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Ounce of Prevention Fund
Early/Head Start Annual Report



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General Information

Grant Number: 05CH6100
Program Number: 000
Program Name: Ounce of Prevention Fund
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Fax Number: 312-922-3773
Head Start Director Name: Claire Dunham
Head Start Director Email: cdunham@ounceofprevention.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.ounceofprevention.org
Agency Type: Grantee

Grantee 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. This annual report includes service data for the program year ending in August, 2008. The financial data covers the period of calendar 2008.

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 149 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.

Site Location

Educare Center
5044 S. Wabash Avenue
Chicago, IL 60615

Community Areas Served

- Fuller Park
- Grand Blvd
- Kenwood
- New City
- Washington Park
- Oakland

Centers for New Horizons – Partner Agency

Program Name: Centers for New Horizons
Address: 4301 South Cottage
Phone Number: 773- 548-9839
Head Start Director Name: Marlene McKenzie
Head Start Director Email: marlenem@cnh.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.cnh.org
Agency Type: Partner

Agency Description

Centers for New Horizons partners with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to provide Early Head Start comprehensive services to children and to build the communities in which they reside. The agency serves 27 Early Head Start-eligible children.

Site Location

Effie Ellis II Center
4301 S. Cottage Grove Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

Community Areas Served

- Grand Blvd.
- Washington Park
- Kenwood

Children's Place Association – Partner Agency

Program Name: The Children's Place Association Early Learning Center
Address: 1800 N. Humboldt Chicago, Illinois 60647
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: 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 children and families. The agency services 35 Head Start eligible children.

Site Location

Family Center

1800 N. Humboldt Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60647

Community Areas Served

- Medically Fragile Families throughout the city of Chicago

Aunt Martha's Youth Services – Head Start Delegate

Program Number: 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 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

Specific Areas Served

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

Casa Central – Delegate Agency

Program Number: 007
Program Name: Casa Central Children’s Services
Address: 1343 N. California
Chicago, IL 60622-2803
Phone Number: (773)645-2300
Fax Number: (773)645-1342
Head Start Director Name: Ms. Ellen Chavez
Head Start Director Email: echavez@casacentral.org
Agency Web Site Address: <http://www.casacentral.org>
Agency Type: Private/Public Non-profit (Non-CAA)

Agency Description

Casa Central Child Development program provides quality early childhood education for children ages 3-5, including bilingual, full-day Head Start/IDHS child care. Casa Central also offers early childhood development programming in a home setting for children and their families. Through Home-based Head Start, trained educators work with parents and children, ages three to five.

Site Locations

ABC Home-Based Head Start

1349 N. California
Chicago, IL 60622

APP Home-Based Head Start

2222 N. Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Casa Infantil

2222 N. Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647

Community Service Center

1343 N. California Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622

Munoz Marin-Lowell Early Childhood Center

3320 W. Evergreen Avenue
Chicago, IL 60651

Community Areas Served

- Hermosa
- Humboldt Park
- Logan Square
- West Town

Children's Home + Aid - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 006
Program Name: Children's Home and Aid
Address: 125 S. Wacker Drive
14th Floor
Chicago, IL 60606
Phone Number: (312) 424-0200
Fax Number: (312) 424-6884
Head Start Director Name: Diana Valenzuela
Head Start Director Email: Dvalenzu@childrenshomeandaid.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.childrenshomeandaid.org
Agency Type: Private / Public Non-Profit (Non-CAA) (e., church or non-profit hospitals)

Agency Description

Children's Home + Aid Head Start promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children in low-income families. The Head Start program offers educational, health, disability, mental health, nutrition and social services to children from 3-5 years of age. Learning experiences are planned to foster total growth and developmental skills. Children participate in music, art, language, literacy, dramatic play, math, science, and computer activities.

Site Locations

Englewood Child and Family Center
1701 W. 63rd Street
Chicago, IL 60636

Viva Home-Based Head Start
1279 N. Milwaukee
Suite 405
Chicago, IL 60622

Community Areas Served

Center Based:

- Englewood
- West Englewood

Home Based:

- West Town
- Humboldt Park

Kids Hope United - Delegate Agency

Program Number: 004
Program Name: Kids Hope United
Address: 514 W. 31st Street
Phone Number: 312-949-4015
Fax Number: 312-949-1168
Head Start Director Name: Rosanne DeGregorio
Head Start Director Email: rdegregorio@kidshopeunited.org
Agency Web Site Address: www.kidshopeunited.org
Agency Type: Private/Public Non-Profit

Agency Description

Kids 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.

