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PRESCHOOL SERVICES
DEPARTMENT



Introduction

The County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department (PSD) administers the Head Start, Early Head Start and State Preschool programs. Since 1965, PSD has provided early childhood education and family development services to children ages birth to five and their families. PSD currently services over 5,000 children annually at 46 locations countywide.

PSD places high priority on serving low-income families; pregnant mothers and teen parents; children with disabilities and/or special needs; foster children; and children and families experiencing homelessness. Our programs address developmental goals for children and provide support for parents in achieving self-sufficiency.

PSD is faced with many challenges which have helped to increase our strengths. By proactively preparing for challenges, our program has created and implemented innovative projects and models which have increased the resources and services provided to our communities.

One of the biggest challenges PSD faces is the vast geographic size of our county. At 20,000 square miles, the County of San Bernardino is the largest county in the country by geographic area; bordered by 5 other counties and two states. This exceeds the square mileage of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined.

As a department within the County of San Bernardino, PSD has access to resources and services not readily available to other Head Start or State Preschool programs. Additionally, program oversight is facilitated by the fact that PSD is overseen by both the County Board of Supervisors and a Shared Governance Board comprised of Directors from various county departments and the County Superintendent of Schools Office. PSD has been able to successfully partner with other County departments including: Behavioral Health, Public Health, Children and Family Services, Transitional Assistance, First 5 and many more. Collaboration among these departments allows PSD the opportunity to provide the best possible services to children and their families in our communities countywide.



Head Start Success Story



In June 2013, LaTrenda Terrell, a former Head Start child, attained her Master's Degree from California State University San Bernardino (CSUSB). She has applied and been accepted to the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at CSUSB.

LaTrenda was born to a teen mother in Mississippi who was struggling financially at that time. Head Start offered her a stable and nurturing learning environment, which she looked forward to attending every day.

Since an early age, while teaching her brother and cousins everything she had learned in pre-school, LaTrenda knew she loved teaching and helping people. She hoped to one day fulfill her dream of becoming a teacher. LaTrenda's mother relocated to Los Angeles, California where she attended Figueroa Elementary School, Gompers Junior High School and eventually Leroy Locke High School. After high school, LaTrenda attended Long Beach City College and majored in Child Development.

In 1993, she moved to San Bernardino County and started working with the Preschool Services Department (PSD) as a Head Start Teacher in 1994. LaTrenda advanced her education and in June 2006 she attained two Baccalaureate degrees; the first in Child Development and the second in Life Span with a Minor in Psychology.

LaTrenda currently works with PSD as a Site Supervisor and expresses her happiness in knowing she is fulfilling her purpose in life; which is helping children, parents and staff become lifelong learners.

"I am very thankful for the good foundation I received from Head Start because it gave me the tools I needed to succeed in school and ultimately in life. I also thank Head Start for everything that it has done for me and my family. I am very proud to say welcome to Head Start where we believe you are somebody, you can succeed, you can follow your dreams, and you can break the cycle of poverty."



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Preschool Services Department Shared

Gary C. Ovitt Board of Supervisors, 4th District Supervisor

The Fourth District includes the cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Montclair and Ontario. The Fourth District encompasses 133 square miles and is home to over 340,000 residents.

As a lifelong educator, having served 35 years as a teacher and coach, Mr. Ovitt serves as Chairman of the Head Start program for the County of San Bernardino and is involved in the County Schools Alliance for education Partnership.

Mr. Ovitt also serves on a number of other Boards and Commissions including the Inland Empire Health Partnership (IEHP), California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the National Association of Counties (NACO) among others.

Casonya Thomas Director, Department of Behavioral Health

Ms. Thomas is a true County of San Bernardino success story who began her career with the County in 1991 as an Eligibility Worker with the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD).

Ms. Thomas gained extensive managerial experience through several successive positions in Human Services during the past 21 years. Most notable has been her six-year career with the Department of Behavioral Health, where she has held multiple leadership positions, including Behavioral Health Chief Compliance Officer, Deputy Director, and Assistant Director.

“Being appointed the Director of Behavioral Health is a great responsibility and the Board of Supervisors can rest assured that I will continue the tenets of inclusiveness and collaboration that has contributed so much to the department’s success,” Ms. Thomas said.

Ms. Thomas has a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration and a post-graduate degree in Public Administration, both from Cal State San Bernardino. Ms. Thomas is also certified in healthcare compliance by the national Health Care Compliance Board.

