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Agency Progress Report

Report for August 2016 to Board of Directors, staff, and community

I. Executive Director's Comments:



←← *OOI Finance Stoplight*; Green= ALL GOOD!

As Reported in the July 2016 Report- GREAT THINGS ARE (STILL) HAPPENING!!!

- Agency Finances are going well, with no deficits in any programs.
- We have received the final funding level for CSBG for 2016; and it is approximately **\$30,000** more than last year(!)
- We have transitioned to the new 5 year Head Start/Early Head Start Grant, and **we were awarded Early Head Start Startup Funds!!!** This will GREATLY help us to improve facilities, set up world class classrooms AND properly train all EHS staff.
- We have received the first payment for our **ABC Pre-K Contract for 32 Slots** in Baxter County (Mt. Home and Norfork).
- **We have also received \$21,000 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds** for "Homeless Prevention" and "Rapid ReHousing" to assist those in a housing crisis in our region.
- The **SUCCESS Program will be awarded \$3,500** by Boone County United Way for the 2017 calendar year to be paid out quarterly. This is \$1,500 more than this current (2016) year.

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II. Early Childhood Education:

A. Early Childhood Program Director's Report:

We have received our 5 Year Head Start/Early Head Start Grant as well as state-funded Arkansas Better Chance Pre-K Slots(!!!)

Below is a new listing of our Zero to Five (Pre-K and Early Head Start) Centers for the 2016-17 school year:

OOI Zero to 5 Education Center Locations 8-2016

Center	County	Pre-K Centers	# of Pre-K Classrooms 2016-17	3-5 Yr. # in class	# of Teaching Staff	Early HS Centers 2016-17	County	0-3; # at location	# of 0-3 Classrooms	# Locations	# Center Staff
1	Marion	Bruno-Pyatt	1	15	2	Clinton	Van Buren	16	4	1	6
2	Baxter	Cotter	1	16	2	Harrison-TBD	Boone	16	4	1	6
3	Boone	Harrison	5	80	10	Mtn. Home-ASU	Baxter	16	4	1	6
4	Newton	Jasper	1	15	2			48	12	3	18
5	Baxter	Mtn. Home	3	48	6						
6	Baxter	Norfolk	1	16	2						
7	Van Buren	Shirley	1	13	2						
8	Searcy	St. Joe	1	13	2						
9	Boone	Valley Springs	1	15	2	Total HS & EHS 2016-17			309		
10	Newton	Western Grove	1	15	2						
11	Marion	Yellville	1	15	2						
		Total	17	261	34						
	ABC Classes					Total ALL Zero to Five Slots			341		
1	Baxter	M.H.	1	20	2						
2		Norfolk	1	12	2						

B. Terri Beard- ERSEA & Family and Community Partnerships:

Wanda Spencer (Family Support Worker, Harrison) and I recently completed training regarding ERSEA Requirements; it was a great training that included Early Head Start. Our *Family Support Workers* (FSW's) have been actively seeking children to fill enrollment slots and **we were able to meet full enrollment for August 2016.**

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2007 - Historical Enrollment Report

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Program Term(s): Head Start 2016-2017, Head Start 2015-2016, Enrollment Status: Enrolled, Date between 8/15/2016 and 8/17/2016

Class 1: 16 Participants
Bruno Pyatt: 16 Participants
Class 1: 16 Participants
Cotter Head Start: 16 Participants
Class 1: 16 Participants
Class 2: 16 Participants
Class 3: 18 Participants
Class 4: 16 Participants
Class 5: 18 Participants
Harrison: 80 Participants
Class 1: 12 Participants
Jasper Head Start: 12 Participants
Class 1: 16 Participants
Mountain Home I: 16 Participants
Class 1: 15 Participants
Mountain Home II: 15 Participants
Class 1: 15 Participants
Mountain Home IV: 15 Participants
Class 1: 15 Participants
Norfolk: 15 Participants
Class 1: 16 Participants
Shirley Head Start: 16 Participants
Class 1: 13 Participants
St. Joe Head Start: 13 Participants
Class 1: 16 Participants
Valley Springs: 16 Participants
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Western Grove Head Start: 15 Participants
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Yellville-Summit: 16 Participants
Agency Totals – Ozark Opportunities Inc. H/S: 261 Participants
Report Totals
Participants: 261

**Ozark Opportunities Inc. H/S
2001 - Management Report - Enrollment**

Program Term: Head Start 2016-2017, Program Option: Standard Full Day, Enrollment Status: Enrolled Enrolled: 8/15/2016 - 8/17/2016, Current Location and Status

Enrollment Status										Income Eligible ^a				Medicaid ^a			Primary Health Coverage ^a †		Other Health Coverage		TANF ^a			Participation Year ^a		Disability ^a		
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C. Wanda Nelson- Nutrition, Facilities/Safety & Licensing:

- Mr. Clayborn has met with licensing in Clinton to approve plans for the Early Head Start Center.
- Mr. Clayborn met with contractors to complete the Yellville and Harrison playgrounds. Harrison had a new fall zone installed and Yellville has an entirely new playground, in addition to moving into the school as part of their "Pre-K Wing".
- Mr. Clayborn installed a new heat and air conditioner heat pump in the Shirley Head Start.

D. Ryan Clayborn- Early Childhood Program Manager/ Education Coordinator/Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator

Head Start (O-5):

- Our **Commitment to Excellence Days** on August 1st and 2nd were a success. Day One our staff received awards and were trained on minimum licensing requirements and general Head Start information. Day Two included a very informative training regarding how to speak and understand people living in poverty, some live entertainment, and a ChildPlus Data System training.
- August 3rd, 4th, and 5th we conducted our "Round Robin" trainings at 3 locations in our region (Mountain Home, Harrison and Marshall).
- August 8th and 9th Tamara Brickey, our Head Start Early Childhood Education Specialist trained staff in CLASS and High Five Math.

