



Head Start / Early Head Start

2013 Annual Report



Our Mission:

At PEACE, Inc. Head Start/ Early Head Start, we inspire personal growth by providing an enthusiastic, diverse and supportive environment that contributes to one common goal: empower families, children and staff to reach their maximum potential.

Our Philosophy:

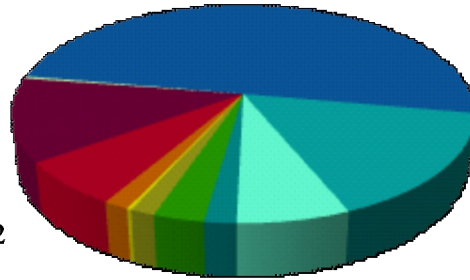
Head Start/Early Head Start strives to promote the school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.



2013 - 2014 Expenditures

Total Expenditures: \$10,908,238

- Salaries: \$5,457,836
- Fringes: \$1,736,930
- Facilities: \$725,871
- Transportation: \$204,792
- Contractual Services: \$325,352
- Program/Office Supplies: \$159,256
- Equipment: \$28,403
- Education/Training/Travel: \$165,094
- Food Service/Nutritional Services: \$719,167
- Indirect/Administrative: \$1,347,009
- Other: \$38,528



PEACE, Inc.'s Financial Statements
are available online.
<http://www.peace-caa.org/about-us/financials/>

A Message from the Directors

To Our Community,

Thank you for taking the time to review the PEACE, Inc. Head Start / Early Head Start Annual Report.

PEACE, Inc. Head Start has been servicing families in Onondaga County since 1968 and we at PEACE, Inc. are extremely proud to be a part of this association. Head Start has been providing services to pregnant women, children, and their families for more than 45 years, and currently provide services to over 1,000 children and families.

PEACE, Inc. Head Start / Early Head Start's mission is to inspire personal growth and empower families, children and staff to reach their maximum potential.

Head Start recognizes that parents are the primary educators of their children and provide many services to support the learning and development of the children in our care. These comprehensive services provided are at no cost to families.

We welcome all who give their time and talents so generously and encourage each parent / guardian to support the Head Start / Early Head Start program by volunteering every month.

We hope this report informs you of the efforts we have accomplished to enrich our community and to improve the quality of life for our children.

Best Wishes,

Joseph O'Hara
Executive Director
PEACE, Inc.

Rebecca Heberle
Director
Head Start / Early Head Start

School Readiness

Our program's school readiness plan reflects the varying developmental needs of children birth to five, dual language learners, and children with disabilities. We have established our school readiness goals which are defined as, "the expectations of children's status and progress across domains of language and literacy development, cognitions and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical health and well-being and motor development, and social and emotional development" {The Head Start Approach to School Readiness Overview (eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov)} and have incorporated them into our School Readiness Plan (SRP). Our plan is based on three major frameworks developed by the Office of Head Start that promote an understanding of school readiness for parents and families, infants/toddlers and preschoolers; The Infant and Toddler Framework, The Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework, and the Parent-Engagement Framework. In addition, our plan aligns with the New York State Early Learning Guidelines designed for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and the New York State Pre-Kindergarten Foundation for the Common Core. These frameworks and the NYS Standards provide the foundation for implementation of our systemic and integrated comprehensive child development services and family engagement efforts that lead to school readiness for young children and their families.

Program Eligibility

Eligibility is based on the following*:

- Families living in Onondaga County
- Children ages 0-5 years old
- Household income within the Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Families receiving Public Assistance, Foster Care, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and/or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Homeless families
- Children with special needs
- Pregnant women and teen mothers

**HS/EHS is regulated to serve at least 90% low income participants, program wide. Income eligibility is based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines.*

2013 - 2014 Revenue

Total Revenue: \$10,908,238 **

- Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): \$10,176,900
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP): \$450,463
- STATE: \$276,106
- Local: \$950
- PRIVATE: \$3,819



* **Does not include in-kind

Funding Sources

- PUBLIC, State (Pre-K) and Federal (DHHS, CACFP): \$10,903,469
- PRIVATE- Individuals and Local Foundations: \$4,769
- IN-KIND- Donated (Volunteer Hours, Professional/Contract Services and Facilities): \$2,544,221



STORIES

Home Based Program

Several of our families receive EHS/HS child development and family support services in their homes through our Home Based program option. Home based visitors meet for 90 minutes per week with each family and provide two socializations per month to the families. During these socializations parents have the opportunity to meet other enrolled families, share successful parenting ideas with one another and learn about their

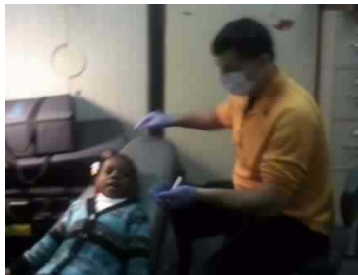


children together. The socializations offer children the opportunity to learn through play in a group setting. Sometimes socializations are held at community locations such as the one pictured here where the families met at Abbots, a local apple farm in Baldwinsville.



Dental Clinic for HS/EHS Students:

Syracuse Community Health Center has partnered with PEACE, Inc. Head Start to provide on-site dental care. A grant from the Health Foundation of Western and Central NY paid for the portable equipment to facilitate this program. This program allows children to receive dental exams, cleaning, fluoride varnish and some



treatment at the site. The dentist visits every Wednesday and the dental hygienist comes on Mondays. The dental provider moves from site to site. This provides a wonderful service for our families. The children are receptive and excited to participate.

