

# Ounce of Prevention Fund Head Start & Early Head Start



## Annual Report 2015

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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 65 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
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**Centers for New Horizons – Partner Agency**

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

Chicago, IL 60653

*Centers for New Horizons – Dawson*

3901 S. State Street

Chicago, Illinois 60639

**Community Areas Served**

- Grand Boulevard
  - Washington Park
  - Kenwood
  - Bronzeville
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**Children's Place Association – Partner Agency**

<b>Program Name:</b>	The Children's Place Association
<b>Address:</b>	1800 N. Humboldt Chicago, Illinois 60647
<b>Phone Number:</b>	773-395-9193

**Head Start Director Name:** Traci Ouimette  
**Head Start Director Email:** [touimette@childrensplace.org](mailto:touimette@childrensplace.org)  
**Agency Web Site Address:** [www.childrens-place.org](http://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*

3543 W. Chicago Ave  
Chicago, IL 60622

**Community Areas Served**

- Medically Fragile Families throughout the city of Chicago

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**SGA Youth and Family Services – Partner Agency**

**Program Name:** SGA Youth and Family Services  
**Address:** 3152 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60632  
**Phone Number:** (773) 321-9232  
**Fax Number:** (773) 475-7454  
**Head Start Director Name:** Leticia Ramirez  
**Head Start Director Email:** [lramirez@sga-youth.org](mailto:lramirez@sga-youth.org)  
**Agency Web Site Address:** [www.sga-youth.org](http://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. SGA's mission statement is: SGA helps children, families, and communities facing great challenges to realize their potential. SGA's vision statement 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

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**First Step Child Care Center – Partner Agency**

<b>Program Name:</b>	First Step Child Care Inc.
<b>Address:</b>	22025 Governors Highway Richton Park, IL 60471
<b>Phone Number:</b>	708-747-3000
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(708) 747-5000
<b>Head Start Director Name:</b>	Laura Foster
<b>Head Start Director Email:</b>	lfoster@att.net
<b>Agency Web Site Address</b>	firststep22025@att.net
<b>Agency Type:</b>	For-Profit

**Agency Description:**

First Step Child Care Center is a for-profit center that provides a program involving 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 a safe and nurturing environment for children in its care from age 6 weeks to 6 years. At First Step Child Care Center, each child's learning experience reflects the efforts of serious research in child development as well as an awareness of what constitutes best practices in early childhood education. All children are eligible if they are enrolled in the daycare center. Children in Community Connections are enrolled based on certain risk factors, with "at-risk" children receiving first priority. First Step Child Care Center staff know that every child's emotional well-being is of paramount importance.

**Community Areas Served**

- Crete
- Park Forest
- Richton Park
- Riverdale
- Steger
- University Park



- The Beacon Hill area of Chicago Heights
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### **Aunt Martha's Youth Services – Delegate Agency**

<b>Number:</b>	<b>05CH8456-001</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center
<b>Address:</b>	19990 Governors Highway, Olympia Fields, IL 60461
<b>Phone Number:</b>	708-747-2780 (Head Start site)
<b>Fax Number:</b>	708-747-2812
<b>Head Start Director Name:</b>	Norma Moore
<b>Head Start Director Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:nmoore@auntmarthas.org">nmoore@auntmarthas.org</a>
<b>Agency Web Site Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.auntmarthas.org">www.auntmarthas.org</a>
<b>Agency Type:</b>	Private/Public Not-for-profit

### **Agency Description**

Aunt Martha's Youth Services 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 the 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

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## Casa Central – Delegate Agency

**Program Number:** 05CH8456-004 and -204  
**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 and bicultural programs, Casa Central's Early Learning Program provides Head Start services to children, ages 2-5 and their families. The program has three 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 for 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; the home-based site has their own Educational Coordinator. The content area staff includes a 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*  
1335 N. California  
Chicago, IL 60622

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



## Community Areas Served

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

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## Children's Home + Aid - Delegate Agency

<b>Program Number:</b>	05CH8456-003
<b>Program Name:</b>	Children's Home and Aid
<b>Address:</b>	125 S. Wacker Dr., 14 <sup>th</sup> Fl., Chicago, IL 60606
<b>Phone Number:</b>	(312) 424-0200
<b>Fax Number:</b>	(312) 424-6884
<b>Head Start Director Name:</b>	Jan Stepto-Millett
<b>Head Start Director Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:jstepto-millett@childrenshomeandaid.org">jstepto-millett@childrenshomeandaid.org</a>
<b>Agency Web Site Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org">www.childrenshomeandaid.org</a>
<b>Agency Type:</b>	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 by 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 four 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. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street

