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DURHAM EARLY HEAD START

Annual Report



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In December 2009, Durham's Partnership for Children, a *Smart Start Initiative*, received a grant to serve pregnant women, infants, toddlers and their families through an Early Head Start grant. This report summarizes program accomplishments for the first partial fiscal year – December 1, 2009-September 30, 2010.

Community partnerships are a key to success for the Durham Early Head Start Program. The program is a collaboration of community agencies committed to providing high-quality services to young children and their families.

Durham's Partnership for Children (DPFC) is the "grantee agency" and oversees administrative responsibilities, including financial accountability, training and technical assistance, monitoring and evaluation.

Chapel Hill Training and Outreach Project, Inc. (CHTOP) is the "delegate agency" that operates the day to day operations of the Durham EHS program. CHTOP has administered the Orange County EHS program since 1998.



Members of the Planning Team met on a regular basis to begin program implementation. The team included an EHS start-up planner and staff from DPFC, CHTOP, and HFD.

Healthy Families Durham (HFD) at the Center for Child and Family Health contracts with CHTOP to provide home visiting services to 54 pregnant women, infants, toddlers and their families.

Four local high-quality child care partners provide center-based services to 64 infants and toddlers. Child care partners include:

- **Bryson Christian Montessori School**
- **Early Explorers Playschool**
- **Early Start Academy** (formerly Primary Colors Early Learning Center)
- **Little People Daycare Center**

Financial Report 12/01/09 - 09/29/10

	Actual 2010	Budget 2010
Personnel Expenses	145,374	303,975
Contract and Professional Services	803,780	958,317
Equipment, Supplies and Materials	47,408	52,241
Travel	9,837	75,952
Training/Professional Development	28,368	87,475
Communications	5,302	10,425
Computer Maintenance	11,282	11,500
Building Maintenance	6,739	10,200
Advertising and Promotion	3,134	4,700
Policy Council	-	2,250
Dues and Subscriptions	4,036	6,000
Postage and Printing	3,936	5,950
Other (meeting expenses, special events, recruitment)	523	400
Indirect	61,160	86,113
Total	1,130,880	1,615,498
Other funding sources with 2010 actuals	44,015	
Private Contributions	(44,015)	

The Durham Early Head Start Program expects to have its first federal monitoring visit during FY 10-11. Monitoring results will be reported in future reports.



Durham Early Head Start FY 09-10 Program Summary

- Families may choose between two program models:

Home-Based Services – Families participating in the home-based program receive weekly home visits focusing on parent education and child development. Socializations and playgroups are also organized for families. Services are offered in English and Spanish.

Center-Based Services – Families participating in the center-based program receive year-round, full-day, high-quality child care at little or no cost.

- Services are available to 120 income-eligible pregnant women, infants and toddlers (ages birth to three), and their families in Durham County, North Carolina.

- Children with disabilities, homeless families, and children in foster care may be eligible, regardless of income.

- Individualized services are provided at no cost to meet the health, educational, nutritional, social, developmental, and mental health needs of participants.

- 70% of children received medical exams

- 37% of children received dental screenings

Note: The program was only operating for three months during the reporting period, and program staff was actively working with families to meet medical and dental requirements.

The average monthly enrollment for FY 09-10 was 84, which is 70% of funded enrollment.¹

Enrollment by age

Under one year of age	39
One year-olds	40
Two year-olds	34
Pregnant women	2
Total served including dropped/moved	115

Estimated Eligible Children Served in Durham County²

Number of eligible children in Durham Ages birth-3	3,513
Percent of eligible children served by DEHS	3.4%



Durham Early Head Start encourages parent involvement and uses evidence-based curricula to provide children with nurturing, high-quality early experiences to promote school readiness.

Parents are their child's first and most important teachers, so parent involvement is an integral part of the Durham EHS Program. Parent involvement is encouraged in a variety of ways, including:

PARENT COMMITTEES - Parents have the opportunity to join parent committees at their child care center or through their home visitor. Parent committees provide feedback that is used to guide services provided.

POLICY COUNCIL – Each parent committee has elected a parent to serve on the policy council. The policy council is a governing body, charged with making important decisions about the program and meetings will begin in FY 10-11.

PLAYGROUPS – Families involved in the home-based program attend bi-monthly playgroups or socializations. These groups give parents the opportunity to meet each other, share experiences, and build a stronger support network.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS – DEHS staff work in partnership with families to develop a Family Partnership Agreement with individualized goals for each family. This process promotes teamwork between staff and families, and helps them develop positive relationships.

DEHS uses evidence-based curricula to ensure that children and families receive high-quality services that promote positive parenting and child development.

PARENTS AS TEACHERS, which is used for the home-based program, is an early childhood parent education and support program focusing on positive child development.

THE CREATIVE CURRICULUM® for Infants, Toddlers & Twos is used in Early Head Start classrooms. This curriculum helps teachers understand developmentally appropriate practice and how to create daily routines and meaningful experiences that respond to children's strengths, interests, and needs.

¹ The average monthly enrollment is calculated using enrollment numbers for July, August, and September 2010. Full enrollment was not anticipated since the program was still in start-up and implementation phase.

² (Estimate reflects 2009 statistics. Sources: Office of State Budget and Management and U.S. Census, American Community Survey.)

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Background

The Federal Early Head Start Program (EHS) was launched in 1995 to provide comprehensive child and family development services for low-income pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers ages birth to three years. EHS provides intensive and comprehensive child development services including:

- educational services;
- health, medical, and nutrition services;
- services to enhance self-sufficiency;
- services for children with disabilities; and
- family support and parent involvement activities.



A Durham Early Head "Socialization" through the home-based program.

Durham's Early Head Start Program fills an identified gap in services for young children and families:

In 2009, **Durham's Partnership for Children** convened a group of community partners to assess the status of infants and toddlers and their families in Durham. Through this community-wide strategic planning process, the group identified community needs, existing strategies and resources, and new strategies to meet gaps. This collaborative process led to the development of **Durham's Strategic Plan for Infants and Toddlers**,³ which identified:

- a lack of available quality child care for our youngest children and
- a need to expand bilingual evidence-based family support programming for families not accessing licensed child care.

In 2009, the federal government also announced plans to expand Head Start and Early Head Start programs using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds, which opened the doors to apply for EHS in Durham County. Durham's Partnership for Children, a *Smart Start Initiative*, was one of 19 agencies in North Carolina to receive an EHS ARRA expansion grant to serve families between January 2010 and September 2011. The Durham EHS program was funded to **serve 120 children, families, and pregnant women** through two different program options: intensive home visiting services and high quality center-based child care.



A press conference was held on January 5, 2010 to notify the public that Early Head Start would soon be available to families in Durham. Local and state leaders attended to show their support. Speakers included (pictured from left to right) Khari Garvin, Director of the Head Start State Collaboration Office; Casey Steinbacher, President & CEO Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce; U.S. Congressman David Price; and Angie Welsh, Board Chair for DPFC.

³ Durham's Strategic Plan for Infants and Toddlers can be accessed at www.dpfc.net/assets/documents/reports/ITfullreport.pdf.



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