



Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc.



HEAD START CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC
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The EOC of Nassau County, Inc. operates eight Head Start Child Development Centers throughout Nassau County. During the school year 564 children, ages 3 – 5, received services which included education, health, parent involvement activities and provision of social services (identified by individual parents) for the entire family. Each center is equipped with developmentally appropriate materials and has a culturally diverse, multilingual staff that speaks the languages of the children enrolled. Special services are provided to children with diagnosed disabilities. The program provides children with outcomes based on the Head Start Outcomes Framework using the Creative Curriculum and is focused on school readiness. A Policy Council comprised of a representative and an alternate from each Head Start program, a board representative and community/organizational representatives volunteer to make decisions about the Head Start program as regulated by Head Start Performance Standards.

Purpose: As a Head Start Agency operating under the auspices of the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc.; we are required by the Head Start Act- Public Law 110-134- Section 644 (Administrative requirements and Standards) to make available to the public, an annual report disclosing certain information from the most recently concluded fiscal year. In adhering to the Economic Opportunity

Commission of Nassau County (EOC) Agency confidentiality policies; this report will not disclose personally identifiable information about any one individual, child, family, parent or staff.

(A) The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source:

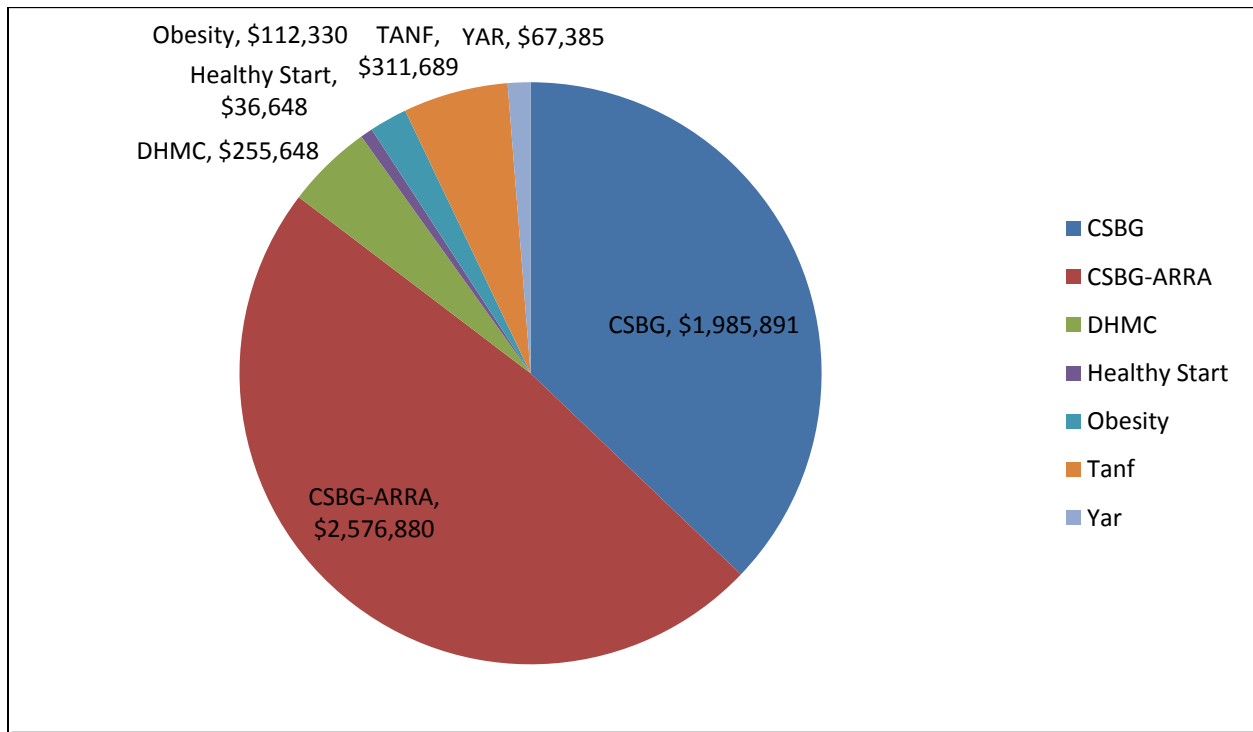
*Information listed below reflects contracted funding amount and is subject to audit:

Department of Health And Human Services, FYHS- Regular	6,974,216.00
Department of Health and Human Services, FYHS-Arra	214,331.83
Department of Health and Human Services, CSBG- Regular	2,669,695.49
Department of Health and Human Services, CSBG-Arra	3,247,336.83
Incorporated Village of Hempstead	12,000.00
Department of Labor- DOL	129,019.75
Department of Labor- OTDA	211,776.81
Health Central Admin.	391,956.73
United Way	18,648.00
Fund Raising	132,418.00
Columbia University	237,891.26
FEMA	78,000.00
School District	177,332.00
FEMA-ARRA	11,475.00
County of Nassau - Obesity	23,030.18
County of Nassau - YAR	103,887.02
County of Nassau - TNAF	586,336.69
Other Local	<u>57,501.87</u>
<u>TOTAL FUNDS FOR FY 8/1/09 - 7/31/10</u>	<u>15,219,351.59</u>

(B) Budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year 8/01/09 – 7/31/10:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Expended</u>
Personnel	4,298,486
Fringe	1,341,379
Travel	25,949
Equipment Purchase	98,000
Supplies	111,031
Contractual	201,568
Other	<u>907,739</u>
TOTAL	6,984,152

