

Human Services Association “Pasitos” Early Childhood Education Programs Early Head Start Program Annual Report

Our mission at the Human Service Association (HSA) “Pasitos” Early Childhood Education Programs is to help children and families realize their full potential. HSA Early Childhood Education Programs are in the business of: preparing children who are academically, physically, and socially healthy with well-established habits that will continue into adulthood to successfully compete with peers at all income levels. HSA “Pasitos” is empowering families to positively impact local communities through their own educational achievement and parenting skills, and support children’s learning throughout their lives. HSA Early Head Start (EHS) is influencing communities, including businesses and industries, and education, government, and religious institutions to support families through asset building awareness and opportunities.

The HSA Early Head Start program provides quality early childhood education and care, free of charge to those who meet eligibility requirements, and provides children a safe and nurturing environment. Ninety percent of HSA families live on less than \$18,300 per year for a family of four. Seventy-seven percent live on less than \$15,000 per year. HSA Early Head Start supports a labor force of 20 employees drawn from local communities, returning \$851,943 to the local community.

Program Year Overview

The “Pasitos” Early Head Start program is a free child development program for low-income pregnant women, infants, toddlers, preschool children, and their families. The program provides comprehensive services including meals, education, social services, health, nutrition, disability services, and parent involvement to qualifying families. Children with disabilities are also included and receive a variety of additional services such as case management, counseling, and one-on-one assistance in the Home Based Program.

HSA received the Early Head Start grant in January 2010 for program year 2009-2010. The HSA “Pasitos” Early Head Start program operated for seven months from March 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010. The HSA “Pasitos” program enrollment contract includes services to 120 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Services to 24 families began on March 1, 2010 and full enrollment was attained on June 1, 2010.

The program start-up plan was designed to ensure the implementation of all services, systems, and processes during a start-up phase of 12 months. Early Head Start start-up activities began in February 2010 and will continue through the program year 2010-2011. The start-up plan has ensured that the program is preparing for the full implementation of the Head Start Performance Standards and Head Start Act requirements. Because the start-up plan encompasses two program years (2009-2010 and 2010-2011), HSA “Pasitos” Early Head Start will continue to implement its start-up plan and will monitor the progress of all required activities to ensure full compliance by the end of program year 2010-2011. Timelines for enrollment set by management have been met and services are on their way toward ensuring full operation of the Early Head Start Performance Standards.

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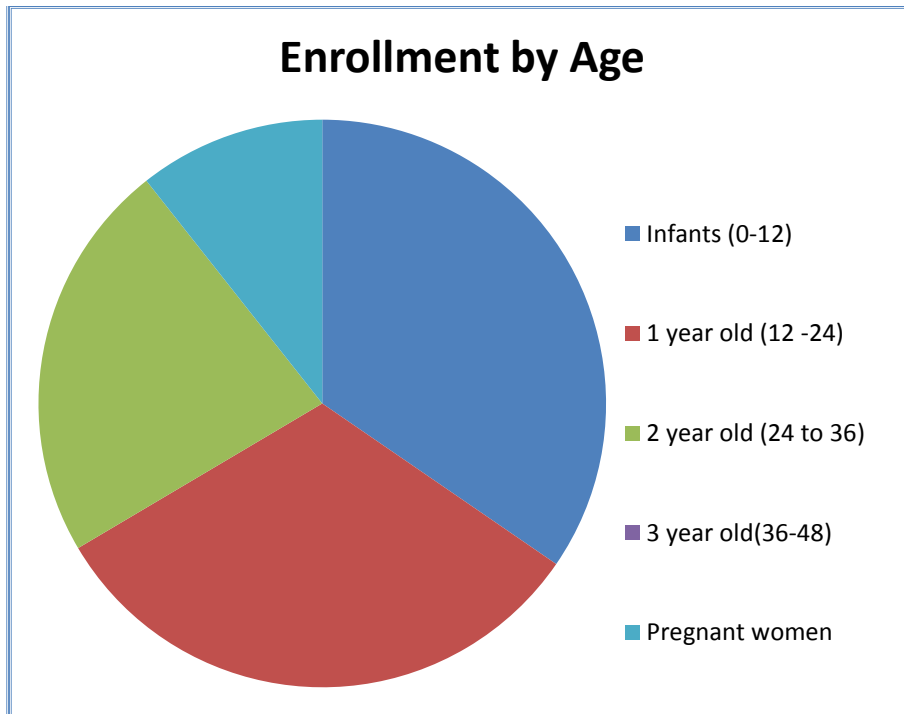
Start-up year 2009-2010 has been a period of planning and training that has set the stage for each service delivery area. Start-up activities during this time have included multiple and simultaneous tasks that ensure immediate service in a short period of time. Because the program has only been open for seven months, some program activities are still in the development phase and require time to ensure full compliance.