Chicago, IL 60636

*Viva Child + Family Center*  
100 N. Western Ave., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chicago, IL 60612

### **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**

<b>Program Number:</b>	<b>05CH8456-002</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	One Hope United
<b>Address:</b>	514 W. 31 <sup>st</sup> Street, Chicago, IL 60616
<b>Phone Number:</b>	312-949-4045
<b>Fax Number:</b>	312-949-1168
<b>Head Start Director Name:</b>	Rosanne DeGregorio
<b>Head Start Director Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:rdegregorio@onehopeunited.org">rdegregorio@onehopeunited.org</a>
<b>Agency Web Site Address:</b>	<a href="http://www.onehopeunited.org">www.onehopeunited.org</a>
<b>Agency Type:</b>	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” – 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. 31<sup>st</sup> 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

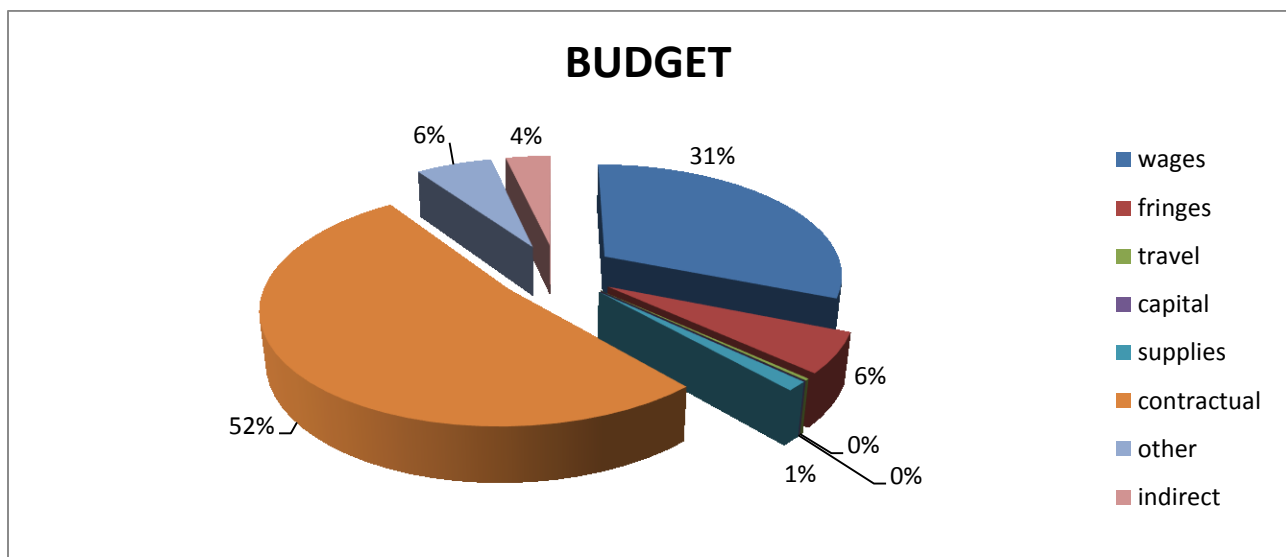
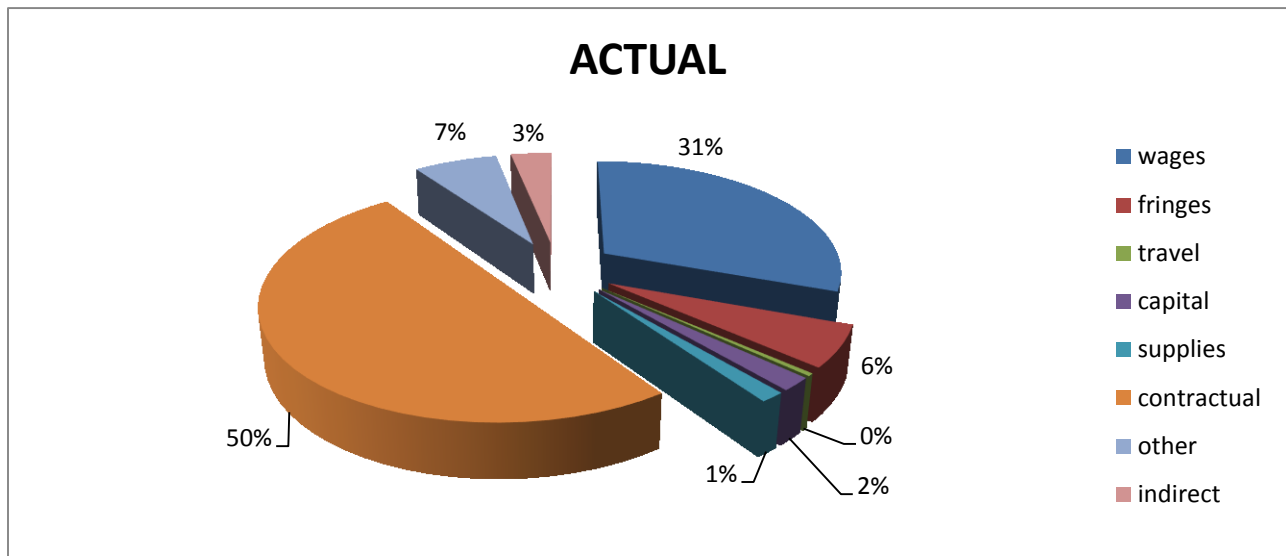
## **Overall Grantee Budget 2015\*\***

