

*"I do not want to be the president who built empires, or sought grandeur, or extended dominion. I want to be the President who educated young children to the wonders of their world...who helped to feed the hungry and to prepare them to be taxpayers instead of tax-eaters... who helped the poor to find their own way and who protected the right of every citizen to vote in every election...who helped to end hatred among his fellow men and who promoted love among the people of all races and all regions and all parties...who helped to end war among the brothers of this earth."* Lyndon B. Johnson, 1965

# Nueces County Community Action Agency

*Helping People.*

*Changing Lives.*



## Birth-to-Five Head Start Program 2010 Annual Report

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## The Head Start Approach

The Early Head Start Program (EHS) for 0-3 year olds, the Expectant Women's Program and the Head Start Preschool Program (PS) for 3-5 year olds provide a broad range of services for families within the Nueces County area. The overall goal of the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program is to bring about a greater degree of social competence in the young children of low-income families. The program is comprehensive in nature and includes the family, child and community working together to develop a continuum of care and resources before, during and after their experience with the program. Each parent is recognized as their child's *First Teacher* and is encouraged to actively participate in classroom activities, governance, and community activities.

### Enrollment

2009 - 2010	*EHS (0-3)	HS (3-5)	TOTAL
Funded	228	1,136	1364
Actual	290	1,414	1704
Average Monthly Enrollment (%)	*86%	100%	93%
Children Served (%)	127%	125%	126%

\* EHS enrollment data includes ARRA enrollment March-August 2010.

### Disabilities

Ten percent of the total enrollment must remain available to children with disabilities, regardless of the severity. The Birth-to-Five Head Start classrooms are inclusive and provide the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) for all children. The program maintained the required minimum enrollment of children with disabilities.



173 (10%) children with disabilities were served.

## Education

The Birth-to-Five Head Start Program takes an *individualized* approach to learning. EHS implements the Creative Curriculum for infants & toddlers and documents the developmental progress of each child using Galileo online. *The Outcomes Framework* and *Galileo* are utilized to gauge developmental gains in readiness skills while enrolled in the PS program. During 2009-2010, PS children made significant gains in all three areas.

PRESCHOOL GROUP SCORES for 2009-2010			
KNOWLEDGE AREA(s)>	EARLY MATH	LANGUAGE / LITERACY	NATURE/ SCIENCE
Number of participants in each group	1168	1171	1175
Fall Baseline	503	487	487
Spring Assessment	579	553	555
Average Points Scored	76 (+26)	66 (+16)	68 (+18)
*Benchmark			

\* A benchmark of fifty points in developmental level for expected gains was set by the Research committee with the developers of Galileo. Substantial gains were made in all three areas thus indicating strong readiness skills for Kindergarten.

### Family & Community Partnerships

Family Advocates work closely with the families to build to build mutual trust. Parents are kept informed, provided with resources as needed and are invited to become active participants in the Policy Council, Parents in Education (PIE), Fathers Actively Involved Through Head Start (FAITH), the Lunch Bunch and many more.



The Annual Science Fair remains of one the most popular parent/child activities.

## Family & Community Partnerships

(Continued)

A strong emphasis is placed on building a supportive network of organizational partnerships to support the needs of the families. Among these are Del Mar College, Corpus Christi Housing Authority, Driscoll Children's Hospital, AVANCE, MERCED Housing, Women's Shelter, Foster Grandparent Program, Family Outreach, Family Counseling, NCCAA Community Services, and ISDs in Agua Dulce, Banquete, Corpus Christi, CalAllen, Flour Bluff, Tuluso-Midway, and West Oso



**129,140**

*Volunteer hours were logged during 2009-2010 fiscal year*

## Transition

Birth-to-Five Head Start Program staff provide activities to support smooth transitions for children and families. Staff is involved in transitioning families by guiding them to become advocates for their child's education, scheduling joint transition meetings, creating Transition Packets and by encouraging them to visit their child's next educational setting.

*Expectant Women to EHS: 18 EHS to HS: 39*  
*EHS to other: 24 HS to Kinder 470*

## Health

The Birth-to-Five Head Start staff administers age appropriate vision and hearing screenings to children in the program within the first 45 days after enrollment. Families are encouraged to be responsible for the health and well-being of their children. Services include a support system to ensure that children receive preventive medical and dental care and appropriate follow-up care in a timely manner.