ABC Pre-K:

- I have met with the principal at Norfolk and discussed the ABC program and asked for help in getting children enrolled.
- I have been researching ABC forms/guidelines and trying to help develop our model for the upcoming school year.
- I attended COPA Software mandated data entry system) Training in Bentonville for the new ABC slots.

E. Patricia Murray- Disabilities & Center Supervisor:

- Everyone is getting ready for the new school year. Staff are working hard to have classrooms ready by the 1st day of school and to welcome the new and returning students and parents to Head Start.
- I have trained each staff person on Disabilities changes and what we need this year.
- We will start Hearing, Vision, Speech, and Developmental screenings by September 6th.

F. Tawnya Akins: Health/Mental Health:

- I was able to book the entertainment for the second day of teacher training; Mr. Carl Acuff Jr.- it was fun and interactive and greatly enjoyed by all.
- Contacted the Mental Health Professionals to get quotes for classroom observations.
- Ordered health supplies for the classrooms.
- Passed out new Music CD's for classroom exercise.
- Gave out new Conscious Discipline materials.
- Looking forward to the new year!!!

G. Krystal Mayes: Parent Engagement

- The month of July was packed with meetings and trainings for the up-coming year. I met with Trudy McManus from the Boone County Extension office regarding what information she will be providing at Harrison Parent Meetings.
- I attended our 50-year celebration and networked with several people in our area. I booked our "Communicating with Poverty" training and have heard numerous comments from staff that learned so much and will be able to use this both in their professional and personal lives.
- I participated in the "Round Robins" to train staff on any changes and prepare them for the best school year yet!

III. Community Services

Rebecca Hanlin; Community Services Director

1. Home Energy Assistance Program:

- The summer utility assistance program for non-emergency and emergency started July 5, 2016.
- 3,838 Potentially Eligible applications (these are for individuals who receive SNAP, Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program also known as Food Stamps) and are elderly and/or disabled. These applications were mailed out June 9th and 10th.
- The following summary is through August 5, 2016.

Thru 8/5/2016	Non-Emergency					Emergency				
	Applied	Approved	Pending	Denied	\$ Spent	Applied	Approved	Pending	Denied	\$ Spent
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Baxter	630	561	4	65	\$69,836	22	20	1	1	\$3,909.71
Boone	622	561	15	46	\$70,708	43	29	0	14	\$5,152.48
Marion	300	280	7	13	\$35,183	12	10	0	2	\$1,657.64
Newton	221	211	2	8	\$26,175	9	8	0	1	\$1,039.81
Searcy	203	198	0	5	\$24,839	0	0	0	0	0
Van Buren	310	297	4	9	\$37,450	11	10	1	0	\$1,896.61
Totals	2286	2108	32	146	\$264,191	97	77	2	18	\$13,656.25

2. Vehicle Repair Loan Program

- Current balance is now \$6,317.58.
- \$500 maximum loan amount.
- Loan must be repaid within one year.
- To date we have had three applicants; two of which have repaid their full loan amounts. The third is in good standing.

3. Family Development & Empowerment:

- Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'- By World
 - Another class has been started in Harrison. They normally meet on Thursdays from 5-8:00 pm. A graduate from the previous class is a co-facilitator for this group.
- SUCCESS Seminars:
 - August seminars: energy conservation (Northwest Arkansas Regional Housing Authority)
 - August 23rd at Mountain Home, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 - August 29th at Harrison, 5:30 – 7:00 pm
 - All seminars are free and open to the public.
- **The Annual SUCCESS Banquet is scheduled for September 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The location is tentatively set for the JPH building at NorthArk's south campus. Staff and participants would love to see Board Members in attendance!**

- SUCCESS participant enrollment through 7/8//2016:

County	Active	Pending	Exited	Total
Baxter	6	0	5	11
Boone	14	2	4	20
Marion	2	0	4	6
Newton	4	1	3	8
Searcy	2	0	1	3
Van Buren	0	0	2	2
Total	28	3	19	50

4. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG):

- Special projects, mini grants. 8/10/2016 received unofficial approval for \$9,000 to pilot an emergency loan program. The funds must be used by December 31, 2016.

5. Emergency Solutions Grant: Both grant applications have been approved!

- Baxter, Boone, Marion and Newton counties grant application has been approved for \$14,000 (Rapid Rehousing: \$6,000 and Homeless Prevention: \$8,000).
- Searcy and Van Buren counties grant application has been approved for \$7,000 (Rapid Rehousing: \$2,000 and Homeless Prevention: \$5,000).
- Currently awaiting implementation details.

6. General Department Updates:

- Experience Works:
 - Van Buren: Sandy is helping Marie in our Clinton office.
 - Boone: Terri Risley started working Monday, June 21st. Right now she's helping Tammy with summer HEAP.
 - Baxter: Joy Lakin started working in July in our Baxter Outreach Office located in Mountain Home.
- Youth Works:
 - Boone County: Willow Waggoner completed her Youth Works hours Monday, August 8th, she is returning to high school as a senior this year!

IV. Corporate Services (& Human Resources)

Jane Bueg, Corporate Services Director

Information will be shared via a separate report at the August full Board of Directors Meeting, as there have been many changes to staffing due to the Head Start Reduction in Force and addition of ABC classrooms.