Services to Children and Families

For program year 2009-2010 the program served **189** children and their families in the city of South Gate (90280) and city of Cudahy, Bell, and Bell Gardens (90201) and provided services through the Home Based Program.

The program enrolled **189** children:

- 65 Infants
- 60 1 year-olds
- 43 2 year-olds
- 0 3 year-olds
- 21 Pregnant women



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Eligibility

The “Pasitos” Early Head Start program is focused on providing quality early childhood development and experiences and to prepare each child to enter preschool/kindergarten ready to learn, as determined by a community assessment completed in 2009 and information provided by community collaborative agencies, parents, and program staff.

Total number of children served: **189**

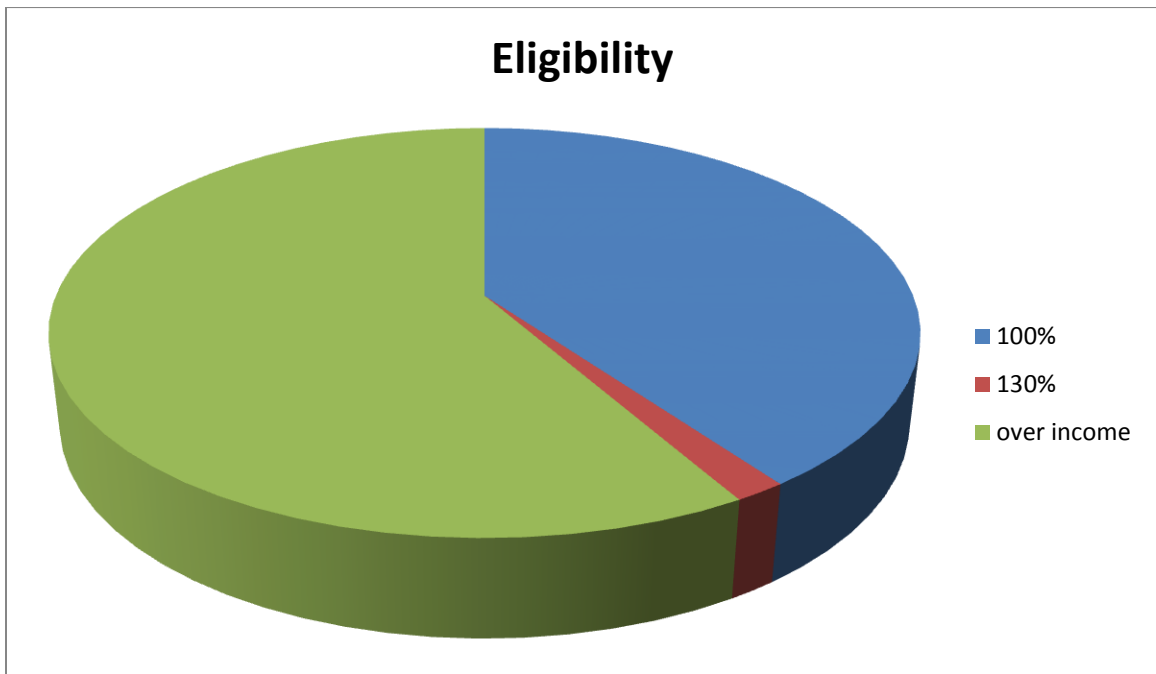
Total number of families served: **156**

The percentage of eligible children served:

96% of children were income eligible

3% of children were between the 130% above income guidelines

1% of children were over income and had a known disability



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Children with Disabilities

Early Head Start believes in helping to support the overall community. In the year 2008, many projects were supported by Head Start including:

HSA "Pasitos" Early Head Start has made specific recruitment efforts to inform families in all surrounding service areas of opportunities and services to assist children with disabilities or possible disabilities. The following recruitment efforts and strategies have been completed by the mental health/disabilities specialist:

- Attended Early Head Start/Regional Center collaboration meetings.
- Partnership and collaboration with the local Regional Center.
- SPA 7 0-5 collaborative meeting.
- Collaborations with local Early Head Start programs, Head Start programs (e.g., Mexican American Opportunity Foundation Head Start), WIC programs, parks and recreation departments, Community Care Licensing, Parent Policy Council members, board members and partners, health clinics, and mental health and disabilities programs in the service area, such as Child Net.

We currently have five (5) children with an active IFSP enrolled in our program, but we are waiting to enroll one (1) more once the enrollment application is completed. The five (5) children with an active IFSP were referred to HSA Early Head Start with a primary diagnosis of speech or language impairment.



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Program Information Report

The program completed the Program Information Report – PIR that provides information about the number of children served, staffing, program services and activities, and other areas of importance to national policy making. At the national level, PIR information is used by the Administration for Children and Families to respond to Congressional and public inquiries about the Head Start programs.