	Medical	Dental	Immunizations
EHS	95%	90%	99%
HS	90%	100%	103%

## Mental Health

Behavioral screenings were conducted on 100% of the children in the program. The Birth-to-Five Head Start Program has a strong focus on building healthy relationships among children, families and staff.



*Social-emotional skills are enhanced through various activities that encourage self-confidence, problem-solving, self-discipline and curiosity.*

## Nutrition

Staff monitors heights and weights for children 2 years old and over to determine their Body Mass Index (BMI) and screen for anemia levels. Children enrolled in the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program receive nutritious breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks which are low in fat and sugar. Parents are invited to participate in meal planning and in the *Lunch Bunch* to learn about promoting nutritious meals and healthy habits.

*Healthy eating habits and active lifestyles are encouraged with children in the program.*



## A Birth-to Five Head Start family speaks...

*Our son Tyler has been in the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program since he was 18 months old and is now at El Tejanito Head Start Center. Tyler is flourishing in his readiness skills in preparation for "the big school." While in the program, we have learned the positive impact parent involvement has on our son's quality of education. We volunteer at his school and I am actively involved in the Policy Council. Through the program's goal setting process, I am fulfilling my goals toward completing my Associates at Del Mar College to get a better job. Someday I will reach my ultimate dream and that is to be the first generation college graduate in my family and for Tyler to be the first generation Harvard graduate*

~Azalia Rene Reyes

# Nueces County Community Action Agency

## The Organization

Nueces County Community Action Agency is a private, non-profit corporation with a mission committed to improving the quality of life through advocacy, commitment of resources, and delivery of services. The NCCAA umbrella includes Community Services (weatherization, energy assistance), Healthy Marriages, Housing Initiatives, and Birth-to-Five Head Start Program. The following illustrates the sources of NCCAA revenues and expenditures through August 31, 2010, revenue projections and ARRA Grant award projections for 2010-2011.

### Federal Awards 2009-2010

Program Titles	Expenditure(s)
Head Start	\$10,285,441
Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program	2,570,750
Child Care Food Program (USDA)	848,814
Community Services Block Grant	1,219,987
LIHEAP Weatherization Assistance	125,009
Regional Intermediary	289,376
DOE / Oil Overcharge Weatherization Assistance	1,658,124
Community Development Block Grant	22,441
Neighbor Works America	20,713
Healthy Marriage Development Program	178,385
FEMA	9,155
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>	<b><u>\$17,228,195</u></b>
Other Award	744,620
<i>In-Kind</i>	3,669,177
<b>Total Source of Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$21,641,992</u></b>

**Financial Audit Results**  
through  
August 31, 2010

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- The auditor's report expressed an unqualified opinion on NCCAA financial statements
- No instances of non-compliance material to the financial statements of NCCAA were disclosed during the audit

### Projected Budget 2010-2011

Program Titles	Budget(s)	Expenditure(s)
Head Start	\$9,457,379	\$9,457,379
Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program	2,621,187	2,621,187
Child Care Food Program (USDA)	1,037,518	1,037,518
Community Services Block Grant	526,529	526,529
LIHEAP Weatherization Assistance	491,418	491,418
Regional Intermediary	199,376	199,376
DOE / Oil Overcharge Weatherization Assistance	127,181	127,181
Neighbor Works America	54,000	54,000
Healthy Marriage Development Program	200,000	200,000
EFBP	6,925	6,925
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>	<b><u>\$14,721,513</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,721,513</u></b>
Other Awards	978,451	978,451
<i>In-Kind</i>	2,364,345	2,364,345
<b>Total Source of Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$18,064,309</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,064,309</u></b>

### 2010-2011 American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Grant (ARRA)

Program Titles	Budget(s)	Expenditure(s)
Early Head Start Expansion	\$1,474,200	\$1,474,200
DOE / Oil Overcharge Weatherization Assistance	1,584,580	1,584,580
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>	<b><u>\$3,058,780</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,058,780</u></b>