Ms. Thomas is a graduate of the County’s Management Leadership Academy and continues to participate in the program as a mentor. Additionally, she provides support and mentorship to the Human Services Leaders in Action program and is the current president of the San Bernardino County Association of African American Employees, a professional development organization.

Governance Board Biographies

Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare *Public Health Officer, Department of Public Health*

Dr. Maxwell Ohikhuare is the Health Officer for San Bernardino County. He received his professional medical degree from State University of New York, Downstate College of Medicine – Doctor of Medicine in 1976. He is Board certified by the American College of OB/GYN since 1982. He has served in several medical staff leadership roles including Chief of Staff and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Lead Physician for several medical missions commissioned by various international organizations and foreign governments for the treatment of HIV and other medical and surgical care. Dr. Ohikhuare is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, American College of OB/GYN and the International College of Surgeons. He is a member of the American College of Preventive Medicine and has directed the Women’s Health Department at Riverside Regional Medical Center as well as the Residency Program at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center for OB/GYN.

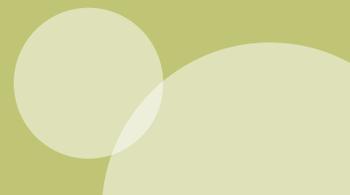
Currently he serves as a Commissioner, First 5 Commission of San Bernardino; as Co-Chair, Inland Empire HIV Planning Council, as the Supervising Physician – Loma Linda University of Preventive Medicine Residency Program; as a Board Member—California Conference of Local Health Officers and member of the Board of Directors – Health Officers Association of California; and is the President/Chair – Exceptional Care Managed Group (Healthcare Managed Care).

Amy Cousineau *Network Officer, Children’s Network*

Mrs. Cousineau is the Network Officer for the Children’s Network of the County of San Bernardino, which was created to help “children at risk” by improving communications, planning and cooperation among youth serving agencies; and implementing collaborating programs, public and private, to better serve children and youth.

Becky Thams *Manager, State Preschool for the County of San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools*

Ms. Thams is the State Preschool manager for the County of San Bernardino Superintendent of Schools. She oversees 36 State Preschools throughout the County and is a permanent member of the Local Child Care Planning Council Executive Board.



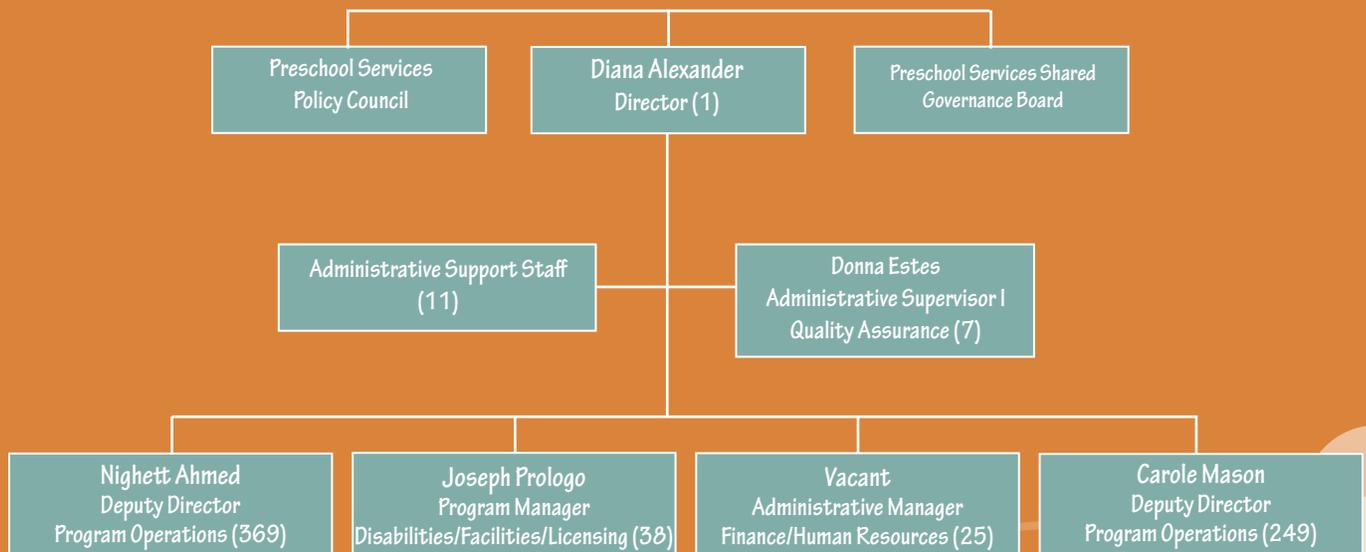
Mission Statement

“To Improve the Well-Being of Children,
Empower Families, and Strengthen Communities.”

