

City of Baton Rouge, Parish of East Baton Rouge



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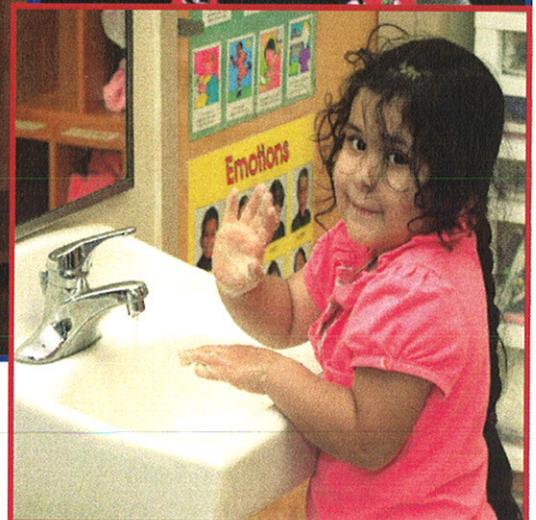
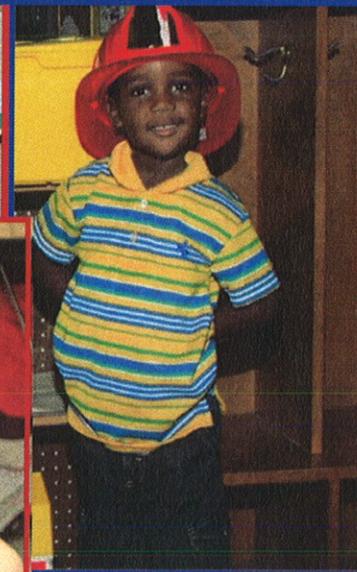
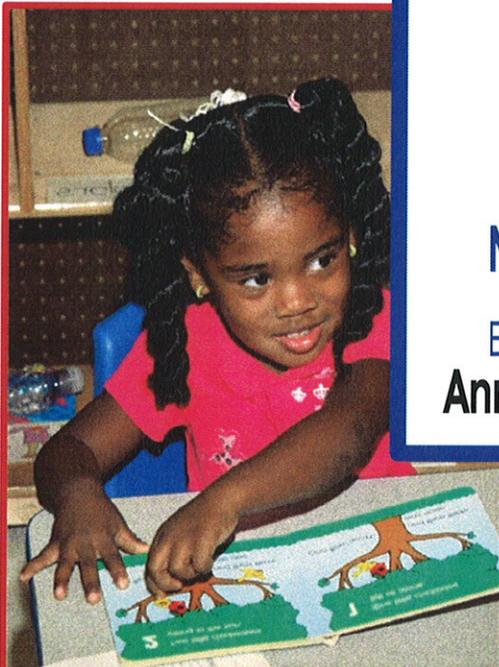


Nurturing the Promise

through

Education, Partnerships and Services

Annual Report 2008-2009





From the Program Administrator

Greetings:

For forty-three years the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start program has been transforming the lives of children and families throughout our community. The standard of expected quality for Head Start has never been higher than it is in East Baton Rouge Parish. We continue to strive for excellence in every area of service. This past year was no exception as the dedicated staff, community partners, families and volunteers worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the neediest children and their families. We can take great pride in all of the children and families who can now navigate life more successfully as a result of our year's work, as we continue to search for ways to help more children and families.

The 2008-2009 school year left our Head Start family excited and hopeful as many great things happened: Mayor Melvin "Kip" Holden committed funds to construct a new eight-classroom center; we received federal funds to construct two new four-classroom annexes; completed an extensive community assessment; participated in a successful risk management meeting with the Administration for Children and Families; implemented a new computer system to better track nutrition services; transitioned to Program Resources and Outcomes Management Information System (PROMIS), a web-based information system designed to more accurately capture child and family data and services provided; installed video surveillance at every city-owned Head Start center; and installed multi-media systems at the administrative office to maximize training delivery and information sharing.

Where do we go from here? We will endeavor to stay the course and continue to channel our time, talents and energy into projects and plans that will further the improvements made this year. With a determined spirit and sound management our Head Start program has successfully built a model preschool environment. It is an environment which provides our kids the tools that are needed to begin the journey to achieving their dreams. At the Head Start we believe that when we put children first we take a major step toward building a better and stronger Baton Rouge for future generations.

