

Ounce of Prevention Fund Waukegan Early Head Start



Annual Report 2017

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General Information

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Agency Type: Grantee

Agency Description

The Ounce of Prevention Fund is a Head Start/Early Head Start grantee that provides services through directly-operated, partner, and delegate programs throughout the city of Chicago, the south suburbs, and Waukegan.

Delegate Agency: One Hope United, Waukegan Site

Program Name: One Hope United – Waukegan Early Learning Center
Program Number: 05-CH8341-201
Program Address: 1500 Sunset Ave., Waukegan, IL 60087
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Agency Type: Private/Public Non-Profit

Agency Description:

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

Program Philosophy:

OHU's early childhood program philosophy is grounded in the premise that parents, families and communities are the principal influences on the development of children. We know that parents and the family are the first and most important teachers of their children. We want to work together to help your child reach his or her fullest potential. All families need support, and our programs are specifically designed to help meet your needs. The early childhood program is dedicated to helping families raise strong and healthy children. We believe that the best way to do this is to form partnerships with parents and the families of children. These partnerships are based on mutual trust, understanding, respect and common goals.

Research has shown that most of a child's potential for learning is established by age 6. During these early years, children need a stimulating environment that will enable them to build their own knowledge

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

Site Locations

Waukegan Early Learning Center
 1500 Sunset Avenue, Suite B
 Waukegan, IL 60087

Waukegan Home Visiting Program
 2115 Ernie Krueger Cir.
 Waukegan, IL 60087

Community Areas Served

- Waukegan Township
- Waukegan
- Beach Park
- Park City
- North Chicago

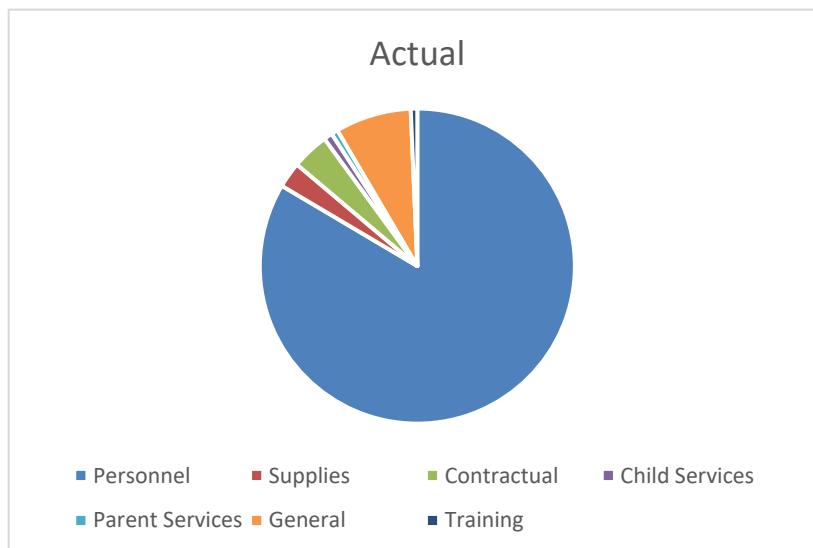
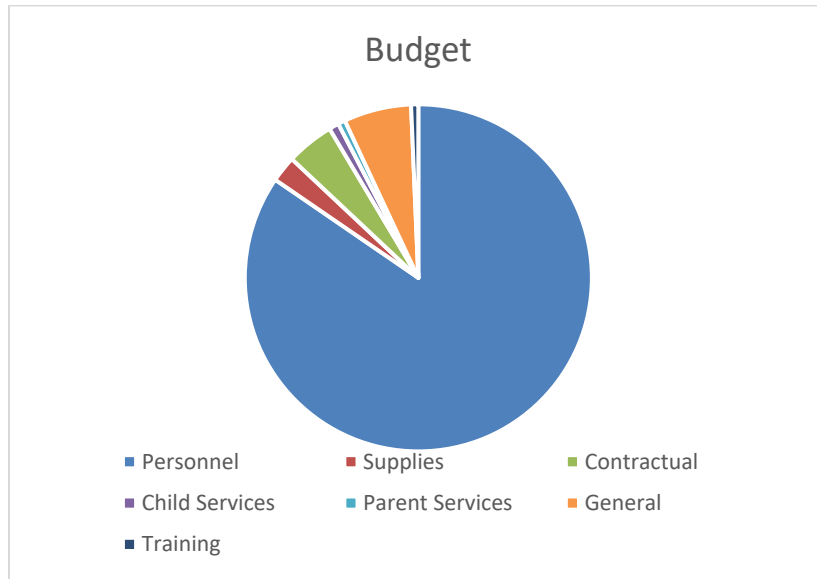
One Hope United-Waukegan – provides full day, full-year center-based services in Lake County for Waukegan Township, which includes the municipalities of Waukegan, Beach Park, Park City, and North Chicago. One Hope United-Waukegan serves **40 children** at one site. The program also provides home-based services to **30 children** in Waukegan Township covering Waukegan, Beach Park, Park City, and North Chicago in Lake County.