Vision Statement

- Our children will excel in whatever setting they go to next.
- Our families' quality of life is measurably better after participating in our programs.
- Our efforts increase the quantity and quality of sustainable resources and services countywide.

Organizational Chart



Preschool Services Department

Site Locations

Adelanto State FD PD HS	(760) 246-5073	Ontario-Montclair (CP) HS	(909) 418-6898
Apple Valley State FD PD HS	(760) 247-6955	Cty of SB Parks & Rec PD HS	(909) 887-3349
Baker (CP) State	(760) 733-4160	Phelan State PD HS	(760) 868-0829
Barstow High Desert New Beginnings	(909) 383-2078	Redlands South State PD HS	(909) 798-2690
Barstow State FD PD	(760) 253-2956	Rialto Eucalyptus FD PD HS State	(909) 421-7180
Big River (CP)	(760) 665-5065	Rialto Renaissance PD HS	(909) 875-6863
Bloomington (CP)	(909) 876-6342	San Bernardino West PD HS	(909) 888-0493
Boys & Girls Club PD	(909) 381-4294	Special Discoveries	(909) 383-2078
Chino PD	(909) 627-0206	Twentynine Palms State PD HS	(760) 367-5150
Colton (CP) HS	(909) 824-2570	Upland PD HS	(909) 931-0147
Crestline State PD HS	(909) 338-1470	Victorville State FD PD HS	(760) 245-9147
Cucamonga PD	(909) 948-6979	Victor Valley College EHS HS	(760) 952-1215
Del Rosa PD	(909) 883-0103	Waterman Gardens PD HS	(909) 889-3807
Easter Seals Ontario (DA)	(909) 923-3352	Westminster PD HS	(909) 983-0600
Easter Seals Upland (DA)	(909) 981-4668	Westside Annex State FD PD HS	(909) 383-3442
Easter Seals Valley View Infant CTR (DA)	(909) 946-9136	Westside Plaza PD HS	(909) 884-6036
Fontana Citrus PD	(909) 428-8496	Willow State FD HS	(909) 421-7042
Fontana Unified School District (CP)	(909) 357-5000	Yucaipa PD HS	(909) 797-3585
Hesperia FD PD HS State	(760) 948-4411	Yucca Valley PD HS	(760) 369-7424
High Desert New Beginnings	(760) 255-1346		
Highland PD	(909) 425-0785		
Mill Center State FD PD HS	(909) 885-0789		
Needles (CP) HS State	(760) 326-5221		
Newberry Springs PD HS	(760) 254-2141		
Northgate HS	(760) 951-1425		
Ontario Holt PD HS	(909) 458-9670		
Ontario Maple State FD PD HS	(909) 984-4117		



Program Information

The Preschool Services Department (PSD) administers the Head Start, Early Head Start, First 5 San Bernardino programs and the California Department of Education State Preschool programs in 46 locations throughout the County of San Bernardino. These programs provide early childhood education and family services to over 5,000 disadvantaged children from birth to 5 years of age, pregnant women and families.

HEAD START

Head Start is a national program which provides comprehensive developmental services for children ages three to five years of age and their families. This program provides specific services such as:

- Health and Social Services
- School Readiness
- Developmental and Behavioral Screenings
- Nutritional Services and Education

Parent education, family support and social services are designed to support and empower Head Start families, assist them in becoming economically self-sufficient and to identify and achieve personal goals.

