

Ounce of Prevention Fund Head Start & Early Head Start



Annual Report 2016

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General Information

Grantee: The Ounce of Prevention Fund

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Agency Web Site Address: www.theounce.org

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

Community Assessment:

Educare – serves the south/east and south/central communities of Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Washington Park, Fuller Park, Oakland, and New City in Chicago. Educare serves **81 children in full day, full year services** at one site.

Healthy Parents and Babies – provides doula services to pregnant women and home-based services to children birth to age 3 in the south/east and south/central communities of Grand Boulevard, Kenwood, Washington Park, Brighton Park, McKinley Park and Humboldt Park. This program serves **65 pregnant women, infants and toddlers**.

Centers for New Horizons – Partner Agency

Program Name: Dawson Early Learning Center

Address: 3901 S. State Street Chicago, IL 60653

Phone Number: 773.536.2187

Fax Number: 773.538.0252

Head Start Director Name: Janice Riley

Head Start Director Email: JaniceR@cnh.org

Agency Web Site Address: www.cnh.org

Agency Type: Social Service Agency / Non-Profit

Agency Description:

Centers for New Horizons exists to serve and partner with community residents in an effort to bring about positive changes. Centers envisions that through focus on community collaborations, a unified, well-organized community is built. Centers provides programs throughout the Bronzeville and Riverdale communities of Chicago’s Southside. 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 through this funding. Currently, we serve over 4,000 community residents on an annual basis.

Site Locations:

Dawson Early Learning Center

3901 S. State Street

Chicago, IL 60653

Community Areas Served:

Grand Boulevard

Kenwood

Washington Park

Community Assessment Summary:

Nutrition and Social Services are thriving areas within the organization and community. Centers For New Horizons community builders helped close corner stores east and west of 43rd Street. A Mariano's grocery store was built on 39th and King Drive, which provides families and community members with a healthier place to shop. In addition to the opening of Mariano's, Centers For New Horizons has two community gardens in Bronzeville where fresh vegetables and fruit can be purchased at an affordable rate. Not only are healthier food choices integrated in the community but also within Centers' Early Care and Education classrooms. Program staff work to introduce a wide variety of fruits and vegetables to staff and family throughout the program year.

Centers' provides the best quality care to children and families. Staff strive for a family-oriented environment that is safe and nurturing for children. Centers will work closely with community organizations to build better relationships with Health Care providers to better meet the needs of our families. Staff are focused on providing more transportation resources for children and families with disabilities within the community. Centers is working closely with Chicago Public Schools and other funders to assist in bridging the transportation gap. The main goal is to assure that staff are developing the capacities of families to become more self-reliant and to improve the quality of their lives by providing them with Centers' holistic approach in servicing the entire family.

Children's Place Association – Partner Agency

Program Number: 05CH8456/01

Program Name: Arthur E. Jones Early Childhood Care and Learning Center and Home-Based Early Learning

Program Address: 700 N. Sacramento, Suite 300, Chicago, IL 60612

Phone Number: 773-395-9193

Fax Number: 773-395-4486

Head Start Director Name: Traci Ouimette

Head Start Director Email: touimette@childrens-place.org

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:

The agency services 100 Head Start eligible children. Children's Place Association 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 children ages 0-5 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 socializations. The programs include Head Start and Early Head Start programming.

Site Location:

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

Home Visiting Program
3543 West Chicago Ave
Chicago, IL 60651

Community Areas Served:

Both programs served by the Ounce are operated out of Humboldt Park on Chicago's West Side. According to recent census data, there are 5,128 children between the ages of 0-5 in this community alone; more than 50% are at poverty level. Children's Place Association's home-based program not only serves this area but Gage Park, Humboldt Park, Back of the Yards, Brighton Park, Bridgeport and Hermosa communities which, according to 2015 data, contains more than 12,000 children aged 0-5 in these communities with a 47% rate of poverty. Children's Place works with a diverse group of families in the home-based program with 70% being Hispanic, 20% African American and 10% other. There is a large number of families receiving services who are categorically homeless and in need of permanent housing. Children's Place programs specialize in serving families and children in need; of the home-based program's service population, more than 45% of children have IFSPs or IEPs and are receiving Early Intervention services.