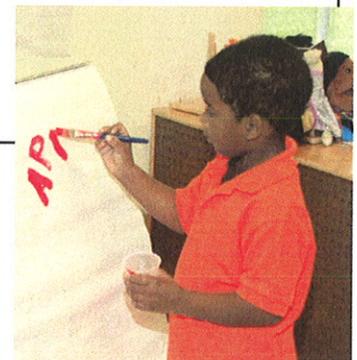
It is with much pride that I recall these accomplishments of the past year. But greater is my gratitude for the men and women of Head Start who made them possible. Even when the needs are great and the resources are limited, success is still possible when the talent is abundant and the enthusiasm is boundless, as is the case with Head Start. We enjoyed a great 2008, but it was just a beginning.

Sincerely,

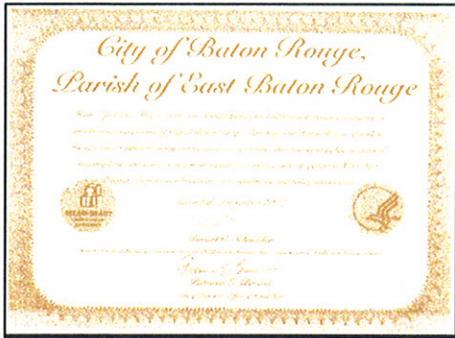
Rebecca H. Ferguson
Program Administrator-Head Start

Our Mission

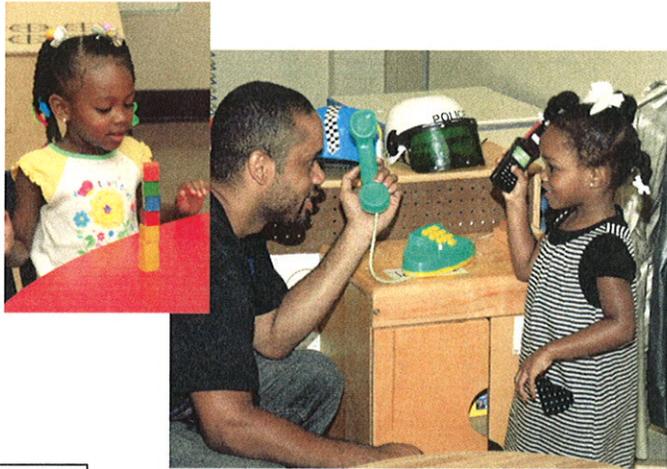
The mission of the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program is to provide high quality, comprehensive programs relating to health, disabilities, education, and family services to eligible low-income children and their families. These services are responsive and appropriate to their developmental, ethnic, and cultural experiences. This focus increases social competence through strong family and community partnerships.



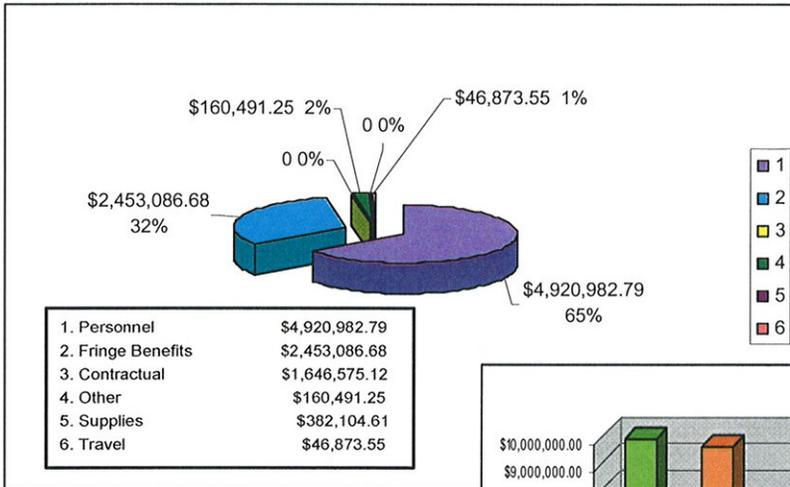
East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program Operations



