

HEAD START/ EARLY HEAD START: *Closing the Preparation Gap*



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What is Head Start?

Head Start is a national program which provides comprehensive services for America's low-income pregnant women, children birth to five, and their families.

Head Start: A Nation's Pride

Leading the Way

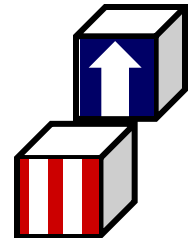


HEAD START

50 YEARS

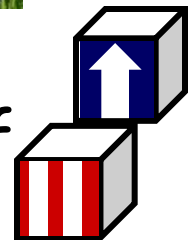
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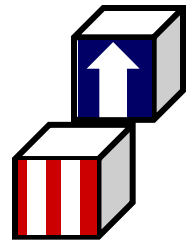


Cornerstones

- To enhance **children's development and health**
- To strengthen **family development**
- **Cornerstones**
- To strengthen **community partnerships**
- To support **staff development** in delivery of comprehensive services

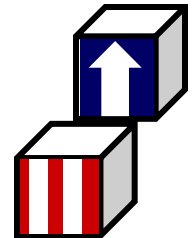


Head Start Family



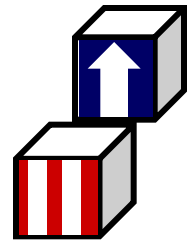
CCSD Statistics

- Number of children currently served
- Head Start: **1,001** Early Head Start: **144**
- Number of Classrooms: 63
- Number of Centers: 20
- Home -Based Option: 24 children
- STAFF : 199



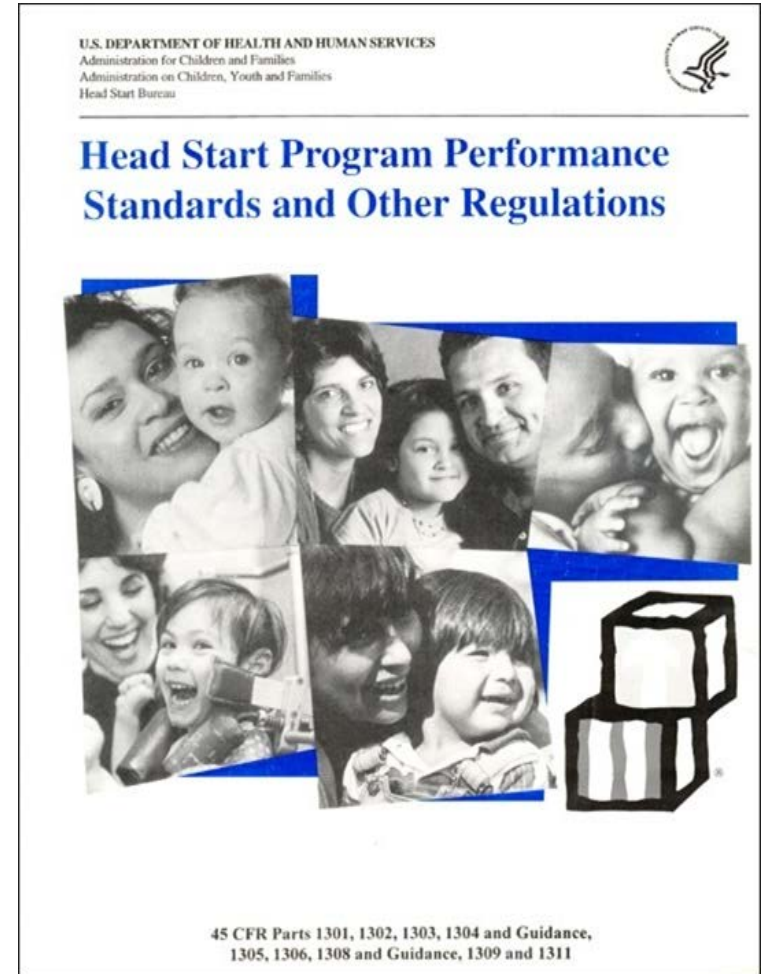
Head Start Act

- Authorizes appropriation of funding
- Spells out intent and purpose of program, types of services, population to be served, reporting and evaluation requirements
 - 10% of enrollment slots reserved for children with disabilities
 - 15% limit on administrative costs
 - 20% matching for nonfederal share

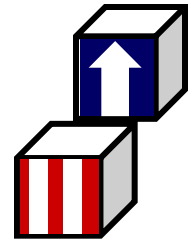


Head Start Performance Standards

- Federal regulations for **all** Head Start programs
- Guides **all** aspects of program operations
- Ensures **quality** of services
- Federal government **monitors** the implementation of the standards
- Acronym: HSPS



Principles

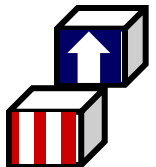


- Prevention and promotion



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Positive Relationships and Continuity



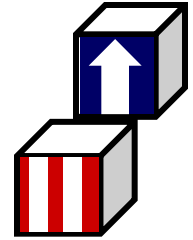
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Parent Involvement



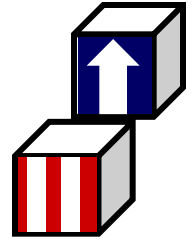
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Inclusion



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Culture



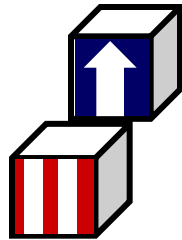
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Comprehensiveness, Flexibility, and Responsiveness

Allows children and families to move across various program options over time, as their life situations demand.

- Program options - home/center-based
- Center schedules
- Home visits/conferences

Principles Collaboration

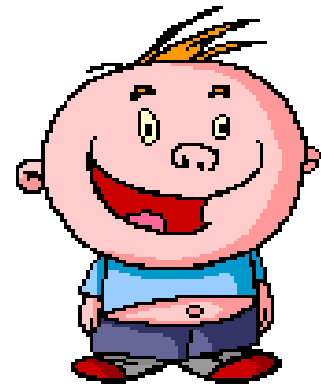


Core Values

- Establish *supportive learning environment*
- Recognize members have roots in *many cultures*
- Understand the *empowerment of families*
- Embrace a *comprehensive vision of health*

What happens when a program meets all HSPS?

- Programs deliver high quality services
- Programs grow and enhance
- Children, families and communities receive the services agencies were funded to provide
- Grant funding continues



What happens when a program does not meet all HSPS?

- Programs have Findings that need to be corrected soon.
- If the program has too many findings, it may be found to have a Deficiency.
- If the program does not correct the deficiency, Suspension of a grant may occur.
- If the program does not take corrective actions or the actions taken did not correct the deficiency, Termination of the grant is the next step.



An Early Head Start ensures a future of excellence



“The best anti-poverty program is a world-class education.”

B. Obama