Community Assessment:

Each year, the Ounce of Prevention Fund supports Children's Place Association in conducting a community assessment or an update of the community assessment in order to outline the strengths and needs of the communities served by the Early Learning Center and home-based programs. The most recent was an update to the community assessment, completed in July 2016. This updated community assessment includes new data for 2016 which, in accordance with Head Start Performance Standards, is used for program planning purposes.

In summary, in the primary community areas served by Children's Place Association:

- There is a limited amount of services available to families in the areas served for housing and mental health.
- The majority of clients served in the home-based program are Hispanic and have difficulties with medical care and finding employment. Humboldt Park unemployment rose in the past year.
- Parents at Children's Place – both two-parent and one-parent families – in Early Head Start and Head Start experienced more unemployment than other Ounce programs. Unemployment for all parents at Children's Place has decreased in the past three years but still remains high.

SGA Youth and Family Services – Partner Agency

Program Name: SGA Youth and Family Services

Address: 3152 W. 47th St., Chicago, IL 60632

Phone Number: 773-321-9232

Fax Number: 773-475-7464

Head Start Director Name: Betty Diaz

Head Start Director Email: Bdiaz@sga-youth.org

Agency Web Site Address: www.sga-youth.org

Agency Type: Non-for-profit, 501c3

Agency Description:

SGA Youth and Family Services is where adversity meets opportunity. With a mission concentrated on helping children, families, and communities who are facing great challenges realize their potential, SGA continues to build on its 106 year history of serving with respect, integrity and accountability. SGA strives to achieve this mission by generating a continuum of service delivery options from cradle to career that cater to the unique circumstances and goals of the client and community. With 98% of its current clientele designated as low socioeconomic status, SGA provides cost-free services for the most vulnerable citizens in some of the most challenged communities in the city of Chicago.

Site Locations

Brighton Park
3152 West 47th Street
Chicago, IL 60632

Community Areas Served: Brighton Park, McKinley Park, and New City

Community Assessment:

Brighton Park over the past 12 months has been effected by a rise in violence, specifically gang conflicts that has resulted in deaths and an increase in shootings. Families have stated their concern regarding safety in the community and possible relocation to other communities including the Chicago suburbs.

Another major concern for families in the Brighton Park community is the threat of deportations and the lack of a progressive immigration policy. Many of the families that have children enrolled in the program have an undocumented family member. Families truly feel threatened and have isolated themselves from program staff.

First Step Child Care Center – Partner Agency

Program Name: First Step Child Care Center, Inc.

Address: 22025 Governors Highway Richton Park, IL 60471

Phone Number: (708) 747-3000

Fax Number: (708) 747-5000

Head Start Director Name: Laura Foster

Head Start Director Email: lfoster22025@att.net

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 6 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 2015, First Step added a federally-funded Head Start program for 14 preschool children; by the end of the year this program expanded to include 33 children! Head Start advances the principles that First Step holds dear and provides a framework for supporting the wellbeing of the whole family.

Community Areas Served:

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

Community Assessment:

First Step Child Care – serving the Richton Park area of south suburban Cook County, First Step is a new partner as of April 2015. They provide full-day, full year services to 33 children at one site.

Aunt Martha's Youth Services – Delegate Agency

Program Name: Aunt Martha's Youth Service Center

Program Number: 05CH6100-001

Address: 19990 Governors Hwy – Olympia Fields, IL 60461 (*Administrative Office*)

Phone Number: 708-747-2780

Fax Number: 708-747-2812

Head Start Director Name: Norma Moore

Head Start Director Email: nmoore@auntmarthas.org

Agency Web Site Address: www.auntmarthas.org

Agency Type: Private/Public Non-for-profit Agency Description:

Site Locations:

Park Forest

23485 Western Avenue

Park Forest, IL 60466

Riverdale
13700 Stewart Avenue
Riverdale, IL 60827

Community Areas Served:

Park Forest, Beacon Hill, Richton Park, University Park, Crete, Steger, Riverdale

Community Assessment:

Aunt Martha's – Serving south suburban Cook and Will Counties with municipalities of Richton Park, Crete, Riverdale, Steger, Park Forest, University Park, and the Beacon Hill community of Chicago Heights. Aunt Martha's serves **130 children through full day Head Start services for 6.5 hours and 98 children through half day double session services for a total of 228 children** at two sites, Park Forest and Riverdale.