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

Kids Hope United Center
5244 N. Lakewood Street
Chicago, IL 60640

Community Areas Served

- Edgewater
- Rogers Park
- Uptown
- Bridgeport
- Morgan Park

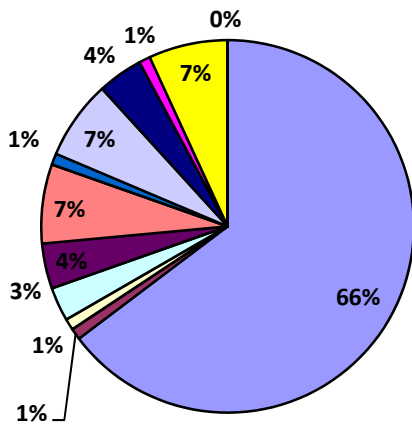
Overall Grantee Budget 2008

Total Public and Private Funds received: \$ 14,150,405

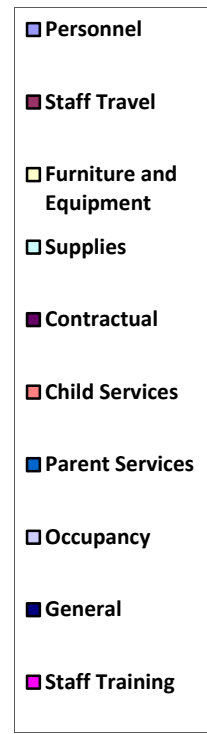
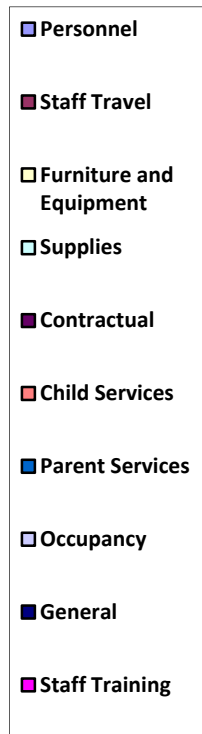
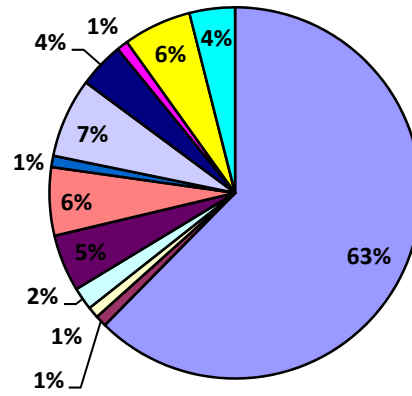
Public Funds		Private Funds	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Federal	\$ 10,625,027	Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, etc.	\$ 777,796
State	1,623,585	In-kind	256,000
Local School District	867,997		
Total	\$ 13,116,609	Total	\$ 1,033,796

2008 Budget and Actual Expenditures

Budget



Actual Expenditures



Funded Enrollment

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
Center-based Program		
a. 5 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment	702	91
2. Part-day enrollment		
b. 4 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment		
2. Part-day enrollment	260	
Home-based Program	180	
Total Funded Enrollment:	1142	91

Children and Families Served Average Monthly Enrollment

Educare

Total Children Served: 173

Total Families Served: 164

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-5	5358
Percentage of children served in agency	3%

Centers for New Horizons

Total Children Served: 45

Total Families Served: 40

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 103.03%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-2	1380
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	3%

Children's Place Association

Total Children Served: 37

Total Families Served: 37

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 90.91%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	28,541
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	.13%

Aunt Martha's Youth Services

Total Children Served: 287

Total Families Served: 253

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 101.51%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	2339
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	12%

Casa Central

Total Children Served: 473

Total Families Served: 346

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 96.56%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	2936
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	16%

Children's Home + Aid

Total Children Served: 238

Total Families Served: 232

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 92.88%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	2665
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	9%

