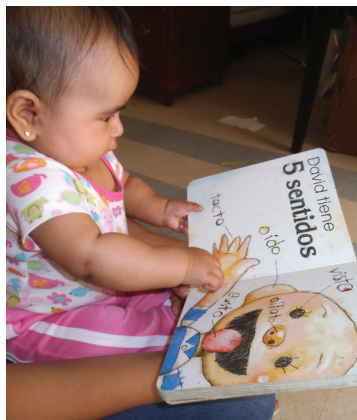


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Community Action Commission (CAC), a Private Non Profit Agency is the Grantee for Head Start and Early Head Start Services in Santa Barbara County, CA

Starting Early

Head Start is a national program that promotes school readiness locally by serving children who are among the most vulnerable in the community. Head Start is at the forefront of continuous improvement in Early Childhood Education and is a model of family engagement.

Early Head Start promotes healthy prenatal outcomes, enhances the development of infants and toddlers, and promotes healthy family functioning.

Parents are a Child's First Teacher

Staff members create a welcoming environment and engage parents in the program by building positive relationships. Parents voluntarily participate in monthly parent meetings, parent workshops and conferences as they grow together with their children and strive for their own goals for a better life.

"I Just want to thank you for teaching me so many things to improve my family's life and about how to help me teach my child."
Mariel, Santa Barbara



Ready for Success

Prepared for Kindergarten

623 Head Start children went to kindergarten in the Fall of 2014. An overwhelming majority of these children were rated "kindergarten ready" based on the California Department of Education, Desired Results Development Profile (DRDP):

- 86% were rated kindergarten ready for language and math development
- 91% were rated kindergarten ready in cognitive and social development

Qualified and Skilled Teachers

- 100% of Head Start teachers have state teaching certification
- 72% have Bachelor's degrees

Enrollment Statistics: 2013 – 2014

Total Enrollment

Total funded enrollment ages 0-5 1,098 children
Actual enrollment: 1,299

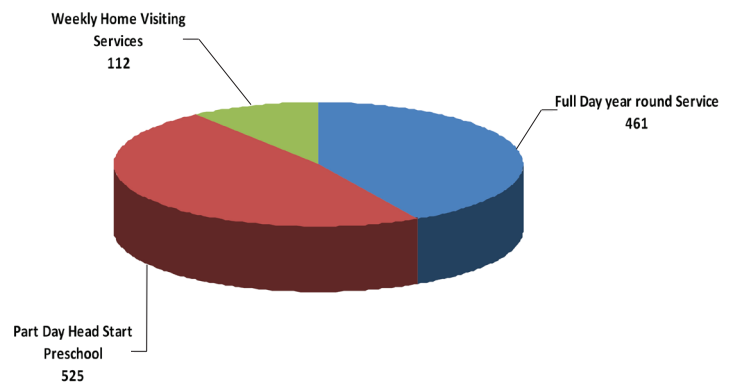
The program maintained full enrollment during the year. We coordinate with State preschools, school districts and the Child Care Planning Council to maximize the reach of school readiness and parent support services throughout the county.

Enrollment by Age

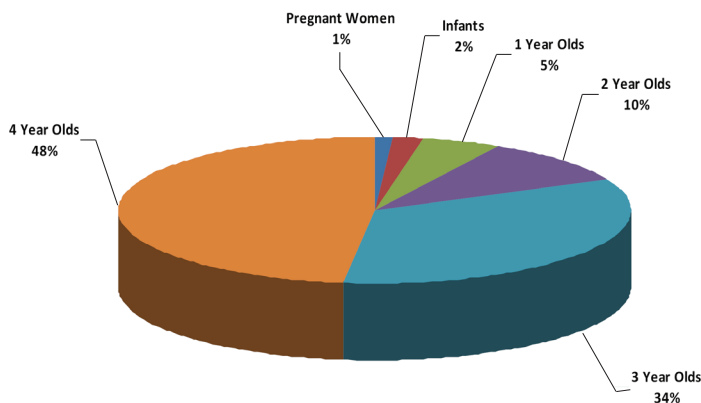
Three and four year-olds comprised over 80% of enrollment.

Funds from the California Department of Education are used, along with Head Start dollars to provide full day services to 294 children so parents can go to work.

Types of Services



Enrollment Statistics: 2013-2014



Contracted Childcare Partners Provide Head Start and Early Head Start.

