

# Annual Report

2013-14



## Head Start Prepares Children for Kindergarten

Orange County Head Start, Inc. (OCHS) is a free program, serving pregnant women, children (birth to 5) and their families, who are living below the poverty level.

The Board of Directors, Policy Council and staff believe in a comprehensive, integrated approach for health and development for children and families, with a special emphasis on promoting children's school readiness in the areas of language and cognitive development, early reading skills, science, mathematics, social skills, and physical development.

OCHS provides early childhood learning experiences in several program options: part and full-day center based and home based programs. High quality teaching staff provides intentional curriculum planning and regular child assessments.

The Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) program is based on the premise that all children share certain needs and that children from low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a comprehensive developmental curriculum to meet those needs.

The program is family-oriented, addressing developmental goals for children, support for parents, and linkages with other service delivery systems.

By combining child and family services, OCHS is able to better prepare children for Kindergarten.

Growing

Teaching

Learning

Leading





## Our Mission

We provide children and their families with quality childhood development programs and integrated support services.

## Our Vision

**Advocacy** - We advocate on behalf of the children we serve by providing access to resources and protection of their rights and interests.

**Empowerment** - We provide the tools and environment to empower children and their families.

**Learning** - We are an organization dedicated to learning at all levels, especially for the early childhood years.

**Partnerships** - We deliver services through partnerships and collaboration.

**Quality** - We ensure the quality of our programs through continuous improvement and outcomes-based practices.

**Respect** - We respect diversity and acknowledge the value it brings to our community.

**Wellness** - We are committed to the emotional and physical well-being of our staff, children, and families.

# School Readiness

To ensure that children who participate in OCHS programs are successful in Kindergarten and future education, OCHS has adopted School Readiness Goals for Head Start and Early Head Start as described below:

## Overall Head Start Goal (Children 3 – 5 years old)

Children transitioning to Kindergarten from OCHS will be able to demonstrate abilities and knowledge as stated in the expectations described in the California Department of Education Preschool Foundations at 60 months. These are aligned with the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework.

Under this overall goal, OCHS has established specific goals in each of the Five Essential Domains from the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework. These domains include Social Emotional Development, Cognition and General Knowledge, Language and Literacy, Physical Development, and Approaches to Learning. These specific goals address areas where data show children are most at risk including: Conflict Negotiation, Phonological Awareness, Math Patterning, Math Operations, Letter and Word Knowledge, Engagement and Persistence and Oral Health.

## Overall Early Head Start Goal (Children Birth - 3 years old)

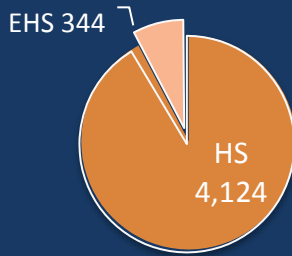
Children transitioning to Head Start from Early Head Start will be able to demonstrate abilities and knowledge as stated in the expectations described in the California Department of Education Infant/Toddler Learning and Development Foundations at 36 months. These are aligned with the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework and the Infant/Toddler High Scope Key Development Indicators and the Infant/Toddler Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP). Under this overall goal are specific goals for program improvement for school readiness in the areas described: Social and Emotional Development, Language Development, Cognitive Development, and Perceptual Development. These specific goals address areas where data show children are most at risk including: Cooperative Play with Peers, Communication in Home Language, Recognition of Symbols, Large and Fine Motor Development, Up-to-date on Well Baby and Dental Exams, Engage in Pretend Play and Self- Help Tasks.

## 2013 – 2014 Child Progress on School Readiness Goals

OCHS has also selected the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) to measure child progress, as it is aligned with the California Department of Education Foundations and the curriculum. For the 2013 –2014 school year the DRDP Assessment data showed that Head Start and Early Head Start children enrolled in OCHS have met or exceeded expected progress levels for kindergarten/preschool readiness in all developmental domains. Areas of strength include: Social, Emotional, and Language Development as well as English Language Development, and Physical Development. While there have been noticeable gains from year to year, Head Start children served by OCHS continue to be challenged in the areas of Literacy Development and Math Development, specifically Phonological Awareness, Letter and Word Knowledge, Math Operations and Math Patterning. Early Head Start children show most challenges in Language Development.



## TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED



Orange County Head Start, Inc. served 4,468 children and pregnant women throughout Orange County. This included **4,124** children ages three to five in the Head Start program. In the Early Head Start program we served **344** children from newborn to age three and pregnant women.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY ENROLLMENT

The average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment) was 100%

## PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN SERVED IN ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

- Head Start Eligible Served = 30% (4,124 of 13,913 eligible)
- EHS Eligible Served = 2% (344 of 21,605 eligible)



## Medical and Dental Services for Enrolled Children

Of the **4,454** children enrolled during the 2013-14 school year:

- **99%** had medical insurance
  - **99%** had a dental home
  - **94%** were up-to-date on medical care, and
  - **84%** of Head Start children received a professional dental exam.
- There were some children who had enrolled in Head Start but left the program before they were able to have medical or dental examinations. These children account for the percentage of children who did not receive their examinations.



# Parent, Family and Community Engagement

## POLICY COUNCIL

Parents of currently enrolled children in the Head Start program have the opportunity to be involved on the Policy Council, an important component of the shared governance system.

The Policy Council is comprised of parents, former Head Start parents, and community representatives.

The Policy Council serves as a link to the parent committees, grantee and delegate agencies, governing bodies, public and private organizations, and the community. The Policy Council Representatives may also participate on a committee for ongoing agency activities.

Each Head Start family is given the opportunity to participate in the Family Partnership Agreement process with the Family Engagement Advocates (FEAs). The FEAs build strong relationships with the families which enables them to help parents accomplish their goals.

OCHS encourages parents to become involved in their children's education both in and out of the classroom and, in the 2013-14 program year OCHS welcomed assistance from 3,459 volunteers, 3,086 of whom were parents! Involvement opportunities include: volunteering in the classroom, at the center, attending Head Start parent meetings and/or serving on a committee; additional activities parents may become involved in are:

- Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors Parent Leadership Program
- Dads Matter Program
- Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC)
- Health Education Liaison Program (H.E.L.P.)
- Human Resources Interview Panel
- Parent Nutrition Assistant Program (PNA)
- Safety Assistant Monitor Program (SAM)







# FAMILY SERVICES

## Type of Service and Percentage of Families Receiving Service

In addition to the education and health services provided to children, a key component of the Head Start program is the provision of services to the families of enrolled children. Services provided to families in 2013-2014 through referrals from community agencies or programs and through parent education sessions are as follows:

Emergency/crisis intervention immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter.....	18% (781)
Housing assistance such as subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.....	45% (181)
Mental health services.....	15% (642)
English as a Second Language training .....	17% (733)
Adult education programs and college selection .....	28% (1,182)
Job training .....	7% (317)
Substance abuse prevention .....	3% (134)
Substance abuse treatment .....	1% (46)
Child abuse and neglect services.....	5% (205)
Domestic violence services .....	6% (234)
Child support assistance .....	2% (64)
Health education .....	53% (2,262)
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals .....	6% (25)
Parenting education.....	45% (1,919)
Relationship/marriage education .....	5% (197)
The number of families that received at least one service listed above .....	74% (3,126)

# EXPLANATION OF BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES AND PROPOSED BUDGET

## FUNDING

Funding for Orange County Head Start, Inc. is provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF). ACF funding for the period July 2013 through June 2014 was \$33,109,522.

## FINANCIAL AUDIT

An independent audit by Rossi LLP, found OCHS complied, in all material respects, with the terms of its funding, and conditions of OMB Circular A-133 of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, \$38,841,604 was expended. The total amount of public and private funds received was \$39,209,715. The proposed budget for the year was \$33,109,522.

## REVENUES

Head Start grants	\$33,109,522
In-kind contributions	\$4,268,343
Child care food program	\$1,373,206
Other grants	\$458,644

## AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT EXPENSES

Personnel	\$13,016,536
Fringe benefits	\$5,929,776
Supplies	\$2,016,118
Space	\$3,761,586
Contract	\$13,090,726
Other	\$952,579
Equipment	\$6,557
Travel and transportation	\$67,726

## RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL REVIEW (February 2013)

The most recent federal review of Orange County Head Start, Inc. was completed in February 2013. The federal review team reported no areas of non-compliance.

The Office of Head Start has been providing grants for an indefinite project period. This indefinite project period ended as of June 30, 2014. The Office of Head Start is moving from indefinite project periods to definite project periods of five years (60 months), for all Head Start grantees as part of the Designation Renewal System ("DRS").

Orange County Head Start, Inc. has applied for a five year grant for the 2014-15 program year. If awarded this grant will be viable from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2019.

 **Orange County Head Start, Inc.**



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