

UNITED WAY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN

Early Head Start Annual Report

2015-2016



United Way of Greater New Haven (UWGNH) manages an Early Head Start program that provides full-day, full-year child care and comprehensive support services for 88 infants and toddlers and their families.¹

UWGNH works with five community-based organizations in New Haven, West Haven, and Hamden to implement the program: All Our Kin, Elizabeth Celotto Child Care Center, Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center, LULAC Head Start Inc., and West Haven Child Development Center.

All Our Kin is a nationally-recognized, nonprofit organization that trains, supports, and sustains community child care providers in order to ensure that children and families have the foundation they need to succeed in school and in life.

All Our Kin provides Early Head Start services for 30 children and families in up to eight contracted licensed Family Child Care Provider homes spread across the program's service area through our EHS partnership.

Elizabeth Celotto is the only program in the state that provides teen parents with support, parenting education and quality child care in an accredited child care program inside a high school. Elizabeth Celotto's mission is to help teenage parents remain in school and achieve academically and to support the emotional, cognitive, social and physical development of members of teenage families.

Elizabeth Celotto serves 24 children and their teenage families through our EHS partnership.

Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center is a for-profit, NAEYC accredited center providing services for children age 6 months to age 8 in two center-based locations. Morning Glory aims to provide a high quality early childhood program that promotes physical, socio-emotional, cognitive, and language development through partnerships between teachers and families.

Morning Glory serves 10 children and their families through our EHS partnership.

LULAC Head Start Inc. is a non-profit organization that was established in September 1983. LULAC serves young children and their families in three centers, all of which are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). LULAC's mission statement is "Developing our Children and Families for Life."

LULAC serves 16 children and families in two infant/toddler classrooms through our EHS partnership.

The West Haven Child Development Center is a nonprofit organization, and believes that the family unit is the strongest influence in the life of the young child. The program is designed to support the family by providing the child with a warm, secure and educationally stimulating environment. These needs are met by the use of qualified staff specifically trained in early care and education in an accredited program.

West Haven Child Development Center serves 8 children and their families in the only Early Head Start classroom in West Haven, through our EHS partnership.

¹ UWGNH's EHS program originally began serving children in 2010 and received a second Early Head Start grant, an Early Head Start Child Care Partnership grant, in March 2015, expanding the program's service area to include West Haven and Hamden and expanding the number of slots by 62. UWGNH reduced enrollment in the original Early Head Start grant in the fall of 2015 by ten slots. This report includes data on both grants.

Early Head Start by the Numbers:

Enrollment

Number of funded slots: 88

Number of children and their families served: 127

Percentage of Eligible Children Served: 2.1

Health Services

Percentage of Children with Health Insurance at the end of the program year: 100

Percentage of Children have a medical home and received ongoing medical care at the end of the program year: 100

Disabilities Services

Number of Children receiving Part C of IDEA: 18

School Readiness

The program promotes school readiness for infants, toddlers and their families. Information regarding preparing our youngest children for school is shared during parent orientations, home visits, family conferences and through daily conversations with parents by program staff and providers. All Our Kin and LULAC Head Start have created and are implementing school readiness goals for children.²

All children are assessed using Teaching Strategies Gold, a seamless assessment tool based on 38 research-based objectives that include predictors of school success.

Child Outcome data has been shared with staff, families, and governing and policy groups.

Funding Sources:

Federal EHS Grant \$727,398.75; includes program operations, training/technical assistance, COLA and Match funds

Federal EHS-CCP Grant \$2,060,833.75; includes start-up, program operations, training/technical assistance, supplemental, COLA and Match funds

Financial Accountability

United Way of Greater New Haven is audited annually by an independent auditor. To see United Way of Greater New Haven's full 2016 Audit Report please follow this link <https://www.uwgnh.org/about/financial-accountability>

Monitoring Reviews

The Office of Head Start conducted a monitoring review on October 20, 2015. There were no findings. To see the full Office of Head Start monitoring report and other program related reports please follow this link

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/data/psr> and enter United Way of Greater New Haven in the box **Enter Grantee Name** under **Find a Program**

² Elizabeth Celotto Child Care Center, Morning Glory Infant Toddler Center and West Haven Child Development Center, as new partners, were not required to, and have not yet developed School Readiness plans and goals.