The local Head Start Regional Office (Region IX) has established thresholds/benchmarks aligned to eight key indicators. Of special note is data collected to monitor participating children’s medical and dental health and teacher degree status. The 2009–2010 thresholds/benchmarks for these critical indicators were:

- ❖ 35% of Early Head Start children received all appropriate physical examinations.
- ❖ 5% received follow-up treatment after being diagnosed by a health care professional.
- ❖ Out of 21 pregnant women, 5 have received a “Well Baby Visit” by a health specialist.
- ❖ Of the 21 pregnant women, 2 were identified as having high risk.
- ❖ 60% of children enrolled more than 45 days received a developmental assessment.
- ❖ 9% of children were provided follow-up on the developmental assessment.
- ❖ 30% of all children received dental screenings.

Program Statistics

Early Head Start centers collectively achieved many milestones in 2009-2010:

- ❖ **113** children were serviced in the 90280 zip code and **76** children were served in the 90201 zip code.
- ❖ 29 % of English speaking only families.
- ❖ 70% of Spanish speaking only families.
- ❖ 1% of not specified other languages.
- ❖ Our Early Head Start programs remained fully enrolled throughout the seven months.
- ❖ The program services five (5) children with an IFSP.
- ❖ 95% of staff holds a BA or higher degree.
- ❖ Social service staff is currently at three with an average caseload of 40 families, supervised by the family services specialist.

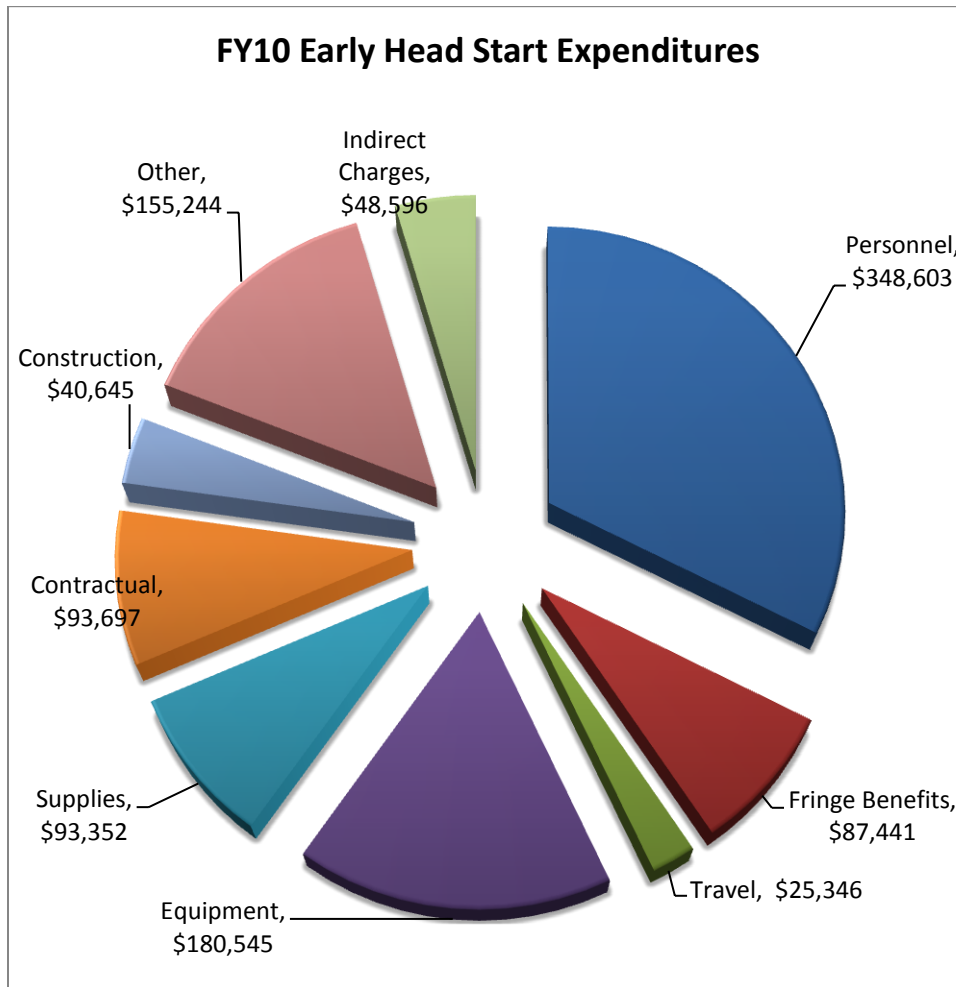
Annual Report 2009-2010

The majority of the Head Start budget supports the personnel expenses necessary for the home-based and center-based component of the Early Head Start program. The remainder of the budget is based on operating expenses as outlined below. The in-kind match (non-federal share) is matched annually through consultants and funding from First5 LA.