Kids Hope United

Total Children Served: 202

Total Families Served: 188

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 92.62%

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 3-4	1529
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	16%

Grantee Total

Total Children Served: 1496

Total Families Served: 1260

Average monthly enrollment (as percentage of funded enrollment): 90.42%

Number of Eligible Children in All Service Areas, ages 0-5	32,260
Percentage of Eligible Children Served in Agency	5%

Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams

	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams
Grantee Wide	96%	74%
Children's Place Association	100%	100%
Kids Hope United	100%	99%
Educare	96%	86%
Centers for New Horizons	100%	0%
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	100%	77%
Casa Central	85%	69%
Children's Home + Aid	91%	87%

Parental involvement in Directly Operated, Delegate and Partner Agencies

Parent Education Activities

Health

- Grantee-sponsored Dental Fair in Winter 2009
- Children's Dental Health workshop
- Mobile Dental vans
- Health Education workshops on infant immunizations
- H1N1 Workshop
- Steps to Decrease the Spread of Germs workshop
- Illness Exclusion workshops
- Infection Control Workshop
- Parent Training on Lead
- Health Service Advisory Committee meetings
- Importance of health & developmental screenings
- CPR& First Aid workshop
- Nutrition education series
 - Features nutrition hints, food demonstrations, role modeling of healthy habits, portion control
- Mailing to Parents
 - Role Modeling Healthy Habits
 - Helpful Hints for Healthy Smile

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
- Classroom Observations
- Child Abuse and Neglect Training
- Well-Being Workshops
 - School Separation & Anxiety
 - Depression
 - Substance Abuse
 - Domestic Violence
 - Stress Management
 - Resolving Conflict
 - Effective Parenting
 - Positive Guidance for Challenging Behaviors
- Mailing to Parents
 - What Makes a Family Strong

Education and Literacy

- Reading is Fundamental Program
- Visits from the Kohl's Museum Story bus
- Guest speakers
- Lending libraries
- Book giveaways
- Read for the Record Activity
- Present and discuss Child Outcomes reports with parents
- Parent Trainings
 - Assessments and Screenings
 - Head Start Federal Review and Self Assessment Process
 - Curriculum
 - Children's Developmental Milestones
- Workshops
 - Parents as Primary Educators
 - Reading Aloud and Choosing Good Books
- On-Site Family Literacy Nights and Activities
 - Creative Curriculum Scavenger Hunt
 - Parent-Child Art
 - Parent-Child Reading
 - Parent-Child Acting
- Mailing to Parents
 - Helping Children Succeed in School & Giving Children Confidence

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 Luncheon, hosted with representatives from various social and community agencies
- Participation in monthly LAN meetings
- Special Education Conference
- Provisions of Resources and Social Service Referrals
 - Cook County Discount Car Seat Program
 - Local events and services
 - Domestic Violence
- Workshops and Trainings
 - Home Safety
 - Credit Repair workshop
 - Pedestrian & Transportation Safety
 - Utilization of Community Resources
- Mailing to Parents
 - Car seat Safety

Other Community-related Education

- Magnet School Application Party Meeting
- Parent-Child off site activities
 - Book –a-Mania at the Harold Washington Library
 - Week of the Young Child
- On-site Community Artist Performances
- Computer Lab for Parents and Community Members
- College Tours
- Local Education Options
- University of Illinois Cooperative Extension
- Chicago Metro AEYC conference
- Well-Care Clinics
- Back to School Health and Education Fair
- Parent and Community Classes
 - Financial Planning series
 - Developing Entrepreneurial Skills
 - Rites of Passage (self awareness and self reliance skill building)
- Parent Café

Parent Committee Meetings

- Parent Committee Meetings are held monthly at every site and agency.
- Parent Education Workshops are generally included in monthly meetings. Examples include:
 - Head Start 101
 - Parent Orientation
 - Review of Parent By-Laws
 - Strengthening Families Self-Assessment Committee developed plans to enhance parent involvement.
 - Families learned about the Strengthening Families initiative and participated in discussion groups.
 - Teachers provide regular reports to families about learning activities in the classroom.
 - Parents were able to watch video tape of children engaged in classroom activities.

