City of Oakland
Head Start, Prenatal-5 (P5)





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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services <u>FUNDS COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES</u> in:

- **Early Childhood Education**
- **Health, Nutrition**
- **Mental Health**
- **Parent and Community Engagement**

History

- City of Oakland – a grantee since 1972
- Serves 0 to 5 - prenatal through 5 years old
- Federal, State and City Funding
- Served 1700 children
- 2012 - Program Designation Renewal System (DRS)
- 5 Year grant (2016 to 2021)

Program Goals

- Oakland's Head Start children are ready to thrive in Kindergarten. They are healthy, ready to learn & have the skills needed for success in school.

- Parents, Family & Community are empowered and engaged in their children's education.

- Oakland's Head Start learns from the information collected to always move forward and grow stronger.

Program Enrollment

Head Start serves 1006 children and their families

- 590 in Head Start (3 & 4 year olds)
- 416 in Early Head Start (prenatal, infants and toddlers)

City Directly Serves 420 Children:

- ***14 City sites*** throughout the City of Oakland
- ***248*** Head Start children
- ***172*** Early Head Start children [***82*** are home-based]

Program Enrollment

Head Start Delegate Agency Serves 368 Children

- ***220*** Head Start Children
- ***148*** Early Head Start Children

Head Start 4 Partners Serve 218 Children

- ***122*** Head Start Children
- ***96*** Early Head Start Children

Governance

City Council

- Executes the federal and state contracts
- Establishes structure, communication, and oversight

Advisory Board (Committee)

- Head Start Advisory Board re-established in 2014
- Advise on strategic programming
- Feedback on fiscal & programmatic reports, & practices
- Support program goals

Governance

Parent Policy Council

Parents elect one Representative and one Alternate from:

- City of Oakland Grantee Centers
- Partner programs
- Delegate agency
- Oakland community

Role of Policy Council:

- Advise staff on local program policies, activities and services
- Decide on the direction of the Head Start program.

Head Starts Five Core Areas

① Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance (**ERSEA**)

② Education and Child Development

③ Health and Nutrition

④ Mental Health and Disabilities

⑤ Parent, Family and Community Partnerships

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment & Attendance **(ERSEA)**

Families must meet National Poverty Guidelines, 2018 (e.g. $25,100 for family of 4)

The Head Start Team works with families daily to promote attendance to ensure children receive the full range of services.

EDUCATION

- High quality research based curriculum
- Strengthen teacher skills through training & teacher/child engagement through master CLASS® (Classmate Assessment Scoring System) coaching
- Children ready for preschool, kindergarten & beyond

HEALTH & NUTRITION

- Offer vision, hearing and medical screenings
- Provide resources, referral and information to health and nutrition services for children and families
- Use of newest technology for more accurate health and nutrition screenings

MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITIES

Children and families receive:

- Mental health, behavioral support
- Provide support with disabilities and trauma informed services
- Participation in Oakland Starting Smart and Strong Initiative (OSSS)

Parent, Family & Community Partnerships

Parents are a Child's First Teacher

At Head Start parents are partners in the education & care of their children to:

- Engage children in school readiness goals
- Participate in parent policy committees
- Build on their natural leadership skills through program and local community opportunities:
  - Alameda County Father Corps Collaborative
  - Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network
  - "Abriendo Puertas" (Opening Doors)

Head Start Challenges

① Oakland's Program is under-enrolled – in particular Early Head Start

② Lack of teachers – hiring challenges

Head Start Successes

① Major Transformation from a ½ **day to a full day program**

② Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma (ReCAST) & Packard Grants – Trauma Informed Curriculum

③ A new partnership with Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)

④ Using Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) Quality Standards at pilot sites

⑤ Workforce Development Partnership to recruit and train teachers

⑥ Partner with Acorn Evaluation to be more data driven


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OF ITSELF. ~ Henry Ford ~