Our mission is to provide quality early childhood learning experiences and comprehensive family support services that enable families to succeed as their child’s first teacher.

**SCHOOL READINESS**

Early Head Start views school readiness as children possessing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life. For parents and families, school readiness means they are engaged in the long-term, lifelong success of their child. Early Head Start recognizes that parents are their children’s primary teachers and advocates.

Annually, school readiness goals are reviewed and/or revised to ensure that they are appropriate and meet the needs of the children. These goals are aligned with the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards, Head Start Child Development, Early Learning Framework, and our developmental assessment tool. They provide a comprehensive focus on children’s status and progress across domains of language and literacy development, cognition and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical health, well-being and motor development, and social and emotional development.

Home visitors and center-based teachers observe each child during his or her weekly home visits and/or daily classroom activities. These observations and data are collected for each child. Reports are generated and reviewed three times a year to determine which children are below, meeting or exceeding expectations for five areas of development and learning. During the 2016 – 2017 year, the majority of enrolled children met or exceeded the developmental expectations for their age range.

**2016 – 2017 PROGRAM INDICATORS**

- Maintained funded enrollment of 136 children.
- Averaged 35 children on the waitlist monthly.
- Served 223 children during the program year.
- Provided services for 26 pregnant women during the program year.
- Ensured an average of 85 percent of enrolled children were up to date on preventative and primary healthcare.
- Helped an average of 95 percent of enrolled children stay up to date on immunizations.
- Delivered emergency, crisis assistance and/or education services or referrals to all enrolled families.
- Supported 43 enrolled children with diagnosed disabilities receive services.
- Provided 850 children’s meals, subsidized by the Children and Adult Care Food Program.
FREE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Child development education
- Community referrals
- Dental screenings and assessments
- Development screenings and assessments
- Family services
- Father-focused activities
- Health education
- Healthy relationship workshops
- Home visits
- Household safety assessments
- Housing support
- Mental health screenings and referrals
- Nutrition assessments and education
- Parent Advisory Board
- Parent/Child Center-based activities
- Parenting classes
- Parent involvement
- Socializations
- Stress-reduction classes

Through the help of community members, parents and volunteers, we are able to generate $478,442.00 in nonfederal share (in-kind).
AUDIT RESULTS

The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) did not conduct any on-site reviews during the 2016 – 17 program year.

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COLLABORATIONS AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Achievability
- Aetna CHIP Program
- Baring House
- Career Wardrobe
- Childlink
- Center for Autism
- Children's Crisis Treatment Center
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Programs:
  - Injury Prevention
  - Community Pediatrics and Advocacy Program
  - Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Fellowship Program (LEND)
  - Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
  - Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  - Newborn/Infant Intensive Care Unit
  - Reach Out and Read
- Community Council
- Preschool Family Intervention Program
- Adult Mental Health Services
- Department of Human Services
- Delaware Valley Friends School
- Delaware Valley Group of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the World Association for Infant Mental Health Consortium
  - Lead Program
  - Healthy Home Program
- Helen O. Dickens Center for Women
- Drexel University Individual, Couple and Family Therapy Services Program
- Elwyn
- Families Forward
  - Melville Way Project
  - Families in Transition Project
  - RSVP Project
- Family Support Alliance
- Family Therapy Treatment Program
- Gaudenzia
- HELP Philadelphia
- Horizon House
- Independence Blue Cross
- Kids Smiles
- Maternity Care Coalition
- Montgomery Early Learning Centers
- Pennsylvania Association of Infant Mental Health
- Peoples Emergency Center
- Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement (PCCA)
- Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services
- Philadelphia Department of Public Health
- Philadelphia Department of Recreation
- Philadelphia Free Library
- Philadelphia Health Management Company
  - Focus on Families Program
- Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Community Service
- Philadelphia School District Head Start Programs
- Philadelphia Zoo
- Please Touch Museum
- Red Kite Consulting Services
- Sayer Health Center
- Smith Memorial Playground and Playhouse
- Temple University, College of Public Health
- Temple University Institute for Disabilities
- Turning Points
- University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
- Urban League
- Visiting Nurse Association
- Welcoming Center for New Pennsylvanians
- West Philadelphia Action for Early Learning
- West Philadelphia CES
- West Philly Foods Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)
- Wilson College
- Woman Against Abuse
- Women, Infants and Children
- Women in Transition
- YMCA – West Philadelphia Branch
- Youth Service Inc. S.A.F.E. Program