We contract with Storyteller Children's Center in Santa Barbara for a classroom of 20 Head Start children. CAC pays a portion of the day for the children. Storyteller specializes in serving homeless and other vulnerable children and families. We have partnered for over fifteen years.

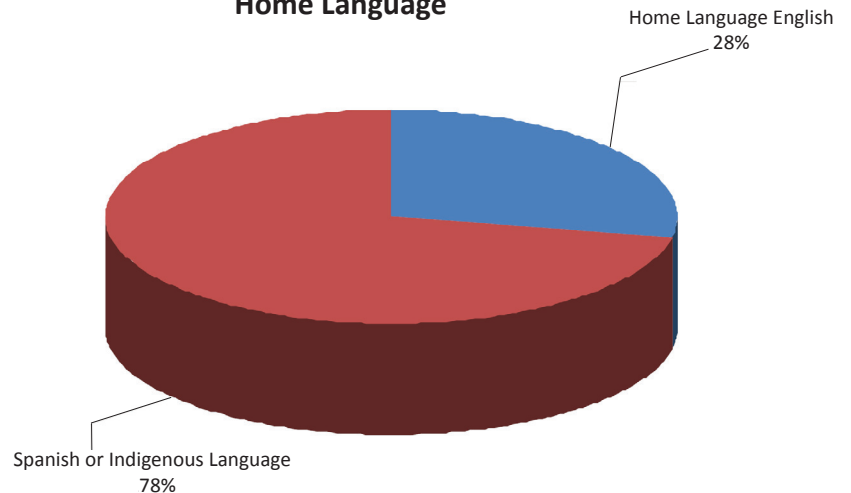
CAC contracts with seven high quality family childcare providers who serve 18 Head Start or Early Head Start children. The Head Start children are cared for along with other children who are not Head Start children. Family childcare provides family flexibility and mixed age groups.

Health Care and Treatment

- 95% of children were up to date on their Preventative Schedule of Primary Health Care with their doctor.
- 90% of enrolled children received a dental exam
- 409 children needed dental treatment
- 373 of those children (91%) received treatment for dental decay



Home Language



Early Identification and “Universal Design”

The Program is universally designed for all children, including those with special needs. Five classrooms employ a team teaching approach with special education teachers. This provides an inclusive natural setting for children with more involved disabilities.

- A total of 164 children (15%) had a diagnosed disability such as language delay, autism or intellectual disability
- 29% of the children with disabilities in Head Start were identified by cac teachers during early screenings

130 children needed special behavioral support. These children received mental health services in the classroom setting through a contract with Santa Barbara County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Services.

2014 Federal Review Results

A monitoring review of Community Action Commission Head Start and Early Head Start Programs was conducted by the Health and Human Services Department in January 2014. No area of noncompliance was found during the course of the review.

The 2014 review found **FULL COMPLIANCE** in all areas:

1. Fiscal
2. Management Systems
3. Health Services
4. Nutrition Services
5. Transportation Services
6. Disabilities Services
7. Mental Health Services
8. Family and Community Partnerships
9. Education and Early Childhood Development
10. Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance

