



Catholic Charities
Archdiocese of New Orleans

Head Start Annual Report 2015-2016



HEAD START
BIRTH TO FIVE

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This report is prepared to comply with the Head Start Reauthorization Act of 2007, Administrative Requirements and Standards Sec. 644 [42 U.S.C. 9839 (a)(2)].



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Dear Friends of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans,

Catholic Charities has been providing New Orleans area children with a “Head Start” in life for more than three decades. Head Start centers provide free education, health services and meals for qualifying children in a caring, nurturing environment while supporting parents and families in achieving their goals. It is an invaluable resource to this community and an investment in our future.

For the past 30 years, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans has been servicing children as a delegate under TCA (Total Community Action). In 2015, CCANO was awarded the Head Start grant as a grantee which allows us to service families and their children directly. As a direct recipient, Catholic Charities has been able to:

- Invest in employees, sending them to trainings where they learn skills they use in the classroom;
- Invest in technology to track children’s learning;
- Purchase new classroom supplies, including furniture pieces designed to engage;
- Make improvements and invest in our centers to ensure we can provide education for years to come; and
- Open a new center in the underserved area of New Orleans East.

Our newest site, St. Paul the Apostle Head Start and Early Head Start, will allow Catholic Charities to serve more children. The New Orleans East area is traditionally underserved in community resources, including education; many of our children from this area were making long, inconvenient treks across the city with family members. This new site will increase attendance and better serve our families.

Thank you for your steadfast support of this important program. I look forward to our growth in this new phase of providing Head Start. With your support we will fulfill the mandate of Jesus, “Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

God bless you,

Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.

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President & CEO

Introduction and program overview

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans (CCANO) Head Start (HS) and Early Head Start (EHS) serves as a comprehensive early childhood education and family engagement program for low-income and at risk children ages birth to five years of age. At the heart of the CCANO HS and EHS program is our mission to ensure that our children and families have viable access to health and nutrition services as well as access to mental health services. Our Mental Health and Disabilities Coordinator ensures that our children with disabilities or suspected disabilities receive a thorough evaluation and access to any and all supportive services they may need. Our main goal is to improve and achieve positive and outstanding child and family outcomes so that our children and families are school-ready by the age of five and have all the support and tools they need for healthy family development and function. The Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Coordinator's role is to plan, track, and ensure that funded enrollment goals are reached and assist in fostering a learning environment in which families can position themselves as life-long learners that can better navigate social systems. The Health and Nutrition Coordinator is responsible for management of the child health, dental, mental health, safety and nutrition service areas for the Head Start and Early Head Start program. The Health and Nutrition Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that Head Start Programs develop and implement systems and procedures for the delivery of quality

health and nutrition services. This position also ensures compliance with Head Start performance standards as well as local, state and federal regulations.

Incarnate Word Head Start & Early Head Center

8326 Apricot Street, NOLA 70118

504-861-6366

■ **16 Early & 74 Head Start**

Covenant House Early Head Start Center

611 North Rampart Street, NOLA, 70112

504-267-9688

■ **20 Early**

St. John Head Start

1920 Clio Street, NOLA 70113

■ **131 Head Start**

St. Mary Head Start & Early Head Start Center

2225 Congress Street, NOLA 70119

■ **16 EHS & 16 Head Start**

St. Paul Head Start & Early Head Start Center

6828 Chef Menteur Highway, NOLA 70126

(currently under renovation)

■ **40 EHS & 148 Head Start**

Expenses - JULY 2015 – DECEMBER 2015

Federal Total	\$2,503,352
Non-Federal Total	\$332,507
TOTAL	\$2,835,859

CCANO Categories	Early Head Start	Head Start	TOTAL
OPERATING			
Personnel	\$ 308,195	\$ 985,878	\$ 1,294,073
Fringe	69,965	239,007	308,973
Travel	0	3,989	3,989
Supplies	124,775	315,932	440,707
Other	138,021	522,437	660,458
Indirect Costs	23,222	71,767	94,989
Sub-Total	\$664,179	\$2,139,010	\$2,803,189
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE			
Travel	\$ 5,255	\$ 20,321	\$ 25,576
Other	2,084	3,719	5,803
Indirect	288	1,000	1,288
Sub-Total	\$7,627	\$25,040	\$32,667
TOTAL	\$671,806	\$2,164,050	\$2,835,856

Head Start Success Stories

Head Start and Early Head Start programs really work! Read a few success stories from New Orleans area families who have benefited from this program:

Head Start Creates Homeowners

Shanika Raymond, mom of Brooklynn, received information and guidance in managing her finances. From the assistance and help she received at Head Start, she was able to purchase her first home.