Casa Central – Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05CH6100-007

Program Name: Casa Central – Early Learning Academy

Address: 1343 North California Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

Phone Number: 773.645.2300

Fax Number: 773.645.1432

Head Start Director Name: Mary Reynolds, LCSW, I/ECMH-C

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, age birth to five, and their families. The program serves 181 Head Start and 72 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 for children ages two to five. Three of the six Head Start/Child Care classrooms also hold a partnership with the Chicago Public Schools Preschool for All program, which supports the program in having certified teachers (Type 04) in each of those three classrooms.

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 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 teen parents and immigrant families) within the comfort of each family's home. The Home-Based program uses the research-based Creative Curriculum Learning Games (in Head Start) and Parents as Teachers Curriculum (in Early Head Start), as well as the Teaching Strategies GOLD developmental assessment tools. In the Home-Based program option, families are assigned to a Parent Educator, each of whom has a caseload of 12 families; the program is also overseen by a Site Director and an Education Coordinator.

Early Learning Academy

In both the Home-and Center-Based program options, the Early Learning Academy provides a safe, nurturing environment, and addresses the comprehensive content areas of Head Start and Early Head Start programming, including ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance); Health and Nutrition; Education; Disabilities and Mental Health; and Parent, Family & Community Engagement. Led by the Head Start Director/Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services, the program-wide content-area staff include an Eligibility Coordinator, Nurse, Dietitian, Family Development Coordinator, Mental Health Consultant, Disabilities Manager, 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 and families are healthy, able to fully participate in program services, and thrive in kindergarten and beyond.

The Family Development Specialists partner with the program's Registered Dietitian 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 to ensure that children have comprehensive medical examinations, 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 and dental home. The program has additional partnerships with service providers in the community in order to provide comprehensive supports to families; these include service providers in areas such as domestic violence, housing, and financial literacy.

Site Locations:

Early Learning Academy – Home-Based
1335 North California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Early Learning Academy – Center-Based
1343 North California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Primary Community Areas Served:

Hermosa
Humboldt Park
Logan Square
West Town

Community Assessment:

Each year, the Ounce of Prevention Fund supports Casa Central in conducting a community assessment or an update of the community assessment to outline the strengths and needs of the communities served by the Early Learning Academy. The most recent was an update to the community assessment, completed in July 2016. This updated community assessment includes new data for 2016 which, in accordance with Head Start Performance Standards, is used for program planning purposes.

In summary, in the primary community areas served by Casa Central:

- There is a sizeable percentage of the population served with limited English proficiency, indicating continued need for Casa Central’s bilingual (English/Spanish) approach.
- Pre-K expansion grants are well underway, and many more children ages 3-4 being served via Preschool for All programming; this means there are fewer Head Start-eligible children in the communities who are not already connected with programming.
- Although the population of children in the Early Head Start age range decreased in all of Casa Central’s primary community areas, there still remains very limited access to both center- and home-based Early Head Start programming.

Children’s Home + Aid - Delegate Agency

Program Name: Children’s Home + Aid
Program Number: 05CH6100-006
Address: 125 S. Wacker Dr., 14th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606
Phone Number: (312) 424-0200
Fax Number: (312) 424-6884

Head Start Director Name: Jan Stepto-Millett

Head Start Director Email: jstep-to-millett@childrenshomeandaid.org

Agency Website Address: www.childrenshomeandaid.org

Agency Type: Non-Profit

Agency Description:

The early years of a child's life sets the stage for a lifetime of learning. All healthy children are born with the capacity to learn. However, beginning at about 3 years of age, children from high-risk environments (defined by poverty, young parental age, single parents, and low maternal education) begin to show significant deficits. If these deficits are not addressed, the majority of these at-risk children will face a lifetime of obstacles. At-risk children who have access to quality early childhood education are more likely to perform better in school, have higher IQs, graduate from high school, be employed, earn more, and commit fewer crimes than those who did not.

Children involved in a Head Start program have been shown to perform better on health, cognitive, and language measures when compared to their 3- to 5-year-old counterparts who do not participate in a Head Start program. Similarly, children who are enrolled in an Early Head Start program have been shown to demonstrate a higher level of social-emotional development when compared to their birth to three-year-old counterparts not involved in an Early Head Start program. Recognizing the need for quality education for young children, Children's Home + Aid became an Illinois leader in early childhood education services. The agency provides both Early Head Start and Head Start programming to a variety of high need populations in several Chicagoland locations including: the Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center, the Marletta Darnall Schaumburg Child + Family Center, and the Palatine Community Child Care Center. Children's Home + Aid's Early Childhood Care and Education approach is guided completely by sound research, best practices in the classroom, and practical experience in the communities the agency serves.