EARLY HEAD START

The Early Head Start (EHS) program was established to assist pregnant women, infants and toddlers up to age three. EHS is designed to assist with enhancing:

- Children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development
- Pregnant women access to comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care
- Parent education on their child's development
- Parent's efforts to fulfill their parental roles and move towards self-sufficiency

STATE PRESCHOOL

The State Preschool program is a comprehensive child development program that provides a safe and nurturing hands-on learning environment that helps each child reach his/her highest potential in the areas of:

- Social Development
- Language Development
- Cognitive/Creative Development
- Physical Development

CHILD AND ADULT FOOD CARE PROGRAM (CACFP)

The Child and Adult Food care Program is a federally funded program administered by the state. The program strives to:

- Improves the diets of children under 13 years of age by providing children with nutritious, well-balanced meals
- Aid in developing good eating habits in children that will last through later years

FIRST 5 SAN BERNARDINO

Preschool Services Department (PSD) partners with The First 5 Commission and is committed to offer programs that promote the early care and education of children residing in San Bernardino County. The partnership continues the efforts to expand quality pre-school experiences to ensure children enter school ready to learn. PSD offers a 16 week Pre-K Academy through-out the summer months for children ready to enter kindergarten and have not had the opportunity to experience preschool. The partnership also allows PSD to offer full day services for working or parents enrolled in school over a 12 month period.

First 5 Commission also offers dental examination to PSD children. Dentist donate their time to assess children's dental needs and referrals are completed if further dental work is required. First 5 then assists our families in receiving the dental services required.

PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION (PEI)

PEI is a grant funded by the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) and administered by the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health.

PSD utilizes this grant to serve preschool children with identified social-emotional developmental challenges as well as at risk low income first time pregnant mothers. Appropriate support services and parent/teacher trainings are provided.

Enrollment Information and
Audit Results 2012-2013



Enrollment Information

The Preschool Services Department (PSD) provides a foundation for success by providing enrolled children and their families the highest quality child development and support services. The following information was reported on PSD's composite Program Information Report (PIR) and monthly enrollment reports for 2012-2013.

- Total number of children and families served: 5,182
 - o Head Start and Early Head Start – 4,734
 - o State – 450
- Average monthly enrollment was: 100%
- Total percentage of eligible (based on program eligibility criteria) children served: 97%

Medical and Dental Information

- Percentage of children who received medical exams: 94%
- Percentage of children who received dental exams: 92%

Audit Results for Fiscal Year 2012-2013

During the months of February and March, 2013, PSD's financial statements, internal controls and the schedule of expenditures were audited by an independent auditor for the program year ending June 30, 2012. Findings showed PSD met the compliance requirements as described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement.

