

# **The City of Albuquerque**

La Madrugada Early Head Start  
Program Information and  
Current Annual Report  
From July 1 2012 – February 30 2013

# The City of Albuquerque

- **Department of Family & Community Services**
- Division of Child & Family Development
- Office of Child Development

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Child Development Centers (CDCs) 22 Centers throughout Albuquerque, serving with the capacity of serving 749 preschoolers
  - 13 on APS campuses
  - 9 in community centers
  - For low-income working parents
  - Sliding scale fees
  - For more information: 767-6500

# EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM

- Early Head Start Program
- Funded amount \$2,785,822
- The Grant serves 228, infants, toddlers 0 – 3 years of age and their families as well as 20 pregnant mothers that qualify under federal mandated guidelines.

# EARLY HEAD START

## PROGRAM OPTIONS: 0 -3 Year Olds

### Current Funding

- Home Base – 96 participants
- Center Base – 112 participants
- 8 Early Learning Center sites
- Pregnant Moms – 20 participants

# EARLY HEAD START

## Eligibility:

- Meeting federal income poverty guidelines
- Pregnant woman
- Infants/toddlers, birth-to-three years of age

# EARLY HEAD START

- Program partners with Cuidando Los Ninos to provide 24 children from homeless families all needed services including 7 hours of Child development and all needed Medical and Disability screenings
- Since July 1 2012 - 51 children have been served at Cuidando Los Ninos.

# EARLY HEAD START Services

- Prenatal screening & education
- Parenting education
- Parent involvement opportunities such as Dad's Group and Policy Council
- Child Health & Nutrition screening & education
- Social Services referrals
- Mental Health services & referrals
- Employment & education consultations
- Comprehensive child development services in home and center based settings

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## SERVICES THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

- Albuquerque Public Schools – 5 schools
- Catholic Charities – 16 children slots
- Cuidando Los Ninos – 24 children slots
- UNM College of Nursing; Pediatrics
- UNM Center for Development & Disability
- Part C Agencies for referrals

# EARLY HEAD START Disabilities Services

Congressional Mandate:

- 10% of total enrollment –  
Must be opportunities for  
infants/toddlers with disabilities

# EARLY HEAD START Disabilities Services

- Identification
  - 45 calendar day screening from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of enrollment
  - Review medical history
  - Denver II Screen
  - Ages & Stages Questionnaire

# EARLY HEAD START Disabilities Services

Identification cont'd:

- On-going teacher/Family Development Facilitator observations
- Interviews/joint goal setting with parents

# EARLY HEAD START Disabilities Services

## SERVICES

- Obtain parents' written consent to refer
- Make referral to Early Intervention agency of parents' choice
- Support parent thru evaluation & IFSP process
- Support IFSP outcomes & Transition

# EARLY HEAD START Services Provided to Families from June 1 2012 – February 28 2013

Current Yearly Data from July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012

Number of children served - 269

- Health Screens - 82
- Hearing Screens - 106
- Lead Screens– 14
- Anemia Screens - 26

\* Information updated monthly

# EARLY HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL

The Policy Council oversees the program and is consisted of parents, and community members. They act as a governing body to ensure all areas of the program are monitored. Monthly meetings are held with Policy Council. All information is made available to review and discuss program operations. All budget information is reviewed and dispersed to the Policy Council members and is available to the public.

# EARLY HEAD START Program Updates

New playgrounds for our infants and toddlers 0 - 3 were installed at La Mesa, Rio Grande, School on Wheels, Trumbull, and Western Trails Early Head Start Programs to meet Federal requirements designed for that age group. We encourage everyone to visit our sites at those locations.

# EARLY HEAD START

- Parents can choose the option of Home Educating services that include home visits before entering into one of our Early learning centers. The Home Visiting services assign and provide a Facilitator to assist the family with all needed services. Our phone number is 767 -6500 for inquires about our qualifying process for program.