



St. Mark's U.M.C. Head Start Center

2015 – 2016

Head Start Annual Report

Mission

St. Mark's Head Start Center's mission is to always positively and comprehensively serve the education, health and social developmental needs of New York City's children and their families thereby maximizing logical thinking, creativity, independence, and ethical behavior.

Funding and Budgets

Budget and Expenses

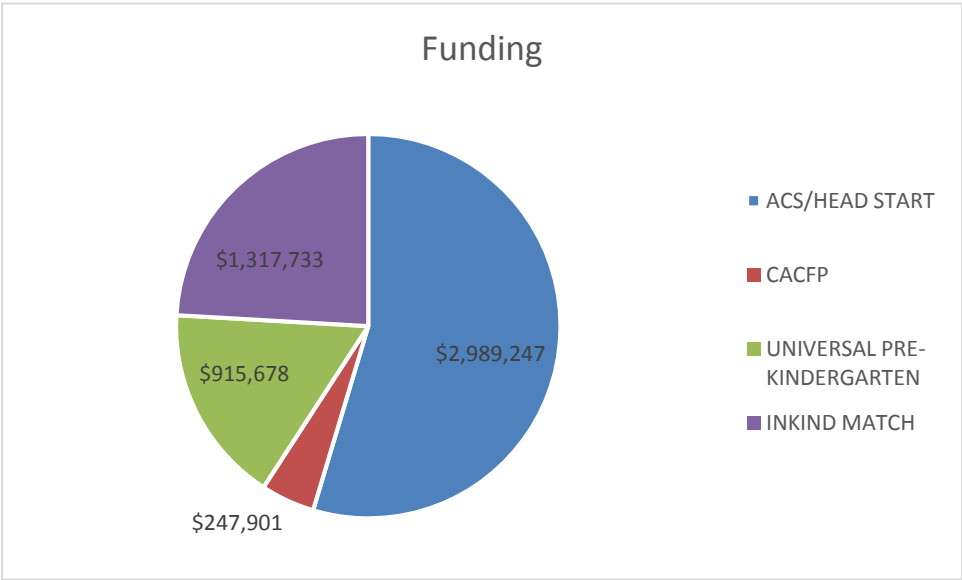
Fiscal Year July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

CATEGORY	Budget	Expenses
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$3,143,620	\$ 3,143,620
SUPPLIES and EQUIPMENT	\$372,978	\$ 372,978
FACILITIES COST	\$530,406	\$ 530,406
OTHER COST	\$101,567	\$ 101,567
INKIND MATCH	\$1,317,733	\$ 1,317,733
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,466,304	\$ 5,466,304

Funding

For Period July 2015 to June 30 2016

CATEGORY	Funding
ACS/HEAD START	\$2,989,247
CACFP	\$247,901
UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN	\$915,678
INKIND MATCH	\$1,317,733
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,470,559



Audits and Reviews

Results of the recent federal review:

Compliance Level	Applicable Standard	Violation Description <i>(from Items in Appendix A)</i>	Immediate Resolution - proof of work done
Deficiency	1304.53(a)(10)(viii)	Facilities, materials, and equipment are not free of hazards that may cause harm to children, families, or staff.	bathroom toilet seat immediately replaced if scratched or damaged
Concern	1304.22(c)(1-4)	Prescribed medications are not in original containers with original prescription labels.	Agency only accepts Asthma inhalers in original container
Deficiency	1304.53(a)(5)	The classroom does not provide 35 square feet of usable indoor space per child	enrollment reduced by attrition
Immediate Deficiency	1304.53(a)(10)(i)	The heating and cooling system is not designed to prevent injury to children and adults.	Radiator covers replaced with new, constructed from wood

The most recent audit issued an unqualified opinion.

Eligibility and Enrollment

The total number of children and families served:	263	
The average monthly enrollment:	262 children	99%
Percentage of Eligible children served:		97%
Average monthly attendance		95%

Health Services

Percentage of enrolled children that received dental exams:	100%
Percentage of enrolled children that received medical exams:	100%

Parent Involvement Activities

Parent involvement is an integral part of closing the achievement gap. Parents are encouraged to read to their child with free books distributed each month through partnerships with organizations.