Head Start Offers a Path to Citizenship

While her son Melvin received care, nutrition and education at Head Start, mom Donnalee Clarence was assisted with obtaining housing and employment after living in a homeless shelter for several months. Ms. Clarence is working on getting her citizenship in the United States and learning English as a second language.

Head Start Helps Children with Learning Disabilities

Ms. Lakeisha Brown's goal was to transition her daughters G'La and Gia from Head Start to Kindergarten. G'La has Autism and Gia was diagnosed with educational delay. Head Start staff helped guide Ms. Brown through the process of finding the right place for her children while also preparing her daughters with the knowledge and skills they would need for kindergarten. The girls are now registered and accepted at a school close to their home.

Head Start Helps Parents Achieve Educational Goals

Tanique Boatman, mom of Anthony, is able to focus on furthering her education too. Thanks to the help of Head Start, she has been able to attend classes to get her GED. Soon she will start taking college courses through an online program.

Paulette Vallery's goal was to get back on track with earning her degree while also providing quality care for her child while she worked toward this goal. St. Mary of the Angels Head Start social workers first assisted Ms. Vallery in career guidance and applications for technical school. She is currently enrolled in the program and is still managing to be a great support system for her child and St. Mary of the Angels Head Start.

Head Start parent Charity Clark wanted to obtain her GED. We were able to assist her by providing child care services to allow her to have the time to enroll and attend GED courses. Ms. Clark applied and was accepted to Delgado's GED Program. She has been diligently attending class and is continuing to strive to complete the program.





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Proposed Federal Budget JANUARY – DECEMBER 2016

Federal Total \$5,393,997

CCANO Categories	Early Head Start	Head Start	TOTAL
OPERATING			
Personnel	\$ 789,903	\$ 2,460,773	\$ 3,250,676
Fringe	223,543	696,402	919,945
Travel	0	0	0
Supplies	106,790	178,481	285,271
Other	133,132	529,639	662,771
Indirect Costs	50,134	154,705	204,839
Sub-Total	\$1,303,502	\$4,020,000	\$5,323,502
TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE			
Travel	\$ 17,481	\$ 27,238	\$ 44,719
Other	3,802	19,262	23,064
Indirect	851	1,861	2,712
Sub-Total	\$22,134	\$48,361	\$70,495
TOTAL	\$1,325,636	\$4,068,361	\$5,393,997

Services to Families

CCANO is funded to provide Head Start Services to 402 preschool age children and also provide Early Head Start services to 92 infants, toddlers, and pregnant woman.

The average monthly enrollment in the Head Start program was 99.67% and of that number 87% were income eligible and 13% were in receipt of public assistance.

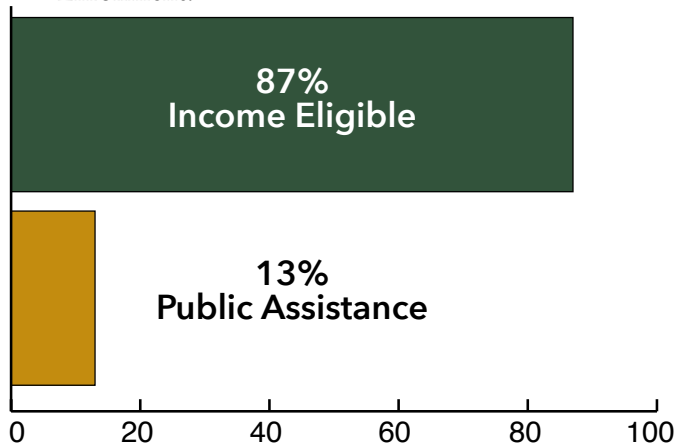
The average monthly enrollment in the Early Head Start program was 100% and of that number 88% were income eligible, 3% were experiencing homelessness, and 9% were in receipt of public assistance.