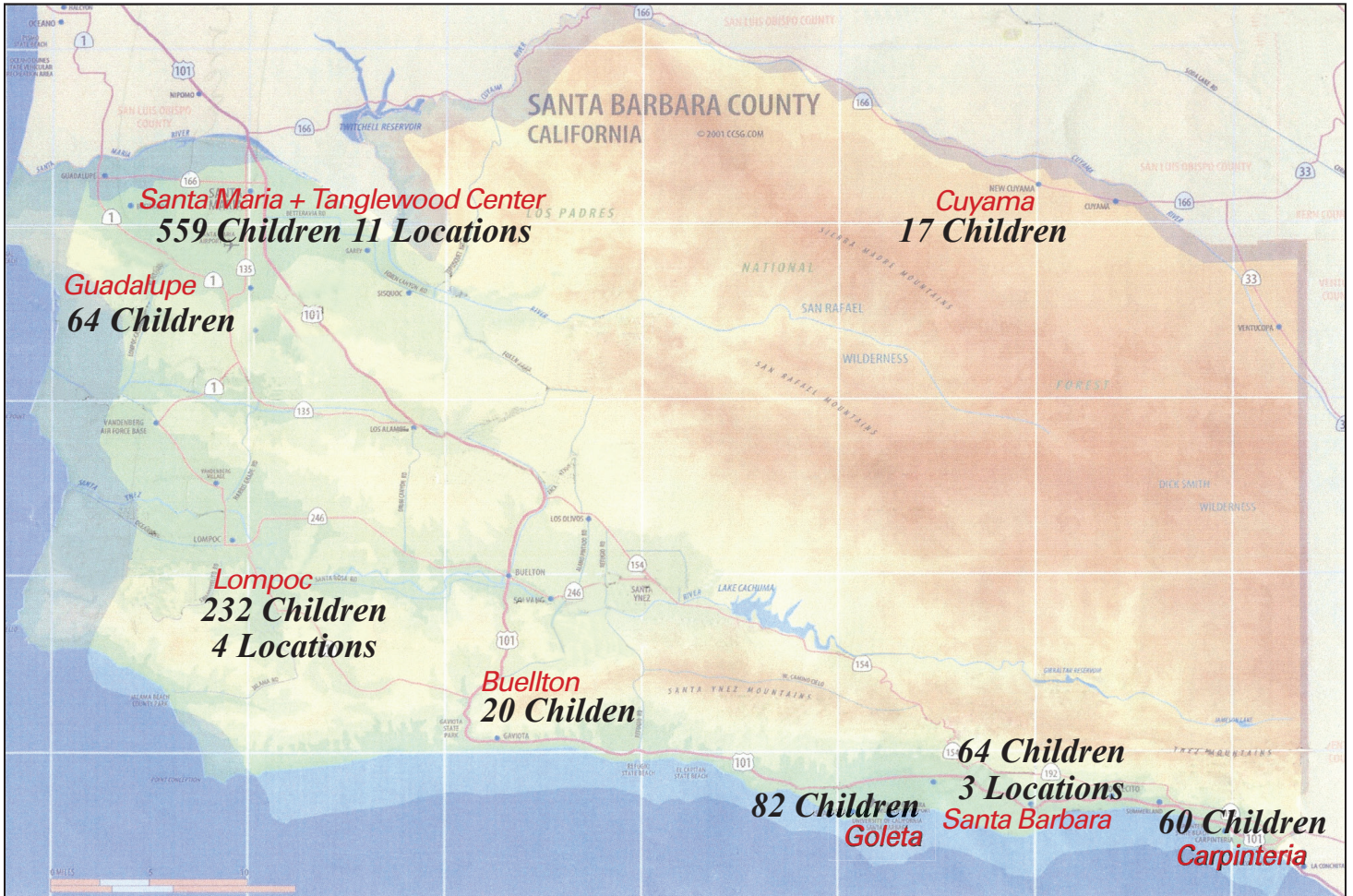




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CHILDREN'S SERVICES PROGRAM 2014 CENTERS



Community Partners (partial list)

Santa Maria Public Library
Santa Barbara Public Library
Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Congregation
Santa Maria Bonita School District
Carpinteria Unified School District
Cuyama Elementary School
Guadalupe School District
Buellton School District
Lompoc Unified School District
Hutton Parker Foundation
Orfaea Foundation
Santa Barbara Foundation
First Five of Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara County Department of Social Services

Health and Disabilities Advisory Committee

Public Health Department – CMS, MCH, ADMHS, WIC/Nutrition Services
CenCal Health (Medi-Cal)
Dr. Sam Burg, DDS
Tri Counties Regional Center
SBCEO – Welcome Every Baby, Children’s Health Initiative, Oral Health Initiative
SBCEO - Special Education
Families First/ Alpha Resource Center
First Five of Santa Barbara County

2014 Research and Special Projects

- UCSB Researcher Amy Kyratzis, Ph.D., Gevirtz School of Education: Latino U.S. Mexican-Heritage Children Language Socialization in Peer Groups – CAC Goleta Center.
- UCSB, First Five: Longitudinal Research on the effectiveness of pre-school in children’s school success, Mike Furlong, Ph.D., UCSB. “Thrive” public-private partnership in designated areas of the county, including Carpinteria, Guadalupe and Santa Maria.
- Picturing America Curriculum: Learning history through great works of art. Monthly community displays. Annual family “Night at the Museum” and “Reading under the Stars”. A curriculum of the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- The Outdoor Classroom: increasing children’s opportunities to learn outdoors with natural spaces and extended time to explore and investigate. Includes establishing center gardens.
- Green Childcare: A concerted effort to reduce children’s exposures to toxins and limit use of potentially harmful chemicals. Includes the use of integrated pest management.
- Preschool Food Initiative: fresh local produce, children’s gardens at centers.