**\*\*Preliminary Financial Information**

**Total Public and Private Funds received: \$17,739,702**

<b>Source</b>	<b>Public</b>	<b>Private</b>
Federal	\$ 14,852,070	
State & Local	\$ 1,564,279	
Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, In-Kind, other		\$ 1,323,352
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,416,350</b>	<b>\$ 1,323,352</b>

## 2015 Budget and Actual Expenditures



## Children and Families Served 2015

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
<b>Center-based Program</b>		
<b>a. 5 days per week</b>		
<b>1. Full-day enrollment</b>	489	160
<b>2. Part-day enrollment</b>		
<b>b. 4 days per week</b>		
<b>1. Full-day enrollment</b>	66	
<b>2. Part-day enrollment</b>	162	
<b>Home-based Program</b>	262	197
<b>Services to Pregnant Mothers</b>		20
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>		
<b>Total:</b>	979	377

### Educare

Total Children Served: 162

Total Families Served: 155

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	6,056
Percentage of children served in agency	2.7%

### Healthy Parents and Babies

Total Children and Pregnant Mothers Served: 101    Total Families Served: 72

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 95%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	2,070
Percentage of children served in agency	4.9%

**Centers for New Horizons**Total Children Served: 63Total Families Served: 59Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	2,070
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3%

**Children's Place Association**Total Children Served: 130Total Families Served: 115Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 100%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	80,226
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	.16%

**SGA Youth and Family Services**Total Children Served: 188Total Families Served: 170Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 97%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	2,758
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	6.8%

**Aunt Martha's Youth Services**Total Children Served: 280Total Families Served: 260Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 100%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	1,831
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	15.3%



**Casa Central**Total Children Served: 359Total Families Served: 334Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99%

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: 227Total Families Served: 206Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	14,455
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	1.6%

**One Hope United**Total Children Served: 217Total Families Served: 207Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	6,181
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3.5%

**First Step**Total Children Served: 21Total Families Served: 21Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 100%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	1,831
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	1.1%

**Grantee Total**

Total Children Served: 1,789

Total Families Served: 1,628

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99%

Number of Eligible Children in All Service Areas, ages 0-5	121,021
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	.1%

## Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams/ Oral Care
Educare	81.5%	82.5%
Centers for New Horizons	73%	70%
Healthy Parents and Babies	14%	14%
Children's Place Association	55%	74%
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	77%	89%
Casa Central	89%	95%
Children's Home + Aid	75%	84%
One Hope United	92%	96%
SGA Youth and Family Services*	67.5%	57.5%
First Step	14%	33%
<b>Grantee Average</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>80%</b>

*\*Staff Members receiving training on ChildPlus.*

## **Parental involvement in Directly Operated, Delegate and Partner Agencies**

### **Parent Education Activities**

#### ***Health***

- Grantee-Sponsored Medical and Dental Education Workshop for Policy Council
- Mobile Dental Vans
- Health Education workshops on infant immunizations
- Child Immunization Workshops
- Dental Hygiene
- Illness Exclusion workshops
- Health Service Advisory Committee meetings
- Importance of Health & Developmental screenings
- Pedestrian Safety
- Nutrition Workshop
- Nutrition Education series
  - Lice Prevention
  - Meal Planning
  - Healthy Eating for Preschoolers
  - Staying Healthy this Winter
  - Hands on Food Preparation Experiences