Overall Delegate Budget 2017 – Early Head Start

Total Public and Private Funds received: \$1,183,584

Public Funds		Private Funds	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Federal	776,715	Individuals, Corporations, Foundations, etc.	55,168
State	351,701	In-kind	0
Local School District	0		
Total	1,128,416	Total	55,168

2017 Budget and Actual Expenditures



Children and Families Served 2017

	Head Start Enrollment	Early Head Start Enrollment
Center-based Program		40
a. 5 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment		
2. Part-day enrollment		
b. 4 days per week		
1. Full-day enrollment		
2. Part-day enrollment		
Home-based Program		30
Total:		70

One Hope United:

Total Children Served: 94

Total Families Served: 76

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

Number of Eligible Children in Community, ages 0-2	2042
Percentage of children served in agency	4.6%

Health

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams

Percentage of enrolled children who received medical and dental exams	Received Medical Exams	Received Dental Exams/ Oral Care
One Hope United – Waukegan Site	76%	72%
Grantee Average	76%	74%

Parental involvement

Parent Education Activities

Health

- The Importance of Well Child Visits
- Qualities of a Good Pediatrician
- Nutrition for Infants & Toddlers
- Dental Health for Infants & Toddlers

Mental Health

- Stress Management
- Challenging Behaviors/Tantrums-MHC
- Positive Guidance Workshop

Education and Literacy

- Lending Library
- Ages & Stages of Child Development
- Milestones & Development
- Literacy Night

Male Involvement

- Donuts with Dad
- Reading with Dad

Community and Social Services

- Health Service Advisory Committee Meeting
- Financial Literacy
- Budgeting & WIC
- Safety Proofing your Home

Family Events

- Winter Celebration
- Week of the Young Child
- Blue Ribbon Child Abuse Awareness
- End of the Year Celebration

Parent Committee Meetings

- Monthly Parent Committee Meetings took place at the Center based program
- The Home based program provided bimonthly parent meetings during the socialization activity

- Parents reviewed menus, discussed child outcomes, reviewed self-assessment results and Quality improvement plan, provided input for program activities and participated in workshops to enhance their parenting skills and understanding of child development.

School Readiness

Teachers received ongoing training on utilizing the Creative Curriculum and Teaching Strategies GOLD® assessment tool. By completing ongoing observations, teachers have become more attuned to children's individual needs and development. The Education Coordinator will continue regularly working with staff to further develop their knowledge and skills in implementing the curriculum and assessment tool in the coming year.

As a result of their program data analysis in the Spring, each teacher and home provider is aware of his/her own strengths and areas for improvement in the collection of documentation and assessment data. Following each checkpoint data analysis period, teachers and home providers have developed action plans for improvement. The majority of Center- and Home-Based staff has been, and plans to continue to be, successful in achieving their individual goals.

Teachers and home visitors continue to develop strategies for streamlining their documentation routines. Home-Based staff now use a visual checklist of objectives and share strategies to engage families in collecting observation data on their own. When successful, this is a highly valuable strategy. Strategies to engage families in the assessment of their children would be useful for center-based teachers.

Teachers showed an improved capacity to analyze their data for the Spring checkpoint period and in making comparisons to Fall and Winter. They recognized their greater ability to collect and enter data as well as to use their lesson plans intentionally to plan experiences for data collection. The teachers also shared how they had improved their teaching practices related to their ability to observe the interests of children and use those when planning curriculum experiences.

Summary of Annual Review Findings

There was no Federal Review for the grantee for grant year 2017.

Summary of Audit Findings

There was one audit finding for the grantee for FY2017. The finding related to personnel costs charged to federal awards without appropriate documentation. The organization has implemented a corrective action plan. There were no prior year (FY2016) audit findings.

The FY2018 audits have been completed for the grantee and delegate agency. The finding described above was found to be corrected in the FY2018 audit.

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.