non-profit (Non-CAA)

Agency Description

Casa Central “transforms lives and strengthens 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.”

As part of the 14 comprehensive bilingual, bicultural, bilingual programs, Casa Central’s Early Learning Program provides Head Start services to children, ages 2-5 and their families. The program has 3 sites in two options: two sites are (Early) Head Start/Child Care collaboration sites, providing full-day, early learning services in a center-based setting; and one site is Home-based, serving hard-to-reach populations (teen parents and immigrant families) within the comfort of the family’s home. Four of the seven (Early) Head Start/Child Care classrooms also hold a partnership with Chicago Public Schools Preschool for All program, which provides certified teachers in the classrooms. Both center-based programs implement and use the Creative Curriculum and the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment; the home-based programs use Learning Games from Teaching Strategies, as well as the GOLD assessment. The programs have partnerships with local health providers to ensure that children are up-to-date on their screenings; this does not supplant a medical and dental home, which family support staff works to help families establish. The centers have three staff per classroom, and each family is assigned a family support staff person. Home Educators have a caseload of 12 families. Each site has a program director and the center-based programs share an education coordinator and home-based has their own educational coordinator. The content area staff includes Special Needs Supervisor and Specialist, Senior Family Development Specialist, ERSEA Coordinator, Systems Manager, a Director of Early Learning Programs, and Deputy Director of Children & Youth Programs. The program serves 269 Head Start and 16 Early Head Start children and their families, and specializes in preparing children for entry into kindergarten with an emphasis on social-emotional development, literacy enhancement and math comprehension.

Site Locations

ABC Home-Based Head Start
1349 N. California
Chicago, IL 60622

Casa Infantil
2222 N. Kedzie Avenue

Chicago, IL 60647

Community Service Center
1343 N. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Community Areas Served

- Hermosa
- Humboldt Park
- Logan Square
- West Town
- Wicker Park

Children's Home + Aid - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05CH6100-006
Program Name: Children's Home and Aid
Address: 125 S. Wacker Dr., 14th Fl., Chicago, IL 60606
Phone Number: (312) 424-0200
Fax Number: (312) 424-6884
Head Start Director Name: Jan Stepto-Millett
Head Start Director Email: Jstepto-millett@childrenshomeandaid.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.childrenshomeandaid.org
Agency Type: Non-Profit

Agency Description

Founded in 1883, Children's Home + Aid is a leading child and family service agency in Illinois. For over 130 years, the agency has been recognized for establishing best practices and achieving outstanding results through its programs and services that focus on child abuse prevention, healthy child development, and strengthening families. Children's Home + Aid's mission is to partner with children, youth, and families whose potential is at risk to create hope, opportunity, and bright futures. Our vision is that all children, youth, and families thrive in strong communities. Children's Home + Aid delivers a comprehensive array of programs and services under three core practice areas: Child Welfare, Family and Community Services, and Education. Children's Home + Aid is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and recognized as a leader among social service agencies in establishing outcome indicators for key program areas, retaining a professional evaluation staff to support programs in this function. In 2014, Children's Home + Aid served over 42,000 children and families throughout its five regions: Chicago Metropolitan, (including the northwest suburbs of Carpentersville, Palatine, and Schaumburg), Central (with offices based in Bloomington), Northern (with offices based in Rockford), and Southern (with offices based in Granite City, East St. Louis, Alton, and Belleville). The Chicago Metropolitan region represents roughly half of the agency's total programming.

Site Locations

The Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center
1701 W. 63rd Street

Chicago, IL 60636

Viva Child + Family Center
2516 W. Division
Chicago, IL 60622

Community Areas Served

Center Based:

- Englewood
- West Englewood

Home Based:

- Hermosa
 - Humboldt Park
 - Logan Square
 - West Town
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One Hope United - Delegate Agency

Program Number:	05CH6100-004
Program Name:	One Hope United
Address:	514 W. 31 st Street, Chicago, IL 60616
Phone Number:	312-949-4045
Fax Number:	312-949-1168
Head Start Director Name:	Rosanne DeGregorio
Head Start Director Email:	rdegregorio@onehopeunited.org
Agency Web Site Address:	www.onehopeunited.org
Agency Type:	Private/Public Non-Profit

Agency Description

One Hope United provides advocacy, support and comprehensive early childhood education services to vulnerable children and families through a diverse array of prevention, intervention, and community-based programs and services.