Parents are made to feel welcome and many opportunities for involvement are provided. These includes volunteering, participation in Parent Policy Committee and Program Governance, Health Advisory Committee, and School Readiness Committee.

Employees build partnerships with parents and help them to develop goals, encouraging them to participate in and attend center events. These include:

Pedestrian Safety,
Field Trips
Home visits
Parent Teacher Conferences,
Nutrition Training,
Transitioning to Kindergarten workshops,
Early Childhood Development,
Mental Health,
Child Abuse and Maltreatment,
Domestic Violence,
Asthma and Allergies
Multiculturalism and food tasting
Mother's day and Father's day events
Farm-to -preschool

Preparing Children for Kindergarten

Curriculum

St. Mark's uses Creative Curriculum to establish a framework of child development, teacher involvement and continuous training, parent involvement to provide high quality early childhood experiences, in an effort to increase school readiness. Creative Curriculum is a scientifically based and developmentally appropriate curriculum. It "offers teachers the guidance, support, and freedom to be creative and responsive to children" i Creative Curriculum encourages planning, child specific goals and on-going assessment.

School Readiness

St. Mark's created a School Readiness Plan that outlines the necessary components to prepare children for kindergarten. These include:

- School Readiness Team
- School Readiness Goals
- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Staff development Family
- Engagement Evaluating
- Child Outcomes Supporting
- Transitions

School Readiness Goals

1. *Cognition and General Knowledge:*

a) *Mathematics:*

- Children will understand measure and concepts such as "longer/shorter" and "heavier/lighter".
- Children will understand and intentionally manipulate quantities.
- Children will describe and compare features of objects and shapes.
- Children will demonstrate an awareness of spatial relationships, patterns, and sequences.

b) *Science:*

- Children will demonstrate basic use of scientific method and basic conceptual knowledge of the natural and physical world.
- Children will demonstrate the ability to think through problems and apply strategies for solving them.

c) *Social Studies:*

- Children will demonstrate an understanding of one's relationship to the family and the community, roles in the family and community and will demonstrate respect for diversity.

2. *Physical Development and Health:*

- Children will demonstrate an understanding of safe and healthy habits.
- Children will demonstrate appropriate gross motor skills and fine motor skills in a variety of settings.

3. *Approaches to Learning:*

- Children will cooperate with peers to extend play and solve problems.
- Children will demonstrate persistence in play, activities, and problem solving.
- Children will demonstrate curiosity, creativity, flexibility, and willingness to try new experiences.
- Children will demonstrate use of music, movement, drama and visual art to express ideas and emotions.

4. *Social Emotional Development:*

- Children will develop and maintain positive relationships with children and adults.
- Children will demonstrate positive self-concept and self-efficacy.
- Children will demonstrate self-regulation skills in response to needs, feelings and events.

5. *Language and Literacy:*

Children will understand and use an increasing complex and varied vocabulary.

Children will understand and respond to literacy and informational text.

Children will recognize the names and sounds with some letters.

Children will understand that language can be broken into words, syllables and smaller pieces of sound.

Children will express ideas and information through drawing, writing and dictating.

Children will engage in extended conversations with peers and adults.

For Dual Language learners:

Children will exhibit appropriate English skills necessary to understand language and use language effectively in various settings and various purposes.

Children will engage in English Language literacy activities including the use of literacy and informational books.

Child Outcomes Progress

Developmental, hearing and vision screenings are completed on each child Children within 45 days of enrollment. The results of the screening are used to develop an individualized plan for each child. In addition, child assessments checkpoints were completed by November, February and June. The outcomes are analyzed to determine if children are making progress towards the school readiness goals and to determine what modifications are necessary.

Head Start Act (2007)/ Public Law 110-134 "Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007"

Sec. 644 Administrative Requirements and Standards

(2) Each Head Start agency shall make available to the public a report published at least once in each fiscal year that discloses the following information from the most recently concluded fiscal year, except that reporting such information shall not reveal personally identifiable information about an individual child or parent:

A) The total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source

B) An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year.

C) The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment (as a percentage of funded enrollment), and the percentage of eligible children served.

D) The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit.

E) The Percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams. F)

Information about parent involvement activities.

G) The agency's efforts to prepare children for Kindergarten.

H) Any other information required by the Secretary.

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