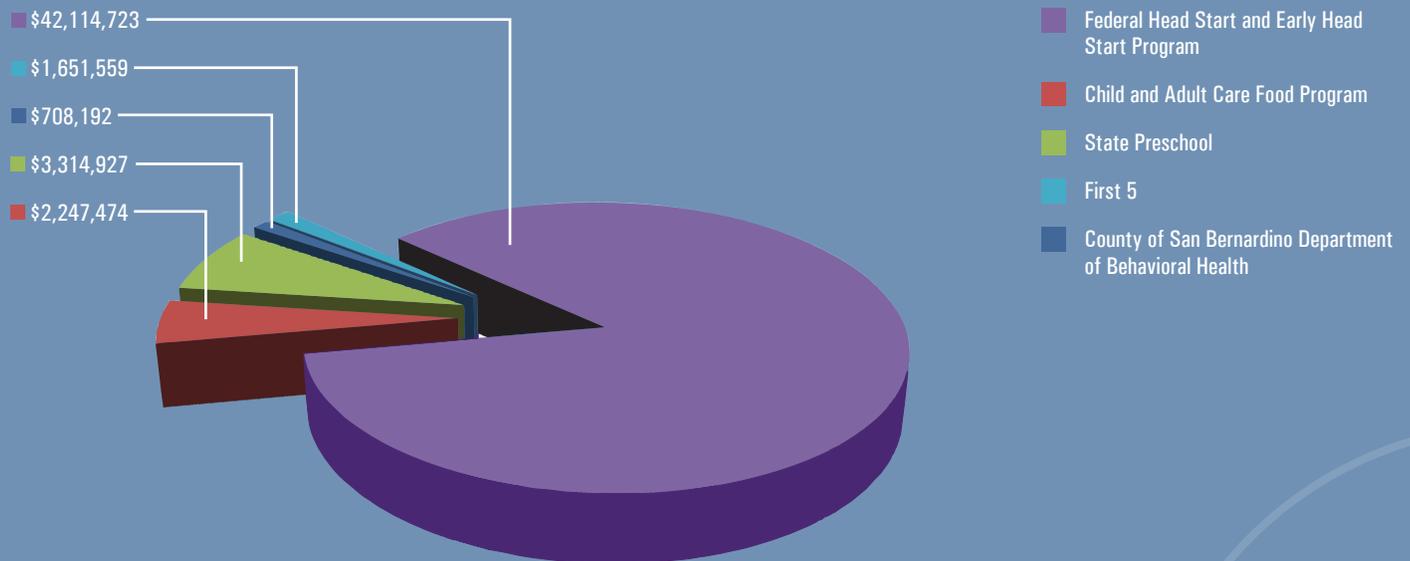
Summary of Funding



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The Preschool Services Department (PSD) programs are funded through grants from the Federal Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, the California Department of Education's State Preschool, Child and Adult Food Program and other grants. The following is a summary of PSD's grant funding for 2012 - 2013.

GRANT SOURCES



Accomplishments for 2012-2013



The Preschool Services Department (PSD) worked diligently to not only meet federal and state requirements, but to surpass the program goals set last year. PSD achieved the following during program year 2012-2013:

FIFTY PERCENT OF PSD TEACHERS HAVE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Head Start Regulations require that at least fifty percent of Head Start classroom teachers possess at least a baccalaureate degree in Early Childhood Education, or a related field, by September 30, 2013. On January 29, 2013, PSD classroom teachers met this Head Start requirement. PSD is now on the way to surpassing this goal.

ELECTRONIC PARENT NEWSLETTER

The Parent Policy Council (PC) is actively involved in decision making and setting policy within the department. Participation in the PC sub-committees offers parents the opportunity to learn and develop new skills and promotes innovation. Parents participating in the PC's Technology Subcommittee have developed a monthly electronic Parent Newsletter which includes articles focusing on subjects important to parents and promoting parent involvement in their children's education. The Parent Newsletter is emailed to more than 1,500 parents each month.

NUTRITION/INTERVENTION PROGRAM

PSD, in collaboration with First 5 San Bernardino, implemented a regional program through St. Joseph Health St. Mary Hospital. PSD's dietician worked with the hospital's dieticians to provide training to PSD staff based on the "Color Me Healthy" curricula. This training provided PSD staff with strategies on how to incorporate increased levels of playtime and nutrition education into the existing school readiness curricula. The outcome of this collaboration is as follows: moved 33.3% of Head Start children and 16.7% of Early Head Start children participating in this pilot program classified as "obese" into the less severe "overweight" category; and children classified as "overweight" to a "healthy weight" category by the end of the program. The intense face to face interaction with PSD families during this pilot program resulted in an average of approximately 24% improvement in the participating children's weight. This program is now being offered countywide.

GRAND OPENING OF THE BAKER FAMILY LEARNING CENTER IN MUSCOY

On May 18, 2013, the grand opening of the Baker Family Learning Center (BFLC) brought much needed resources to the community of Muscoy. The BFLC includes two preschool classrooms to serve PSD children and families, as well as a County Library. The services offered at the library and PSD's Family Learning Center will meet the needs of children and families in the community. This project was made possible through support from the Fifth District Supervisor, Josie Gonzales, the San Bernardino Library, and a generous donation from the Baker family.

PARTNERED WITH FIRST 5 SAN BERNARDINO FOR PRE-K ACADEMY

PSD successfully implemented the First 5 Pre-K Academy starting in July 2012. A total of 77 children, with no previous preschool experience, were enrolled at eight sites throughout the County. This was a condensed session of only eight weeks, and the children gained knowledge that better prepared them to start Kindergarten. In May 2013, PSD Pre-K Academy classes began countywide.

Parent Involvement

The Head Start and Early Head Start programs encourage and support the personal development of parents in our programs. Each year, the program sets aside funding for parent activities at each site. These funds are used to promote parent involvement and support parent group activities and projects. The activities offered are educational and driven by training needs identified by the parents. PSD also partners with the outside community agencies to offer workshops for the parents at no cost to the program.

Parent activities occur both at the site and at the Policy Council level.