Program Philosophy

OHU's early childhood program philosophy is grounded in the premise that parents, families and communities are the principal influences on the development of children. We know that parents and the family are the first and most important teachers of their children. We want to work together to help your child reach his or her fullest potential. All families need support, and our programs are specifically designed to help meet your needs.

The early childhood program is dedicated to helping families raise strong and healthy children. We believe that the best way to do this is to form partnerships with parents and the families of children. These partnerships are based on mutual trust, understanding, respect and common goals.

Research has shown that most of a child's potential for learning is established by age 6. During

these early years, children need a stimulating environment that will enable them to build their own knowledge through many and varied opportunities to see, hear, smell, taste and feel. They need opportunities to explore and experiment, to question and guess, to fail and try again. Most importantly, children need a nurturing environment, where they can feel secure and can trust that they are loved and cared for. These objectives require teachers who are trained to be edu-caring professionals, to be competent in providing both education and loving care.

Site Locations

Bridgeport Child Development Center 1
 3053 S. Normal Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60616

Bridgeport Child Development Center 2
 514 W. 31st Street Chicago,
 IL 60616

Edgewater Early Childhood Center
 5244 N. Lakewood Street
 Chicago, IL 60640

Community Areas Served

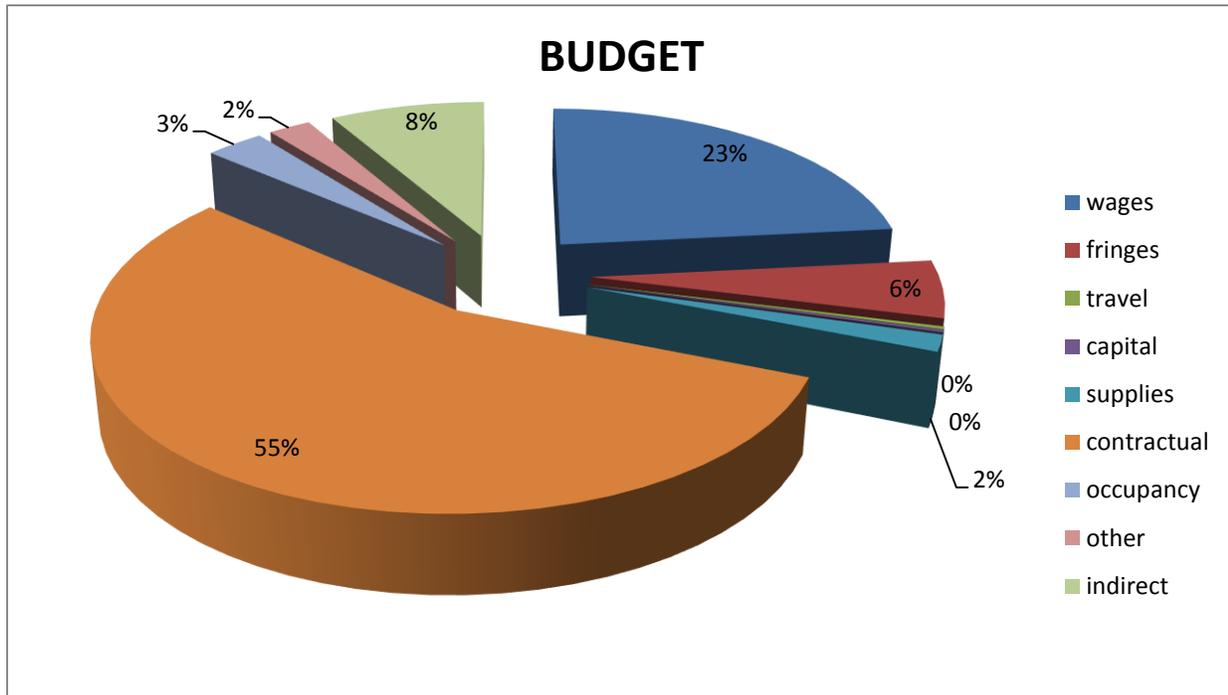
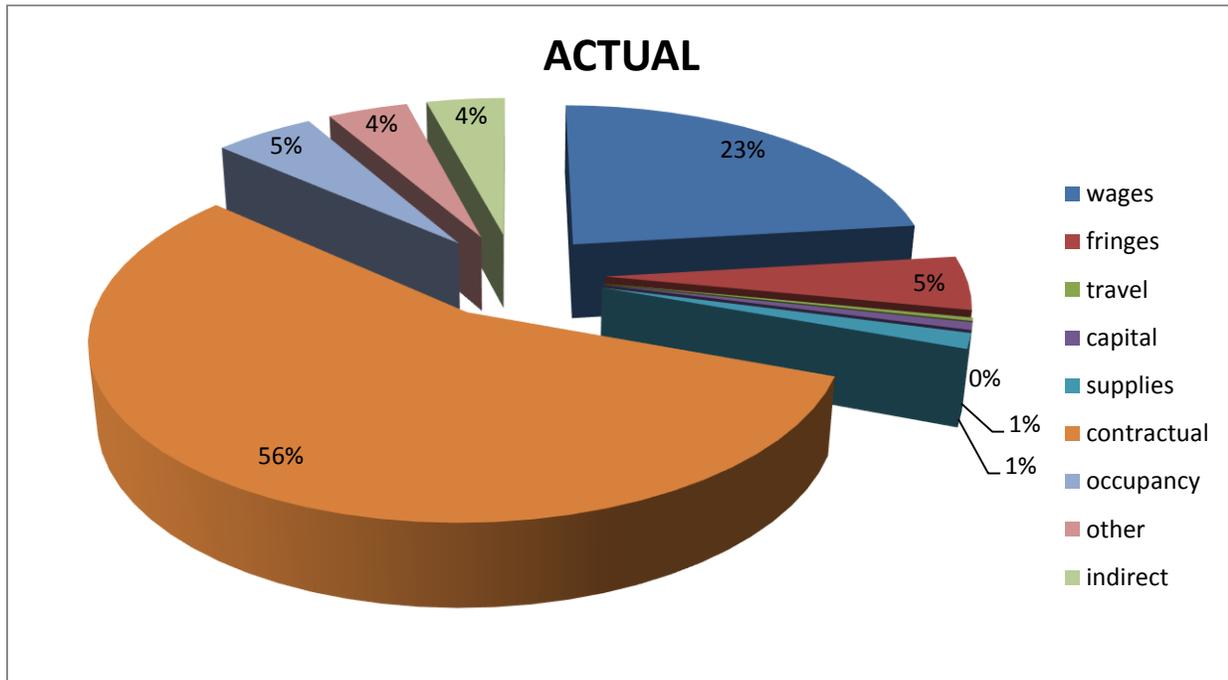
- Edgewater
- Rogers Park
- Uptown
- Bridgeport
- New City

Overall Grantee Budget 2014

Total Public and Private Funds received: \$18,617,059

Source	Public	Private
Federal	\$ 14,252,872	\$ -
State and Local	3,390,250	
Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, etc. and In-kind		973,937
Total	\$ 17,643,122	\$ 973,937

2014 Budget and Actual Expenditures



Children and Families Served 2014

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
Center-based Program		
a. 5 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment	571	192
2. Part-day enrollment		
b. 4 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment		
2. Part-day enrollment	196	
Home-based Program	299	126
Services to Pregnant Mothers		73
Family Child Care Homes	1	
Total:	1,067	391

