

# **PACE Head Start Annual Report –FY 2010**

## **Program Year 2009-2010**

PACE Head Start provides early education and care services to income eligible preschoolers in the greater New Bedford area along with a range of comprehensive services to support both children and their families. Through the program's various service areas: Education, Health, Disabilities, Family Services, and Parent Involvement, we work together to provide a range of opportunities for children and families. In addition to providing a quality preschool experience to over 350 children, last year we provided social services to 336 families, and special education services to 41 children with disabilities. We ensured that 100% of our children were properly immunized, and had a "medical home". 250 children received dental exams during our operating period with 65 identified as needing treatment. 68 children received mental health services. We offered parent education in the areas of parenting skills, literacy, preventative health, and social issues and documented over 10,000 hours of volunteer service by Head Start parents and community members.

### **Overview of Services**

A total of 379 children families were served in the 2009-2010 program year, 38 % of the estimated eligible children. Average monthly attendance was 81% of funded enrollment. 100% of children had a physical exam during the school year. 74% had a dental exam.

All children enrolled in the PACE Head Start Program were assessed using the on-line system: Creative Curriculum.net. Individual child progress reports were shared with families three times a year: in the fall, winter, and spring. Child outcomes were measured and maintained on the program level as well as on the site and classroom level. In school year 2009-2010 enrolled children demonstrated gains in all areas of development as evidenced by gains reports generated by Creative Curriculum .net. The areas of most significant gains were in the literacy domains with children making most gains in letter recognition, print awareness and concepts, and associating sounds with written words. These areas are strong indicators of reading readiness and lay a foundation for future school success.

Children with disabilities represented nearly 12% of the population of P.A.C.E. Head Start in 2009-2010. Through our collaboration with New Bedford Public Schools we were able to service children through a consultative, collaborative model which also served to increase the capacity of Head Start teachers to meet the needs of this very important population of students.

More than 180 enrolled four year olds received materials and activities through the Smooth Sailing into Kindergarten Transition initiative of New Bedford Public Schools. Beginning in September these children received information over a nine month period aimed at preparing them and their families for the transition into kindergarten. All materials were translated into Spanish and Portuguese and were also shared with teaching staff so that they could provide carryover in the Head Start classroom. The initiative culminated in a Day of Celebration Event held at the Buttonwood Park and Zoo

with Head Start staff and public School Kindergarten teachers working side by side creating a memorable day for all.

### Parent Involvement

<b>Committee/ Activity</b>	<b>Families Participating</b>
Policy Council	109
Parent Committee – Workshop topics included: First Aid, Nutrition, Budgeting, Stress Relief, Team Building Crafts , Child Development, How to Navigate City Hall	167
Parent Training/Support	40
Advisory Groups	14
Program Wide Events: Parent Orientation, Open House, Breakfast with Dads, Grandparents Day, Gift Giving day, Bus Safety Drills Volunteer Recognition Night	636
Family Literacy Activities: Family Fun Nights, Book-A-thons, Domino’s Reading Program, Breakfast with Books, Tailgate Picnic, TV Trade Offs	627
Home School Partnership	160
Newsletter/ Books/Magazine	12,800
Care and Share	269
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,822</b>

## Family Services

Families received the following services while enrolled at PACE Head Start:

Type of Service	# of Families
Emergency/crisis intervention such as meeting immediate needs for food, clothing, or shelter	91
Housing assistance such as subsidies, utilities, repairs, etc.	210
Mental health services	73
English as a Second Language (ESL) training	46
Adult education such as GED programs, college selection	69
Job training	36
Substance abuse prevention or treatment	10
Child abuse and neglect services	39
Domestic violence services	20
Child support assistance	18
Health education	336
Assistance to families of incarcerated individuals	9
Parenting education	314
Marriage education	10