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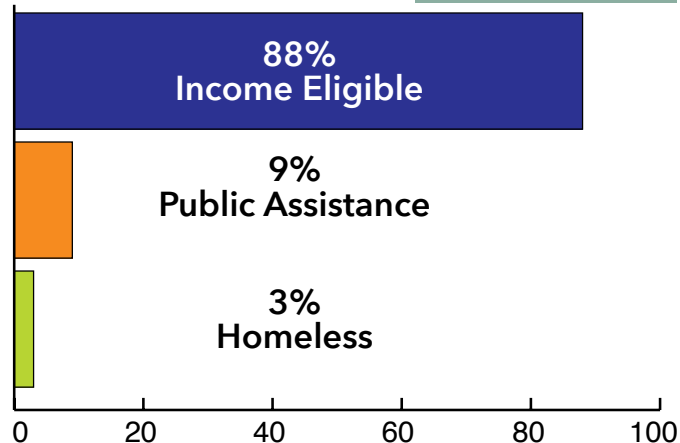
The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit.

The charts below illustrate our Average Monthly Head Start Enrollment and Average Monthly Early Head Start Enrollment.



99.67%

Average Monthly Enrollment Head Start



100%

Average Monthly Early Enrollment Head Start



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The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams.

In the 2015-2016 school year CCANO is proud to report that 97% of the enrolled children in the Early Head Start program received dental exams while in our program last year. The same group of children also participated in a total of 66 physical examinations. We report a similar success in the Head Start group reflecting a total of

359 dental screenings as well as 359 physical exams. In addition the Early Head Start group participated in 56 hearing screens and 52 vision exams. Our Head Start group participated in 355 hearing screens and 342 vision screenings.

Parent Engagement Activities

Parents and families are supported in achieving their own goals; such as housing stability, continued education, and financial security. Our Family well-being programs support and strengthen parent-child relationships and engage families around their child's learning and development.

Many parents who enroll their children in Head Start and Early Head Start also receive educational services themselves. We have assisted many of our parents in obtaining their GEDs and enrolling in college classes. Some parents also take our English as a Second Language classes and receive guidance on the path to citizenship.

Parents also receive education about child rearing, as well as job training. Each family is different, so depending on individual needs, parents and other family members may also be referred to medical, social welfare or employment specialists for services.



School Readiness

Our Teachers facilitate individualized learning experiences to promote children's readiness for school and beyond. Through planned and spontaneous instruction, relationships with adults and play. Our children grow in language and literacy, early math and science concepts, as well as social and emotional development. CCANO's teaching strategies are implemented and monitored by a staff of highly experienced Teacher Mentors who build and tailor age appropriate curriculum to ensure our children are school-ready by the age of 5.

School readiness is ensured through the assessment of the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, a comprehensive, evidence based guide that shows how children achieve and progress in the five essential domains of learning and development including the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework: Ages Birth to Five, physical well-being, approaches to learning, social & emotional development, language & literacy, cognition, perceptual, motor, & physical development. CCANO uses Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Two's and the Creative Curriculum for Preschool, a specific evidence-based curriculum and observation and assessment tools to ensure positive outcomes of children.

Creative Curriculum is based on scientifically valid research such as child development theory and studies in which it was evaluated with Head

Start populations using systematic empirical methods, rigorous data analysis, and quasi-experimental methods, and it contains the features necessary to adequately support children's learning and development. It is rooted in an understanding of the integrated nature of child development including social/emotional, physical, and cognitive development. It is also directly related to subject area content children will experience when they transition into elementary school including: literacy, science, math, social studies, arts, and technology.

Program Governance

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Head Start and Early Head Start operates an organized and formal structure of Shared Governance. This system enables parents to be a part of and participate in decision-making and program planning on every level. Some of the most essential functions include:

- Implementing high quality and community appropriate program practices that deliver the highest possible outcomes.
- Procuring and coordinating program resources as well as community partners.
- Develop and maintain program goals to ensure that our staff can consistently strive to use best practices ensuring comprehensive service delivery to our children and families with integrity.





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