Educare

Total Children Served: 165

Total Families Served: 157

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	6,836
Percentage of children served in agency	2.4%

Healthy Parents and Babies

Total Children and Pregnant Mothers Served: 100 Total Families Served: 78

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	6,836
Percentage of children served in agency	.7%

Centers for New Horizons

Total Children Served: 56

Total Families Served: 42

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 105%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	975
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	5%

Children’s Place Association

Total Children Served: 124

Total Families Served: 111

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	74,894
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	Less than 1%

SGA

Total Children Served: 132

Total Families Served: 132

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	10,357
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	1.3%

Aunt Martha’s Youth Services

Total Children Served: 262

Total Families Served: 237

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	3,340
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	8%

Casa Central

Total Children Served: 359

Total Families Served: 334

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 129%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	7,444
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	4.8%

Children's Home + Aid

Total Children Served: 227

Total Families Served: 206

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 98%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	Englewood: 5,882 West Side: 21,049
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	Englewood: 1.7% West Side: .004%

One Hope United

Total Children Served: 188

Total Families Served: 178

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 98%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	3,775
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	5%

Grantee Total

Total Children Served: 1739

Total Families Served: 1154

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

Number of Eligible Children in All Service Areas, ages 0-5	6,447
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	37%

Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams/ Oral Care
Educare	83%	69%
Centers for New Horizons	71.6%	80%
Healthy Parents and Babies	14%	12%
Children's Place Association	78%	40%
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	88.9%	93.9%
Casa Central	92.75%	85.5%
Children's Home + Aid	93%	83.7%
One Hope United	96.8%	91.5%
SGA*	76%	4%
Grantee Average	77.12%	62.18%

**Staff Members receiving training on ChildPlus.*

Parental involvement in Directly Operated, Delegate and Partner Agencies

Parent Education Activities

Health

- Grantee-Sponsored Dental Education Workshop for Policy Council
- Mobile Dental Vans
- Health Education workshops on infant immunizations
- Child Immunization Workshops
- Illness Exclusion workshops
- Health Service Advisory Committee meetings
- Importance of Health & Developmental screenings
- CPR& First Aid workshop
- Nutrition Puzzles Workshop
- Nutrition Education series
 - Meal Planning
 - Healthy Eating for Preschoolers
 - Staying Healthy this winter

Mental Health

- Parent Support Groups
- Individual Family Mental Health Support Sessions
- Mental Health Referrals
- Screenings and identification of children needing assistance due to cognitive or mental health issues
- Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- Classroom Observations
- Strategies of Discipline
- Managing Tantrum Behavior
- Well-Being Workshops
 - Positive Guidance for Challenging Behaviors
 - Depression
 - Substance Abuse
 - Progressive and Effective Parenting
 - Effects of Violence on Children
 - Relationship Skill Building
 - Social Emotional Development
- Mailing to Parents
 - What Makes a Family Strong

Education and Literacy – sampling

- Reading is Fundamental Program
- Transitions to Public School
- Teaching Strategies Workshops
- Lekotek Workshops
- Read for the Record activity
- Lending libraries (with Multi-lingual books)
- Book Fair
- Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night
- Puppetry Workshop
- Weekly Reader
- Education Options in the Chicago Public Schools
- Parent Trainings
 - Child Development Milestones
 - Creative Curriculum Purpose of Play
 - Everyday Math
- Workshops
 - Parents as Primary Educators
- On-Site Family Literacy Nights and Activities
 - Literacy Education for Parents
 - Parent-Child Reading
 - Parent-Child Acting
 - Parent-Child Art

Community and Social Services

- Parent Program Orientation
- Meal Count and Participation Procedure
- Week of the Young Child Activities
- National AIDS Day
- Parent Bulletin Boards
- Parent Survey
- Community Partners Luncheons, hosted with representatives from various social and community agencies
- Special Education conference
- Provisions of Resources and Social Service Referrals
 - Cook County Discount Car Seat Program
 - Car Seat Safety and Car Seat Giveaway
 - Local events and services
 - Domestic Violence
 - GED and ABC Classes
- Workshops and Trainings
 - Home Safety
 - Utilization of Community Resources