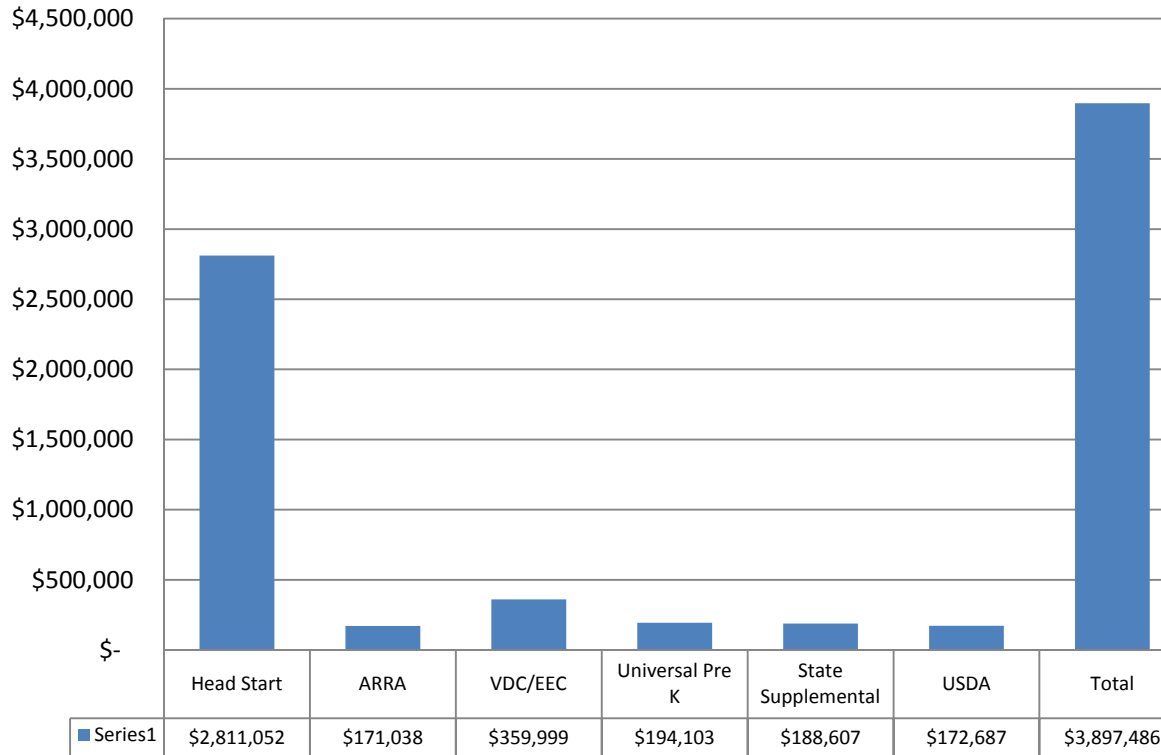
## Program Monitoring

The program's last federal review was conducted in October of 2009. The review process evaluated the program in the following areas:

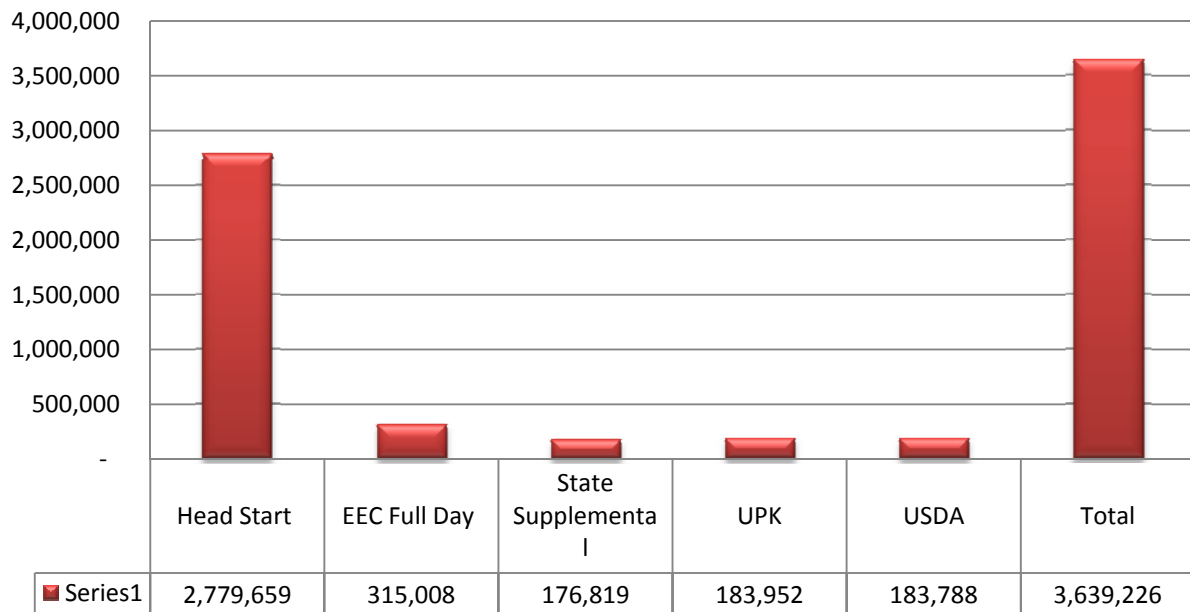
Health Services	Family and Community Services
Nutritional	Education and Early Childhood Services
Safe Environments	Fiscal Management
Transportation Services	Program Design and Management
Disability Services	Mental Health Services
Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance	

All areas were found to be fully compliant with the Head Start Federal Performance Standards with the exception of Financial and Property Management in the Fiscal area, which had 2 non compliance findings. These finding were corrected immediately by amending the agencies written financial management procedures and by obtaining an appraisal of the Madison St. facility as required by federal regulations.

## FY 2010 FUNDING



## FY 2011 Funding Projection



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by Category