2013 Funded Enrollment

Total Head Start (HS) - 863

Total Early Head Start (EHS) - 214

Atonement (HS & EHS) - 50	OCC (HS & EHS) - 29
Baldwinsville - 34	MANOS - 17
Cab Horse - 47	Merrick (HS & EHS) - 236
Cicero - 51	Rockwell - 34
Children's Consortium - 12	Southside FRC - 9
County West FRC - 10	St. Brigid's HS - 103
Dunbar - 18	St. Brigid's EHS - 38
Eastside FRC - 9	St. Daniels - 122
Jamesville - 24	Summer (HS & EHS) - 137
Jordan Elbridge - 17	UUMC - 16
Home Based (HS) - 22	Westside FRC - 9
LaFayette - 33	

2013 Program Year Report

Children & Pregnant Women Served*:

Head Start (HS) - 1032

Early Head Start (EHS) - 331

Total Families Served:

Head Start - 963

Early Head Start - 269

Average Monthly Enrollment:

Head Start - 100%

Early Head Start - 100%

Children that received Medical and Dental Exams:

Medical - 100% (HS), 90% (EHS)

Dental - 88% (HS), 73% (EHS)

**Families & children served include program participants that enrolled and dropped during the program year.*

Program Activities

Educators believe that men and women are more likely to be more involved in their child’s education if they believe their involvement will make a difference. PEACE., Inc. Head Start / Early Head Start program, offers activities that are designed to fit the needs of children and families. Here are a few of the many activities held during the 2013—2014 Program Year.

Assisting our non-English Speaking Population:

In the 2013-14 Head Start / Early Head Start launched its first on site English classes for our non-English speaking population. In an attempt to help ease the confusion of a new land new language, we began preparing our families with everyday usage of the English language. Weekly, parent and their children came together to begin the process of understanding the how and why of our culture and language. Families came in three times a week and engaged in storytelling, reading about current events and teasing out the language . We finished the year with seven families that consistently came together and always looked forward to their English classes. To help mark this great beginning for our families we held an end of the year celebration that helped mark the success of our seven families and their beginning to endless opportunities here in America.

*first group of
ESL students
that finished a
full year of
classes*



Early Head Start Locations

Collaborations	
Atonement Day Care Center 116 West Glen Avenue Syracuse, NY 13205 (315) 701-1867	Onondaga County Correctional Facility 6660 East Seneca Turnpike Jamesville, NY 13078 (315) 435-5581 ext. 1152
Children’s Consortium 2122 Erie Boulevard East Syracuse, NY 13224 (315) 471-8331	Onondaga Community College 4585 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215 (315) 498-2547



Early Head Start Locations

Center-based Locations

Merrick 175 Hudson Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 470-3349	Sumner 215 Bassett Street Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 470-3346
University United Methodist Church (UUMC) 324 University Avenue Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 214-2880	

Home-based Office Locations

Home Visitors' offices are at the following locations:

County West FRC 93 Syracuse Street, #700 Baldwinsville, NY 13027 (315) 638-0938	Southside FRC 136 Martin Luther King West Syracuse, NY 13205 (315) 470-3354
Eastside FRC 202 South Beech Street Syracuse, NY 13210 (315)470-3377	St. Brigid's EHS 810 Willis Avenue Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 488-0987
Westside FRC 200 Wyoming Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 701-0790	

Program Activities



Cultural Try-Me Program:

The PEACE, Inc. Head Start Cultural Try-Me Program is a locally designed interactive social studies program engaging children and families in learning about geography, cultures and foods from around the world. Teachers introduce two “Try Me” foods in the classroom each month. Children learn about where and how a food is grown, the culture and food customs of a region. Through interactive activities, children explore how a food looks, feels and smells. Children have the opportunity to taste a “Try Me” food when it is served as a menu item at meal or snack. A parent newsletter reinforces cultural learning at home through “Try Me” activities, shopping tips and recipes that children share with their families.

In addition to this unique nutrition program, our families join in shopping market tours sponsored by Cooperative Extension for shopping tips on buying nutritious foods on a budget. Our program offers demonstrations for families to learn about preparing nutritious meals and snacks. Nutrition education strategies and “Try Me” recipes are included in the Head Start/ Early Head Start Newsletter. Plans for expanding nutrition education to children and families are ongoing.



Head Start Locations

Center-based Locations	
Baldwinsville Grace Episcopal Church 110 Oswego Road Baldwinsville, NY 13027 (315) 638-2295	Merrick 175 Hudson Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 470-3349
<i>Opening</i> James Street 1507 James Street Syracuse, NY 13203 (315) 299-4390 <i>2014</i>	Rockwell 208 Rockwell Road Nedrow, NY 13120 (315) 469-9297
Jordan-Elbridge Christ Church 25 North Main Street Jordan, NY 13080 (315) 689-0079	St. Brigid's 810 Willis Avenue Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 488-0987
<i>Opening</i> Liverpool 911 Old Liverpool Road Suite # 5 Liverpool, NY 13088 <i>2015</i>	Sumner 215 Bassett Street Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 470-3346
LaFayette 2777 Route 11 North LaFayette, NY 13084 (315) 677-7814	
Partners in Learning MANOS Program Seymour Dual Language Academy 108 Shonnard Street Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 435-6000 ext.5632	

Head Start Locations

Collaborations	
Atonement Day Care Center 116 West Glen Avenue Syracuse, NY 13205 (315) 701-1867	Onondaga Community College 4585 West Seneca Turnpike Syracuse, NY 13215 (315) 498-2547
The Salvation Army: Cab Horse Commons 677 South Salina Street Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 479-1112	

Home-based Locations	
Home Visitors' offices are at the following locations:	
Marcellus 15 Orange Street Marcellus, NY 13108 (315) 673-4112	St. Brigid's HS 810 Willis Avenue Syracuse, NY 13204 (315) 488-0987