Head Start/Early Head Start Site Parent Activities

Parent Activities for program year 2012 - 2013 varied greatly in the 46 sites across San Bernardino County. Examples of workshops/trainings provided to parents include:

1. Car seat safety
2. Transitioning into Kindergarten
3. Childproofing household items/ avoiding accidents
4. Male involvement
5. Bicycle repair
6. Stop smoking
7. Understanding a child's temperament
8. Swimming safety
9. Pedestrian safety
10. CPR
11. Scrapbooking
12. Planting a garden
13. Parent education and bonding program
14. Making portable emergency kits for home and car
15. Healthy Recipes and Nutrition Tips
16. CERT – Community Emergency Response Teams
17. Diaries for Dads
18. Information on free medical resources
19. Fair Housing presentation
20. Making No-sew Blankets
21. Kindergarten Readiness through Active Learning
22. Cake decorating
23. Sexual Assault Prevention



*Preschool Services Department
Policy Council Activities*

PSD Policy Council Activities

The County of San Bernardino Preschool Services Department's (PSD's) Policy Council (PC) is composed of one parent representative from each site, plus community representatives from various areas of the County. Each site representative is elected at the beginning of the program year and attends monthly meetings at the PSD's Administration office. Responsibilities assigned to the PC include the approval of the following items:

- The Head Start/Early Head Start Program's budget and refunding application
- Hiring/terminations of staff
- Additional program operational items

PC members are offered the opportunity to participate in the following PC committees:

- **Health Services Advisory Committee** – The Committee meets twice a year, once in the fall and once in the spring. The Committee is composed of 25 Policy Council members and 36 members of the community, representing the First 5 Dental Program, Healthy Kids, Patton State Hospital, California Children's Services, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, Loma Linda University School of Nursing, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), American Lung Association, San Bernardino County Public Health Department, Kaiser Permanente, and private physicians. PSD Specialists also attend and participate in the meetings.
- **Finance Committee** – This Committee meets monthly, prior to the PC meeting. Finance staff reviews financial reports with the committee and discusses the importance of gathering non-Federal share information and the up-to-date status of the PC expenses.
- **Personnel Committee** – Committee members are provided with initial orientation to participate as members of the interview panels. Members are rotated throughout the year to participate in interview panels when PSD hires staff. Every month, Human Resources' staff presents hiring lists and/or termination requests for PC to approve.
- **Training/Technical Assistance Committee** – This Committee meets every other month to assist in the planning of training activities for parents; plan for the PC Education Training Activity; and the Annual Policy Council Orientation. Committee members work with PSD staff to identify training needs, secure locations, acquire guest speakers, and purchase food and decorations.
- **Quality Assurance Committee** – This Committee meets quarterly to review any findings reported by the quality assurance monitoring staff and discuss methods of correcting any compliance issues. Members of this committee also serve on the annual Self-Assessment Team which is composed of staff, consultants and parents. The team reviews a specific number of Head Start and Early Head Start sites and reports its findings to Administration.



PSD Policy Council Activities

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- **Nutrition Advisory Committee** – The members of this Committee are trained by the PSD Nutritionist to conduct nutrition workshops at the various Head Start sites. The training takes place in two meetings, with additional training sessions set as new PC members join the group. PC members are taught how to present the material, demonstrate techniques, and conduct evaluations of the workshops.
- **Menu Planning Committee** – This Committee meets quarterly to gather input from the parents on new and revised menus and recipes. Parents work with staff to plan menus for the children, ensuring that a variety of foods are offered, and that food from various cultures is included. Parents are also given an opportunity to sample some of the foods served to their children.
- **Family/Community Partnerships/Parent Involvement Committee** – This combined Committee meets quarterly to discuss information regarding training opportunities and program activities designed to promote parent involvement in the program. The committee members act as liaisons to the parents at their individual sites to stimulate interest about services offered by the program.
- **Education Committee** – This Committee meets quarterly and works with staff to evaluate the progress of the approved curriculum, make any suggestions for modifications, and discuss updates on child outcome literacy information.

Various Policy Council Members attended 4 conferences/events in 2012 - 2013 to expand their knowledge of parenting and to network with other parents and staff:

- National Head Start Association 29th Annual Parent Training Conference in Grapevine, TX, December 1 – 5, 2012
- California Head Start Association Parent Conference in San Diego, CA, February 3 - 5, 2013
- 15th Annual Children’s Network Shine a Light on Child Abuse Awards Breakfast, in San Bernardino, CA, March 28, 2013
- Community Action Partnership’s GALA 2013, in San Bernardino, CA, May 17, 2013



Statistical Information

The County of San Bernardino is home to 592,264 children from birth to 18 years of age. The ethnic breakdown of these children is as follows:

ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN 0-18	PERCENTAGE
Latino/Hispanic	62.6%
White	21.1%
African American	8.5%
Asian American	4.7%
Other	3.1%