Total amount of public funds for FY10 - \$1,073,469

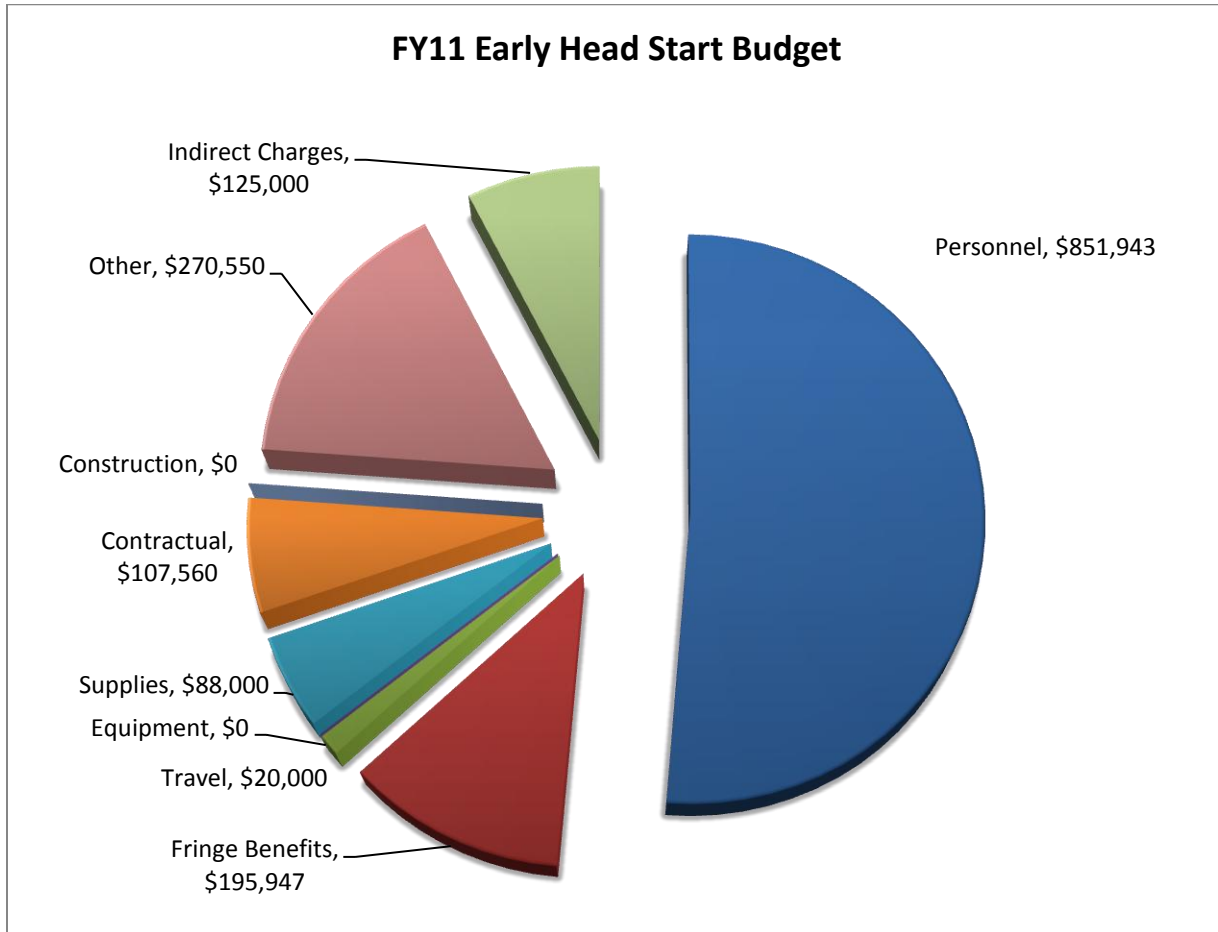
Total amount of private funds for FY10 - \$0

The total FY2010 budgetary expenditures for the HSA Early Head Start program were \$1,073,469 and are classified as follows:



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The total FY2011 proposed budget for the HSA Early Head Start program is \$1,659,000 and is classified as follows:



Financial Review

All Early Head Start and Head Start programs are required by the Office of Head Start to have a federal review every three years. The review team is made up of people from all over the United States with various backgrounds. Early Head Start programs receive a 30 day notice of when the review will occur. HSA has not been reviewed as of September 2010; however, the “Pasitos” Early Head Start program will undergo a review this coming program year by the Office of Head Start.

Audit

Gerald Kastner, CPA will conduct the annual financial audit for the year ending June 30, 2010 in September 2010. The result of the audit will be completed by October 2010. HSA strives to remain in compliance with the requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management Budget (OMB) Circular 2 CFR 215, 2 CFR 230 and A-133.

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