Other special gatherings or activities

- Male Involvement Monthly Group
- Monthly Policy Council Meeting
- Baby Yoga
- Graduation Ceremony
- Open Closet Day
- Parent Recognition Event
- End-of-year celebration
- Seasonal Celebrations
- Family field trips
- Parent-Child breakfast
- Parent-Child Tea party
- Chinese New Year
- Grand opening of new parent resource centers

Kindergarten Readiness

Special Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

- Teacher Training on Kindergarten expectations and benchmarks
- Alignment of Preschool goals and objectives with Kindergarten goals and objectives
- Individualized Child Strength Plans designed to support children's growth progressively from fall, winter and spring
- Lesson Plan training to all teaching staff to include appropriate practices
- Teachers attend IEP meetings and individualize weekly for children with IEPs
- Teachers developed kindergarten corners; this area was used to work with children one on one, to engage in developmentally appropriate activities to prepare them for kindergarten.
- Developing and reinforcing math skills
 - Learning basic shapes
 - Rote counting 1-20
 - Understanding number and quantity
 - Learning and understanding basic graphing concepts such as graphing the number of children going to kindergarten and those remaining in Head Start
 - Following a pattern using manipulatives
- Strengthening children's social-emotional development
 - Classroom discussions on the similarities and differences between Head Start and kindergarten
 - Discussions on children's expectations about going to kindergarten such as the excitement and fears – encouraging children to communicate their ideas, feelings and emotions
 - Using daily picture schedules to follow the routines and being able to articulate what comes next in the routine.
- Increased focus on literacy skills such as language, reading, and writing
 - Speaking in complete sentences
 - Giving personal information such as their name, address, birthday
 - Using journals, sign in sheets, story dictation
 - Name and letter recognition activities
 - Copying and writing vocabulary words from studies
- Involvement of parents in their child's education
 - Distributed a monthly child activity calendar to reinforce skills taught in the classroom
 - Parent Conferences
 - Kindergarten Information Panel for Parents

Transition Activities to Promote Kindergarten Readiness

- Creation of Transition Plans for Infants and Toddlers
- Tours and visits to Kindergarten Classrooms
 - Teachers take children for walks around the community to see the different schools they may attend for kindergarten.
 - Teachers take pictures of the schools and post them around the classrooms.
 - Home-based providers visit the local school with the parent and child, when possible
- Partnerships and Relationships with Local Schools
 - University of Chicago, Urban Education Institute , OPF Charter School Partnership
 - Chicago Public Schools Partnerships
 - Parent workshops: Kindergarten readiness and Applying to CPS for Kindergarten registration
 - Option for Knowledge Program Involvement
- Parent meetings and presentations regarding school options
- Home visits occur to provide information to parents
- Parent Workshops on Preparing Children for Kindergarten
 - Sometimes led by kindergarten teachers from Local School Districts
 - Parents receive information on kindergarten expectations and registration requirements
 - Opportunities for parents to ask questions of the presenters and/or kindergarten teachers
- Materials for parents to increase awareness of kindergarten expectations
 - Developmental milestones for each domain (social, physical, cognitive, and language)
 - Handouts from the University of Illinois Extension programs
 - “Does your child have the building blocks for Kindergarten?”
 - “Encouraging your Child to Read and Write”
- Monthly parent-child activity calendar
- Follow-up discussions with family support staff regarding kindergarten requirements
- Back to school supplies for children going to Kindergarten
- Education Coordinators work with the teachers and plan stories, games, and dramatic play on the coming transition
 - What will be different, what will be the same, and feelings about changes and transitions
- Children are involved in listening to stories about Kindergarten
- Children participate in special “Kindergarten Days” in the classroom
- Teachers develop count-down calendars so children have a visual of how many days are left before they go to kindergarten. The calendar also encourages the children to practice math.
- Transitioning Ceremony

Summary of Triennial Review Findings

The most recent Triennial Federal Review of the Ounce of Prevention Fund's Early/Head Start program was concluded on May 13, 2007. One area of non-compliance was corrected, and one area of concern was closed. The next review will be conducted in 2010.

Summary of Audit Findings

There were no financial audit findings in the grantee, partner or delegate agencies for FY2008.