*<http://www.kidsdata.org/data/topic/table/child-population-race.aspx>. California Department of Finance, *Estimates of Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Gender Detail, 1990-1999, 2000-2010*. Accessed online at <http://www.dof.ca.gov/research/demographic/data/> (October 2012).*

The ethnicity of children served by PSD is as follows:

ETHNICITY OF CHILDREN 0-5	PERCENTAGE
Latino/Hispanic	41%
White	39%
African American	10%
Asian American	1%
Other	9%

Child Outcome Planning and Assessment System (COPA) 5/14/2013

In addition to high quality educational programs, PSD families receive comprehensive supportive and referral services. The following are the number of families who received services/referrals in 2012/2013 according to the Family Services Assessment data.

REFERRAL SERVICE	FAMILIES SERVED
Parenting Education	623
Clothing Assistance	351
Community Resources	610
Housing assistance (such as subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.)	39
Employment Assistance	134
Food Assistance	219
Financial Assistance	13
Emergency/Crisis Intervention Services (such as immediate need for food, clothing, shelter)	20
Children's Fund Assistance	109
Childcare	17
Transportation	5

Head Start Information Report 2012-2013

CASELOAD

During the 2012-2013 program year, the Preschool Services Department served a caseload of 5,099 Head Start and State Preschool children and their families.

A photograph of a woman and a young girl in a park. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light green polo shirt and blue jeans, smiling broadly. The girl, on the left, is wearing a white shirt and blue jeans, riding a red bicycle and also smiling. The background is a lush green park with trees. There are several overlapping circles of varying sizes and colors (white, light green, pink) overlaid on the image. The text 'Preschool Services Department Goals' is written in a white, cursive font across the middle of the image.

*Preschool Services
Department Goals*

Goals for 2013-2014

The program goals established by PSD have been developed in response to the results of the 2013-2014 Community Assessment, the findings of the program's annual in-house monitoring report from November 2012 and a review of the 2011-2012 Program Information Report (PIR) results. PSD's primary focus continues to be to promote school readiness and ensure long term success in school and other life endeavors and provide support to families to pursue self-sufficiency.

In addition, the prior year goals were reviewed, evaluated and updated as necessary for this first year of the three-year funding cycle. PSD has established three (3) Short Term Goals (Program Year), and three (3) Long Term (Three-Year funding term) Goals which are summarized as follows:

SHORT TERM GOALS (STG)

I – Increase school readiness as measured by the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP)

- 85% of Preschool Services Department (PSD) children will show an increased level of school readiness as measured by the DRDP. This includes individual improvements in the following domains:
 - ◆ 60% of PSD children will improve scores in Math, and
 - ◆ 75% of PSD children will improve scores in Literacy.

II – Exceed Head Start Performance Standards Staff Qualifications and Development [42 U.S.C. 9843a] Sec. 648A. (a) Classroom teachers

- Increase the percentage of Classroom Teachers who possess a Bachelor's Degree or higher beyond the 50% required level.

III – Implement the PSD designated 2-1-1 referral phone line countywide.

- PSD has partnered with San Bernardino County 2-1-1 to provide a toll free phone line supported by an electronic database, website and written directory of resources; which is dedicated to serve PSD families exclusively. This partnership allows PSD the ability to provide up to date and immediate resources and referrals to meet the needs of all PSD children and families.

LONG TERM GOALS (LTG)

I – Expand services for homeless families at local homeless shelters.

- PSD has built relationships with community partners that provide services to the homeless. These relationships will allow PSD access to families with children who would benefit from PSD services.

II – Reduce obesity in PSD children.

- PSD will move at least 10% of children who are initially identified as obese or overweight from the higher level BMI classification to the next lower level.

III - Promote family self-sufficiency through financial literacy, vocational training, and educational advancement support.

- PSD will increase the number of families participating in financial literacy, vocational training and educational advancement opportunities.