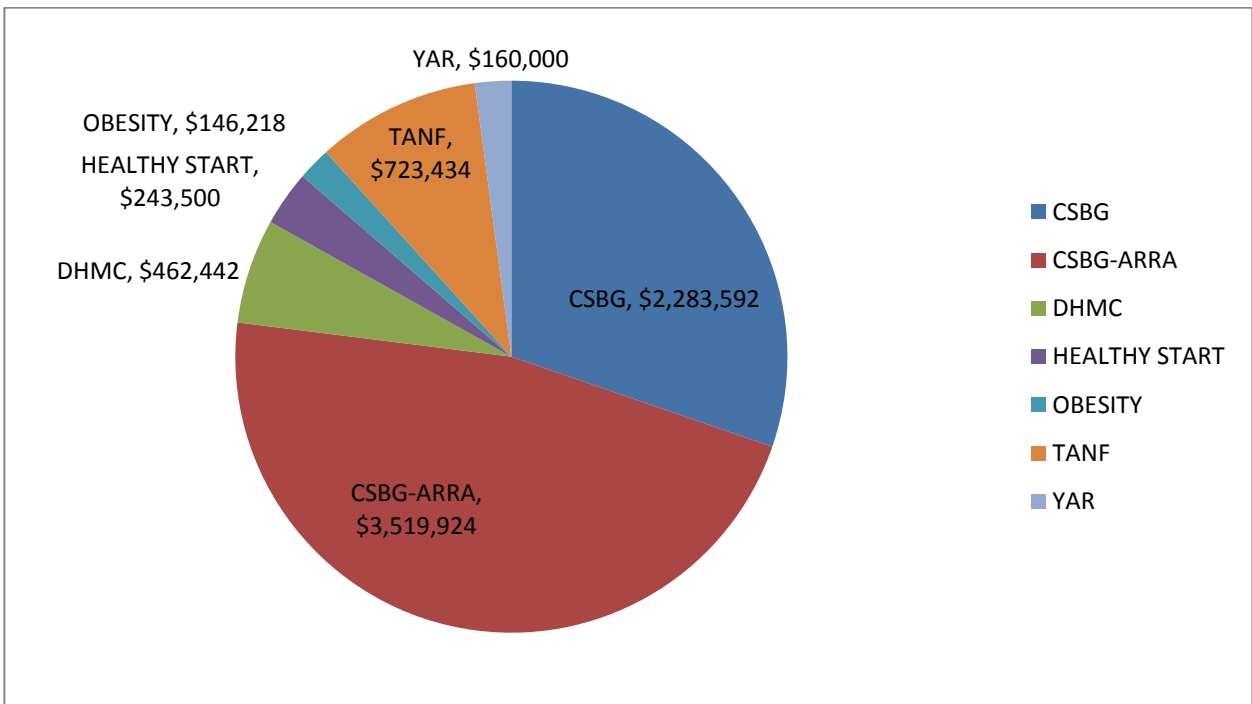
Budgetary Expenditures for 8/1/09 - 7/31/10 for other funding sources



Proposed Budget for 8/1/10 - 7/31/10

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(F) Parent Involvement Activities:

Our vision for parent involvement is to create and sustain an environment of partnership that supports parents as primary educators of children and insures that every parent has a positive experience in Head Start and ensures the policy making role of parents which is the foundation of the unique success of Head Start.

The Policy Council meets on a monthly basis and/or as needed. Representatives are elected to the Policy Council from each local Head Start center and community representatives and a board representative sit on the Policy Council. The Policy Council makes policy decisions for Head Start and forwards their recommendations to the Board of Directors for final approval. Training on program governance is provided for the Policy Council after annual elections are held (October). Other officers from local parent committees are invited to participate. Training includes Head Start Performance Standards and Head Start Act 2007; as it relates to governance and the roles and responsibilities of the Policy Council.

Parent involvement activities includes but are not limited to; monthly parent meetings, parent/teacher conferences, home visits, classroom volunteers, pedestrian safety training, fatherhood initiative activities, nutrition and anti-obesity workshops, domestic violence training (prevention and risks), child abuse training (prevention and risks), menu planning, health education including dental health and prevention and serving as field trip chaperones. Parents also actively participate in Head Start and EOC Agency annual community dinners, annual Family and Community Day (Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, NY), and a myriad of other events that celebrate the cultural diversity of the families and communities where we provide services.

Some of the highlights implemented for our children that included parent involvement were; a holiday party given at Oheka Castle for all of our children; parents participated as chaperones. Thanksgiving

dinners at local Head Start Programs (parents were invited to eat family-style with their children and staff). Black History Month activities and National Hispanic Heritage activities were held that involved both Head Start children and parents. Parents participated with their children in our annual Family and Community Day sharing in the recreational, entertainment, social, and nutritional activities.

(G) Efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:

The EOC Head Start Program prepares children for kindergarten and promotes school readiness by enhancing the social and cognitive development of children through the provision of educational, health, nutritional, social and other services to enrolled children and families. Parents are engaged in their children's learning and in transitional activities which prepare children and parents in transitioning from Head Start to kindergarten. Formal transitions are conducted through moving up ceremonies held at each program center.

Some of the ways children are prepared include; The Creative Curriculum is used for daily lesson planning and individual needs are met through the lesson plans. The Creative Curriculum allows staff to enter outcomes for children on an individualized basis so that individual needs will be included in the lesson plan. The Head Start Outcomes Frameworks is used as the basis for goals for children so that they are school ready. Additionally, meetings are held with school districts; kindergarten teachers visit Head Start and some school districts have children visit kindergarten classes. School district personnel come to Head Start parent meetings in the spring as children begin to enroll in the public school for kindergarten.

The EOC Head Start hosts an Open House event in each Head Start center with invitations sent out to local schools districts. Collaboration and collaborative relationships are also made with Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to coordinate, share and augment services for children with disabilities.