Site Locations:

The Mitzi Freidheim Englewood Child + Family Center
1701 W. 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 6636

Viva Child + Family Center
100 N. Western Ave., 2nd Floor
Chicago, IL 6612

Community Areas Served:

Center-Based

Englewood
West Englewood

Home-Based

Hermosa
Humboldt Park
Logan Square

West Town

Community Assessment:

Children's Home + Aid – serves communities in the south/west region of Chicago in Englewood and West Englewood. Children's Home + Aid serves **68 children in Head Start a full day program for six and a half hours; 30 children are in full day, full year services for a total of 98 children** at one site.

One Hope United - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 05-CH8456-002

Program Name: One Hope United

Address: 514 W. 31st 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*.

Locations/Communities Served:

Bridgeport Child Development Center
Edgewater Early Learning Center
3053 S. Normal Avenue
Chicago, IL 60616

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

Edgewater Early Learning Center
5244 N. Lakewood Ave.
Chicago, IL 60640

Community Assessment

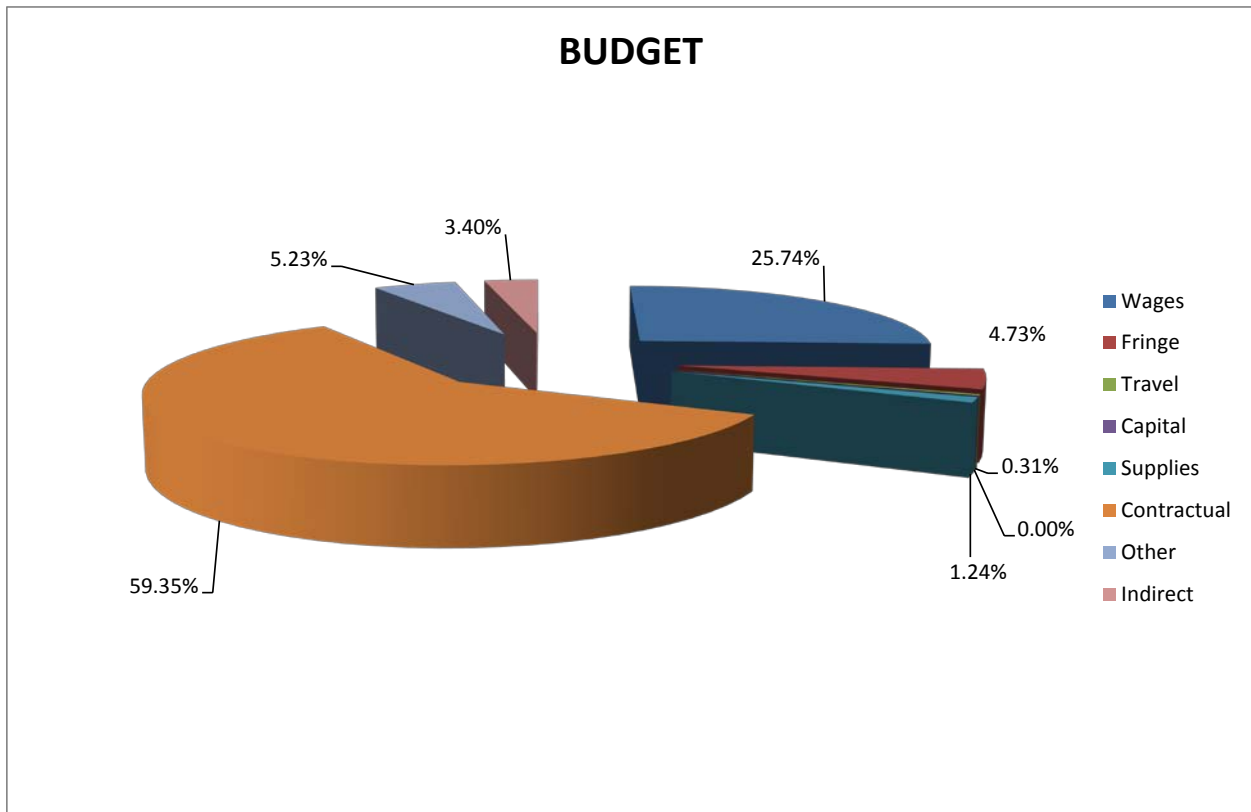
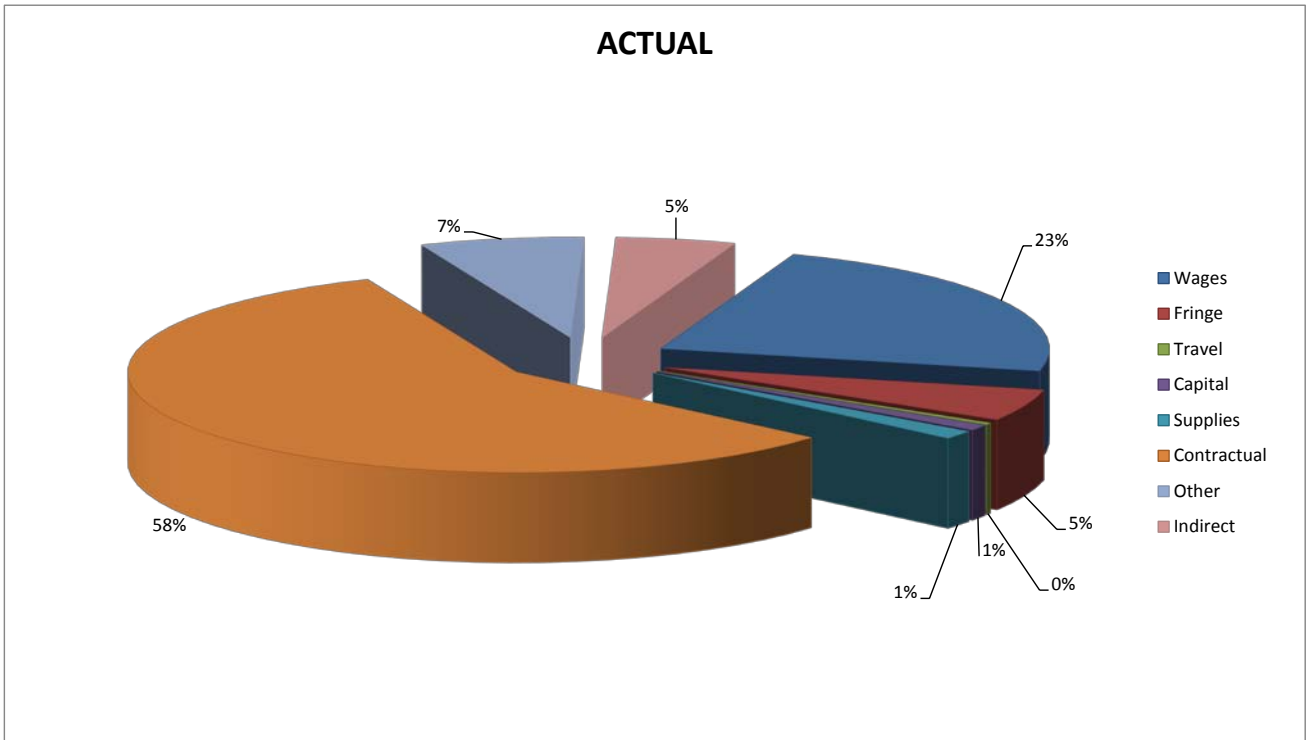
One Hope United – serves the far north and south/central communities of Rogers Park, Uptown, Edgewater, Bridgeport, and New City in Chicago. One Hope United serves *161 children in full day, full year services* at three sites: Edgewater Center, Bridgeport I, and Bridgeport II.

Overall Grantee Budget 2016

Total Public and Private Funds Received: \$ 18,049,440

Source	Public	Private
Federal	\$ 14,425,367	\$ -
State & Local	\$ 2,327,323	\$ -
Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, In-kind, Other	\$ -	\$ 1,296,750
TOTAL	\$ 16,752,690	\$ 1,296,750

2016 Budget and Actual Expenditures



Children and Families Served 2016

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
Center-based Program		
a. 5 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment	619	160
2. Part-day enrollment		
b. 4 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment		
2. Part-day enrollment	98	
Home-based Program	262	200
Services to Pregnant Mothers		17
Family Child Care Homes		
Total:	979	377

Educare

Total Children Served: 149

Total Families Served: 139

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 99.5%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	3,171
Percentage of children served in agency	5%

Healthy Parents and Babies

Total Children and Pregnant Mothers Served: 115 Total Families Served: 94

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	1,767
Percentage of children served in agency	7%