School Readiness

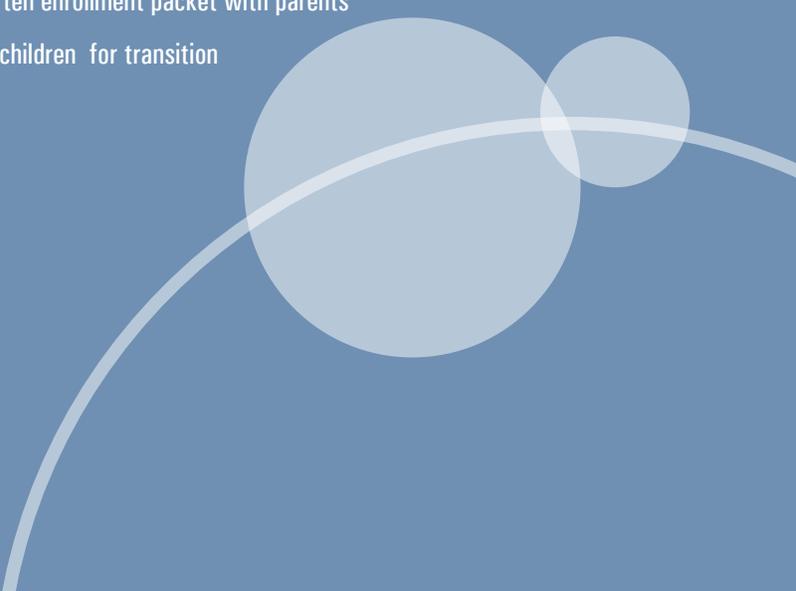
School Readiness Activities

Early intervention for disadvantaged children is economically efficient and produces higher returns than remedial programs to help children succeed. The benefits of high quality preschool continue into adulthood, according to the High/Scope Perry Preschool Study, among other studies, which has followed participants in a high-quality preschool program for more than 40 years.

The Preschool Services Department (PSD) has aligned School Readiness Goals with the curriculum, DRDP Outcomes, Parent Surveys, ECER's and CLASS. The Head Start Approach to School Readiness encompasses three major frameworks that include: school readiness for parents and families, infants/toddlers, and preschoolers. These frameworks provide the foundation for implementing systemic and integrated child development services and family engagement efforts that lead to school readiness for young children and families.

PSD collects and analyzes data three times a year from children's DRDP assessment, Parent Survey, CLASS, and ECER's to complete and update the agency School Readiness Goals. The report is shared with PSD Management, the Policy Council, and Shared Governance Board, as well as site staff and parents.

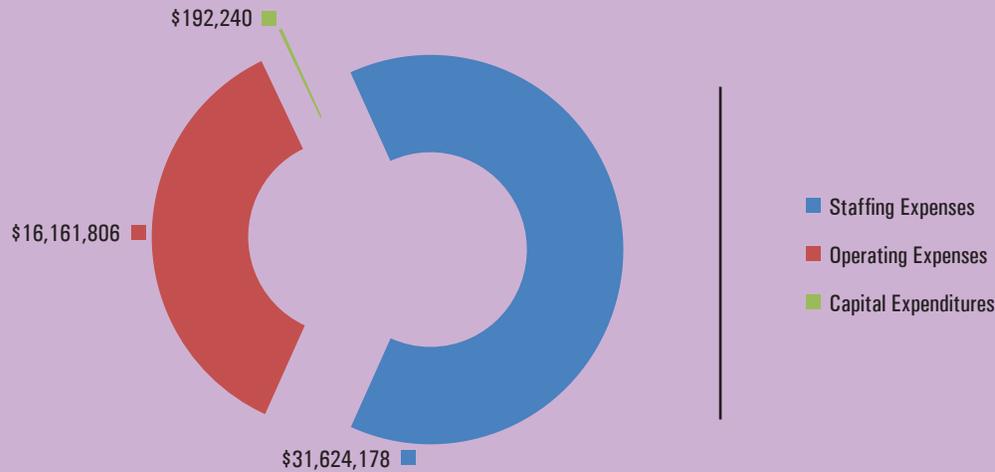
PSD ensures that children and their families are prepared for transition into kindergarten by coordinating with local school districts and other relevant agencies. Activities held during the year related to Kindergarten transition include:

- Visiting local Kindergarten classrooms
 - Inviting Kindergarten teachers to parent meetings
 - Facilitating informational Transition Workshops for Parents
 - Reviewing the local school district's Kindergarten enrollment packet with parents
 - Offering School-to-Home activities to prepare children for transition
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Proposed Budget for 2013-2014

The Preschool Services Department (PSD) programs are funded through grants from the Federal Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, the California Department of Education's State Preschool, Child and Adult Care Food Program and other grants. The following is PSD's proposed grant funding for 2013-2014:

PROPOSED BUDGETARY EXPENDITURES FOR 2013-2014



PROPOSED GRANT SOURCES FOR 2013-2014