Other Community-related Education

- Parent-Child off site activities

- Parents attended Play “If Scrooge was a Brother”
- “Options of Knowledge:” Workshop to Aid in School Transitions
- On-site Community Artist Performances
- University of Illinois Cooperative Extension
- Chicago Metro AEYC conference
- Ounce Annual Pre-Service Conference
- Back to School Health and Education Fair
- Parent and Community Classes
 - Head Start/Early Head Start recruiting
 - Financial Planning
- Other Special Gatherings
 - Donuts with Dad
 - Muffins with Mom
 - Father’s Chili Cook-Off
 - Today’s Black Woman Expo

Parent Committee Meetings

- Parent Committee Meetings are held monthly at every site and agency.
- Parent Education Workshops are generally include monthly meetings. Examples include:
 - Head Start 101
 - Parent Committee Orientation
 - Review of Parent Policy Council By-Laws
 - Strengthening Families Self-Assessment Committee developed plans to enhance parent involvement.

Other special gatherings or activities

- Male Involvement Monthly Group
- Monthly Policy Council Meeting
- Baby Yoga
- Transition Ceremony Activities
- Graduation Ceremony
- Open Closet Day
- Parent Recognition Event
- End-of-year celebration
- Seasonal Celebrations
- Family field trips
- Chinese New Year
- Cinco Del Mayo

Special Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

Grantee and delegate staff were involved in a variety of activities to prepare children for their kindergarten experience. Teaching Strategies GOLD observations were collected to specify children's achievements in the areas of cognition, physical development, literacy, math, science, general areas of knowledge, and social-emotional development. Teachers looked for Strengths and Challenges indicators that would guide them in preparing individualized lesson plans for each child. During the assessment period, teachers include parent input and observe a child using the indicators.

The Grantee has been purposeful in its focus of supporting teachers, home visitors, and families in promoting school readiness skills. Weekly Readers have been supplied to programs for the last two years. The Weekly Reader was implemented to support family engagement through literacy. All Head Start children receive the Weekly Reader magazines. Home visitors and teachers use the teacher resources to plan literacy activities for children in the home, socialization and classrooms. This year we have provided Weekly Readers to our 2-3 year-old classrooms at Centers for New Horizons, in an effort to support their outcomes in literacy. Some growth was seen in literacy between fall and winter checkpoints.

Currently programs are participating in the development of their school readiness goals. Education Coordinators are reviewing classroom data with education staff and using the combined site data to generate the school readiness goals. Goals (and suggested activities to support their attainment) will be monitored on a monthly basis through the review of the monthly administrative report. The grantee is encouraged by the gains children have made since the fall assessment. Support to education staff through classroom/home visit observations and the implementation of Reflective Supervision has positively impacted the outcomes. Programs will continue to receive support in implementing these practices. Beginning in the 2014-2015 program year, education staff will begin using the Development and Learning Report to share assessment data with parents. Parents will continue to participate in the development of individual child goals and receive at-home activities that parent and child can do together to encourage attainment of these goals.

During the 2013-2014 program year, the Education Manager, Education Coordinator, Senior Program Manager, and the Family and Community Engagement Coordinator collaborated on the development two new forms for program use:

- The Family Assessment/Initial Home Visit Form
- Transition Plan and template

The revised forms will provide an opportunity for staff from both service areas to effectively collaborate with one another as they work to provide comprehensive and improved services to children and families.

Summary of Annual Review Findings

There was an Annual Federal Review for the Ounce of Prevention Fund's Early/Head Start program during 2014. There were no non-compliances or deficiencies.

Summary of Audit Findings

There were no financial audit findings in the grantee, partner, or delegate agencies for FY2014.

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.