Parent Activities:

- Reading with children at home
- “Make it take it” educational games
- Healthy eating for the family
- Meetings with Kindergarten Teachers
- Dad’s breakfast
- Emergency preparedness and safety

Parents Furthering Their Goals

- 398 parents took part in parenting education
- 130 attended English as a Second Language
- 249 attended Adult Education courses

Parent Volunteers

- 1,311 people volunteered
- 86% of the volunteers were Head Start/Early Head Start parents

Parent Leadership

Parents engage in evaluating the quality of the Head Start program. They participate on interview panels for new staff and help to plan the future of the program through participation in the countywide Parent Policy Council.

In speaking about her child’s center Adela from Santa Barbara says;

“We have formed a real caring community among the parents and the teachers. It’s a very special place. We share and help each other”.

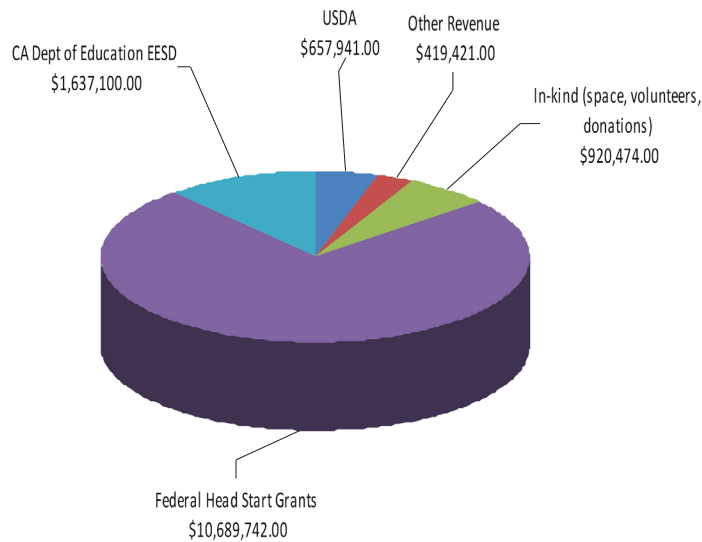


Policy Council Training, Oct. 2014, Buellton, CA

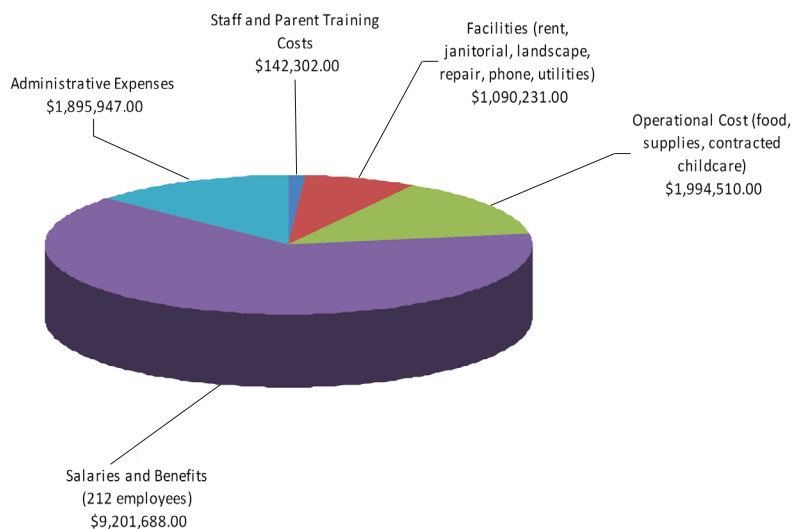
Financial Report

Head Start and Early Head Start are supported by parent and community volunteers, local grants and trainings, and in kind donations of space and supplies. Local community support accounts for 20% of the total budget.

Head Start/Early Head Start Summary Of Funds 2013-2014 School Year



Head Start/Early Head Start Actual Expenses School Year 2013-2014



CAC's most recent financial audit (Dec. 2013) was "Unqualified" (a clean audit)

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