

Neighborhood Centers Inc. Choices in Education Head Start Annual Report 2010



Enrollment Facts

- Funded enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year was 1902 Head Start base program and 120 Head Start expansion program and 72 Early Head Start base program and 140 Early Head Start expansion children.
- In December 2010 we had a waiting list with 1053 Head Start and 446 Early Head Start students.
- 2009-2010 average monthly enrollment was 100%.
- 93.8% of the Head Start and 96.8% of the Early Head Start families were income eligible with annual incomes at or below the federal poverty guidelines.

Neighborhood Centers 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 commu-

nity 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 Status

	EHS	HS
CDA	27%	15%
Associates Degree	21%	13%
Bachelors Degree	19%	78%
Bachelors Degree/Certified	0%	55%
Masters Degree	2%	4%
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.

We are the only Head Start program in Texas that collaborates with Teach For America.

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Our Students Succeed Academically

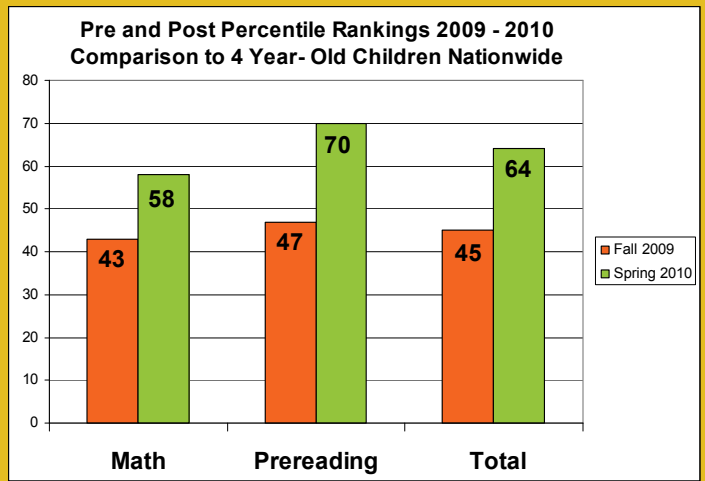
Outcomes as measured by the Brigance Norm-Referenced Assessment during the 2009-2010 school year:

Pre-reading

Fall 47%
Spring 70%
Growth +23%

Mathematics

Fall 43%
Spring 58%
Growth +15%



“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 Neighborhood Centers' three highly regarded TEA accredited K-5 charter schools.

Neighborhood Centers 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

142 Early Head Start and Head Start students received Individual Education Plan (IEP) support in 2010 including speech and language therapy, autism and pervasive developmen-

tal 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 LSSP's. 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 (2010) it was established that Neighborhood Centers Head Start and Early Head Start is in compliance with applicable Head Start Perform-

ance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements. There was one program deficit noted, and the program received the highest possible feedback from the federal oversight team in all other areas.

Medical and Dental Exams and Health Insurance

EHS children receiving medical exams	74%
EHS children receiving dental exams	85%
EHS children with Health Insurance	96%
HS children receiving medical exams	74%
HS children receiving dental exams	99%
HS children with Health Insurance	92%



In December 2010 In-kind donations were 173.51% of the target.

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2009 BUDGET - HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

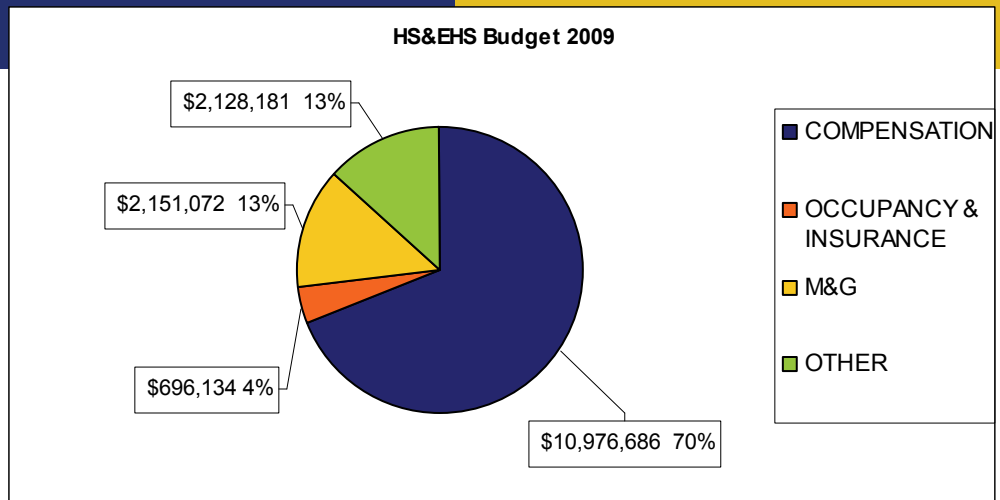
EXPENSE CATEGORY	TOTAL BUDGETED
Total Salaries	8,515,870
Total Fringe Benefits	2,460,816
Total Contracted Services	126,000
Total Supplies	423,851
Advertising, Duplicating and Printing	126,318
Subscriptions, Books, Postage, Shipping	4,020
Utilities and Storage	281,113
Mileage and Auto Expense	59,901
Telephone	99,738
Prof Development, Dues, Awards, Other	176,348
Occupancy and Insurance	696,134
Direct Assistance	8,000
Depreciation	237,664
Bank Charges, Finance Charges and Interest	108,827
Total Allocated Costs	2,627,473
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,952,073
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
\$15,952,073

Texas Department of Human Resources—Child & Adult Care Food Program
\$850,058

Total Revenue \$16,802,131



The above financial information was obtained from our most recent audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009. 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.