

Neighborhood Centers Inc. Choices in Education Head Start Annual Report 2008

Enrollment Facts

- Funded enrollment for the 2007-2008 school year was 1902 Head Start and 72 Early Head Start children.
- In December 2008 we had a waiting list with 741 Head Start and 200 Early Head Start students.
- 24 students were enrolled in Home-based programs, 827 in school-based collaboration sites and 1123 in center-based programs.
- 2007-2008 average monthly enrollment 100%.
- 91.2% of the Head Start and 100% of the Early Head Start families were income eligible with annual incomes at or below the federal poverty guidelines.

NCI Head Start Builds Community

A child's first educational experiences deserve to be filled with positive memories that mold their future. Children deserve to be respected and nurtured at home and at school so they may learn life-long lessons of turning obstacles into stepping stones.

Head Start works with low-income families to engage the whole child. Neighborhood Centers Inc. takes the work of Head Start one step further and helps families build a sense of community needed for stable academic, social and



emotional growth of babies and children. This partnership is ideal for the little ones we serve, as they reap the rewards of stable families and more certain futures. By building a sense of community we truly provide our children with a Head Start for the future.



Teachers by Degree and Certification

	EHS	HS
CDA	47%	3%
Associates Degree	35%	31%
Bachelors Degree	18%	64%
Bachelors Degree/Certified	0%	2%
Masters Degree	0%	0%
Masters Degree/Certified	0%	>1%

With our stacked model 100% of our Head Start classrooms have certified teachers.

Our Mission

To provide choices and opportunities in early education that lead to more and better opportunities in higher education.



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Our Students Succeed Academically

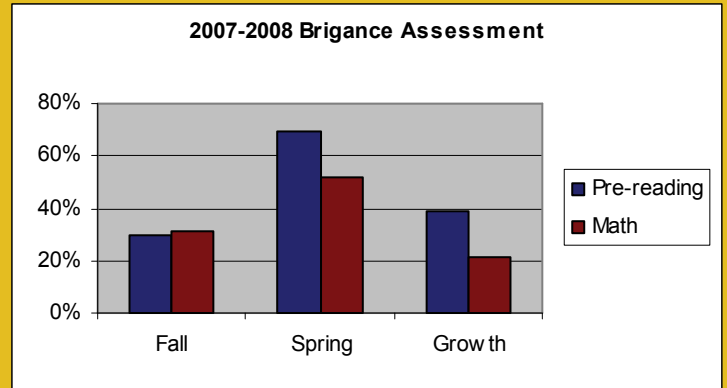
Outcomes as measured by the Brigance Norm-Referenced Assessment during the 2007-2008 school year:

Pre-reading

Fall 30%
Spring 69%
Growth +39%

Mathematics

Fall 31%
Spring 52%
Growth +21%



“When I grow up I want to be a doctor ... or a ballerina.”

-- Head Start Student



Transition to Kindergarten

We help our children prepare for kindergarten in a variety of ways. Children are taught using the Scholastic Early Learning curriculum at most centers and the InvestiGator Club curriculum at our New Horizon center.

We measure learning by sending home quarterly progress notes and conducting quarterly developmental evaluation assessments. We also conduct a pre- and post-Brigance norm-referenced assessment on all 4-year olds every

school year. Parents are assisted with kindergarten transition services, including ARD meetings as needed. Many parents choose to enroll their children in one of NCI's three highly regarded TEA accredited K-5 charter schools.

NCI Head Start Parent Opportunities

We provide opportunities for parents to participate in meaningful educational programs including obtaining a Child Development Associate Certificate, English as a

Second Language classes and job training classes. We have DADS and SMILES and Healthy Family Initiatives programs. We offer Exceptional Parenting classes and fam-

ily luncheons and conferences for parents to attend with the staff. We strengthen families for the children because when parents are empowered so are the children.

Choices in Education

Mental Health and Disabilities

94 Head Start students received Individual Education Plan (IEP) support in 2008 including services for speech and language therapy, autism and pervasive developmental disorders,

learning disabilities and emotional disturbances. All services were performed on-site by certified speech and language therapists, certified special education teachers and counselors and

LSSPs. The result of this swift and immediate identification is increased early intervention rates leading to improved outcomes for children and their families.



Federal Program Review

Based on the most recent Federal Program Review (2007) it was established that NCI Head Start and Early Head Start is in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Stan-

dards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. There were no program deficits noted, and the program received the highest possible feedback from the federal oversight team.

Medical and Dental Exams and Health Insurance

EHS children receiving medical exams	57%
EHS children receiving dental exams	67%
EHS children with Health Insurance	72%
HS children receiving medical exams	40%
HS children receiving dental exams	70%
HS children with Health Insurance	68%



In December 2008 In-kind donations were 145.72% of the target.

Lifting hearts. Building futures.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS INC.

2008 BUDGET - HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

EXPENSE CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGETED
Total Salaries	8,608,709
Total Fringe Benefits	2,625,761
Total Contracted Services	214,671
Total Supplies	384,900
Advertising, Duplicating and Printing	116,950
Subscriptions, Books, Postage, Shipping	4,051
Utilities and Storage	222,374
Mileage and Auto Expense	58,706
Telephone	42,851
Prof Development, Dues, Awards, Other	179,906
Occupancy and Insurance	678,839
Direct Assistance	6,260
Depreciation	106,902
Bank Charges, Finance Charges & Interest	17,068
Total Allocated Costs	2,684,125
TOTAL EXPENSES	
GRAND TOTAL	15,952,073



100% of our funds come from governmental grants and fees. Our funding comes from

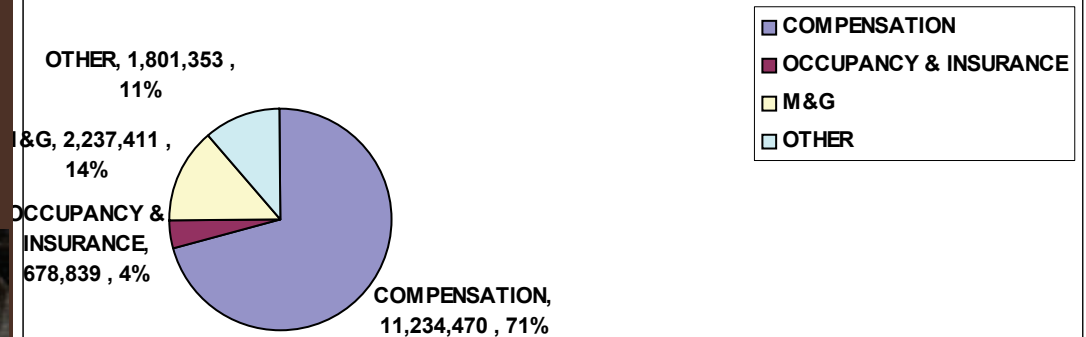
US Department of Health and Human Services Head Start Grant
\$16,073,405

Texas Department of Human Resources—Child & Adult Care Food Program
\$905,077

Total Revenue \$16,978,482



HS&EHS Budgetary expenditures 2008



The above financial information was obtained from our most recent audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2008. We received an unqualified audit report and there were no findings or questioned costs and no Management Letter. A complete set of our audited financial statements are available to the public at our office located at 4500 Bissonnet, Ste. 200, Bellaire, Texas.