#### ***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***

- Transitions to Public School
- Teaching Strategies Workshops
- Lekotek Workshops
- Summer Fun Activities
- Lending libraries (with Multi-lingual books)
- Book Fair
- Puppetry Workshop
- Weekly Reader
- Education Options in the Chicago Public Schools
- Children's Literacy
- Parent Trainings
  - Child Development Milestones
  - Creative Curriculum Purpose of Play
  - Everyday Math
- Workshops
  - Parents as Primary Educators
  - Male Involvement
  - Storybook Day with the Kohl Museum
- 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 Surveys
- Community Partners Luncheons, hosted with representatives from various social and community agencies
- Open Houses
- Parent Advocacy
- Screening Fairs
- Children's Recreation at Cicero for the Summer
- Provisions of Resources and Social Service Referrals
  - Cook County Discount Car Seat Program
  - Local events and services
  - Domestic Violence
  - GED and ABC Classes in the Organization
- Workshops and Trainings
  - Home Safety
  - Utilization of Community Resources

### ***Other Community-related Education***

- Parent-Child offsite activities
- Child Transition Activities with the Community
- 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
- National Head Start Parent Conference
- Parent and Community Classes
  - Head Start/Early Head Start recruiting
  - Financial Planning

### ***Parent Committee Meetings***

- Parent Committee Meetings are held monthly at every site and agency.
- Parent Education Workshops are generally included within 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 De Mayo



## Special Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

The grantee's approach to school readiness reflects the commitment to ensuring that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready to receive Head Start children. The grantee views a child that is ready for school as one who possesses the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for success in school and learning later in life.

The grantee developed its school readiness goals in collaboration with its Regional Specialist. The grantee used the Office of Head Start Instructions as a resource when goals were developed. These goals represent the skills the grantee wants every child to gain as a result of being in our program. These goals paint a picture of what it looks like when children are 'ready for school'. The grantee's school readiness goals are designed to meet the comprehensive needs of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, and are supported by the grantee's use of curriculum and assessment tools.

The goals were presented at Policy Council and reviewed alongside the Governing Body. Their input was solicited on the goals; there were discussions around ways to evaluate and support the goals throughout our grantee. We believe this integrated approach assures strong school readiness outcomes for children. The grantee meets with our OHS Program Specialist and our ECE Specialist from the Head Start TA system to review progress and ensure sustained attention to the school readiness goals. The Education Manager presents the outcomes report on school readiness goals in the spring and gets parent input, as well as feedback from community representatives and the governing body.

Children's developmental progress is assessed three times a year using Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment system (checkpoints). The GOLD system provides an overview of each child's developmental status, which allows education staff to plan and implement an individualized approach to each child's education. It also provides aggregate level data, allowing the Grantee to determine success in accomplishing school readiness goals and to identify trends and patterns in the Education service area. Staff have been trained extensively on the use of the curricula and assessment tool.

Individual child checkpoint data (Learning and Development Report) is shared with parents three times per year during a scheduled home visit or parent conference. During these meetings, parent(s), in partnership with the education staff, develop specific educational goals for the child. Together they discuss how these goals will be implemented and progress communicated. Education staff reference these goals when planning classroom or home visit/socialization activities and experiences to better provide individualized opportunities for children to accomplish their goals. Child observation data and documentation of children's progress toward accomplishing school readiness goals is collected daily. These observations are used to inform continued individualization for children.

In addition to child level data, program level data is aggregated three times per year to assess the knowledge, skills, and behaviors that are most predictive of school success. A program-wide outcomes report outlining the developmental progression of children 0-3 in all Head Start developmental domains is generated three times per year. It is a comprehensive report that provides a statistical analysis of children below, meeting, or exceeding widely held expectations and includes a detailed narrative highlighting the variables impacting the progress of children. The Outcomes Report is shared with parents at the site level (parent meetings and parent committee meetings) and at the program level (Policy Council). The Grantee and its delegate and partner programs use assessment data to determine the progress children are making through their involvement in the

program (program goals). This data is also used to determine how effective the program is in planning and implementing curricula; identifying trends and patterns across the grantee; and informing the development of the training and technical assistance plan. Data sources, including assessments, screening, the community assessment, parent surveys, and the Program Information Report (PIR), is reviewed annually to assess progress toward meeting program goals.

The grantee has aligned its goals to the Head Start Framework as well as Illinois State Learning Standards and Guidelines. In doing so, the goals are also aligned to the Common Core Standards. Teaching Strategies GOLD is in alignment as well. Beginning in August 2014, the grantee convened a school readiness goals advisory committee. The committee is composed of teachers, home visitors, grantee support staff, agency family support staff, parents, board members and kindergarten teachers and an assistant principal. The role of the committee will be to develop school readiness goals that are relevant and relatable to the populations the grantee serves.

## **Summary of Annual Review Findings**

There was no Annual Federal Review for the Ounce of Prevention Fund's Early/Head Start program during 2015.

## **Summary of Audit Findings**

There were no financial audit findings in the grantee or delegate agencies in FY15. There were three financial audit findings with two of our partner programs. The partner programs have established a corrective action.

## **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.