Centers for New Horizons

Total Children Served: 56

Total Families Served: 50

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	1,767
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3%

Children's Place Association

Total Children Served: 107

Total Families Served: 95

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	70,695
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	.15%

SGA Youth and Family Services

Total Children Served: 182

Total Families Served: 162

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	3,770
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	5%

Aunt Martha's Youth Services

Total Children Served: 269

Total Families Served: 250

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	1,977
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	14%

Casa Central

Total Children Served: 311

Total Families Served: 291

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 100.5%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	6,579
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	4.7%

Children’s Home + Aid

Total Children Served: 221

Total Families Served: 209

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	9,474
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	2%

One Hope United

Total Children Served: 196

Total Families Served: 183

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	5,916
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3.3%

First Step

Total Children Served: 52

Total Families Served: 50

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	1,977
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3%

Grantee Total

Total Children Served: 1,608

Total Families Served: 1,523

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

Number of Eligible Children in All Service Areas, ages 0-5	74,819
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	89%	95%
Centers for New Horizons	70%	76%
Healthy Parents and Babies	54%	57%
Children's Place Association	68%	77%
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	93%	92%
Casa Central	73%	79%
Children's Home + Aid	75%	83%
One Hope United	98%	99%
SGA Youth and Family Services	69%	79%
First Step	88%	90%
Grantee Average	77%	82%

Parental involvement in Directly Operated, Delegate and Partner Agencies

Parent Education Activities

Health

- Mobile Dental Vans
- Health Education workshops on infant immunizations
- Child Immunization Workshops
- Dental Hygiene
- Health Service Advisory Committee meetings
- Importance of Health & Developmental screenings
- Pedestrian Safety
- Nutrition Workshop
- Nutrition Education series Lice
 - Meal Planning
 - Healthy Eating for Preschoolers
 - Hands on Food Preparation Experiences

Mental Health

- 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
- Supporting Social and Emotional Development
- What Challenges Your Child

***Education and Literacy –
sampling***

- Education Options in the Chicago Public Schools
- Teaching Strategies Workshops
- Summer Fun Activities
- Lending libraries (with Multi-lingual books)
- Book Fair
- Weekly Reader
- Children’s Literacy
- Parent Trainings
 - Child Development Milestones
 - Creative Curriculum Purpose of Play
 - Everyday Math
- On-Site Family Literacy Nights and Activities

Community and Social Services

- Parent Program Orientation
- Meal Count and Participation Procedure
- Week of the Young Child Activities
- Parent Surveys
- Community Partners Luncheons, hosted with representatives from various social and community agencies
- Open Houses
- Parent Advocacy
- Screening Fairs
- 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

- 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 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

The School Readiness Advisory Committee developed new school readiness goals. These goals reflect the continuum of development from birth to five. The Policy Council approved the goals in June of 2016. The grantee provided training on the new school readiness goals, the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework and the new Head Start Performance Standards. The training focuses on incorporating all the resources above in lesson planning. The training helped staff understand the process of creating the goals and the purpose.

Programs developed their improvement goals based on their outcomes data, teacher and parent input and agency dialogue. The grantee reviewed the data in each domain. We have seen that there are challenges in social-emotional, language, mathematics and physical. These challenges are present across age groups. The grantee focused training and technical assistance in these areas. We provided training on language, social-emotional and mathematics. We have also trained on Creative Curriculum and Fidelity. For HS particularly, we have focused on CLASS understanding of exemplary teaching behaviors. We have also provided training on cultural competence and dual language.

Teaching Strategies Gold Growth Export and Parents as Teachers Milestones were used to examine progress across the grantee. Data collected, from fall 2016 to spring 2017 assessment, were used to compare to determine growth in meeting school readiness goals. Program teachers used lesson plans to set meaningful goals for students based on their individual needs throughout the school year.

Summary of Annual Review Findings

In March 2016, OHS conducted a Comprehensive Services/School Readiness review. No area of noncompliance was found during the course of the review.

In August 2016, OHS conducted a Leadership/Governance/Management Systems review. No area of noncompliance was found during the course of the review.

Summary of Audit Findings

There were no financial audit findings in the grantee or delegate agencies in FY16. There were audit findings with two of our partner programs, Centers for New Horizons, and Children's Place Association. Both partner programs have established corrective action plans related to the 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.