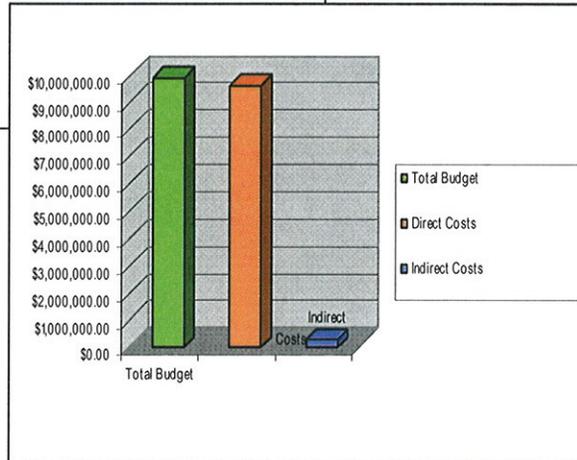
2007 OHS Federal Program Review



Head Start Budget January 08-December 08



The Head Start budget reflects a calendar year while the Head Start year runs September-May



Teacher Credentials

Three percent teachers with Masters Degrees in Early Childhood Development or a related field.

Eighty-four percent teachers with Bachelors Degrees in Early Childhood Education.

Two percent teachers with Bachelors Degrees in unrelated fields, with a Child Development Associate (CDA) credential.

Ten percent teachers with Associate Degrees in Early Childhood Education.

One percent teachers with CDA.

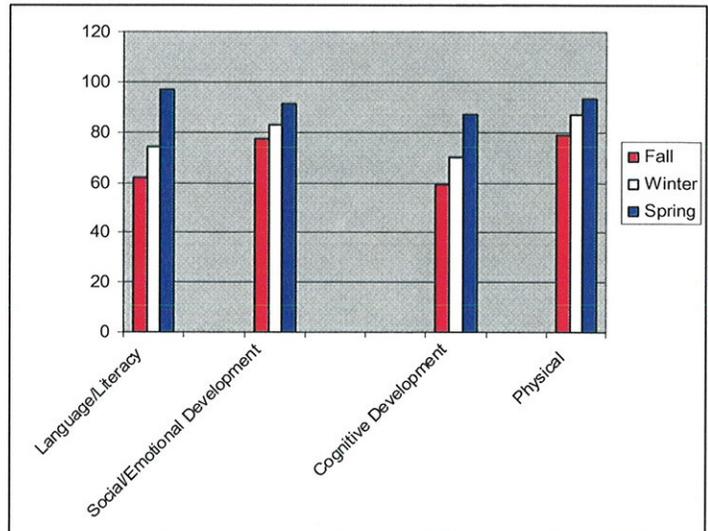
Education Services

Throughout the school year, we observe and record each child's growth in the following developmental areas:

- Language/Literacy
- Social/Emotional Development
- Cognitive Development
- Physical Health

These observations and recordings are based on a scale that ranks observed behaviors or skills from forerunner to level 3. The three- and four-year-old children served in the EBRP Head Start program began the 2008-09 school year with an average skill level of 2.3. In the spring, children's scores improved to more than 3.0.

Here is a breakdown showing the average growth of 1362 children in those developmental areas.



By the Numbers

The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program serves economically disadvantaged and disabled children and families in the Metropolitan Baton Rouge Service Area. The program serves families of various ethnicities, educational levels, and diversities.

According to the 2009 Performance Instrument Report, (PIR), the demographics of families that received Head Start services in this program year include:

Ethnicity:

Black or African American.....	1614
Biracial / Multiracial.....	23
Unspecified.....	20
Hispanic or Latino Origin.....	17
Native American.....	1
Caucasian.....	3
Asian.....	2

Family Structure:

Single parent families served.....	1104
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Employment:

One parent/guardian is employed.....	228
Both parents/guardians are employed.....	72

Job Training / School

One parent or guardian is in job training.....	77
Both parents/guardians in job training or in school.....	29

Income:

Children enrolled in the Head Start Program that were at or below the poverty guidelines.....	1378
Families receiving any cash benefits or other services under the federal temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program.....	161
Families receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI).....	132
Children with disabling conditions that were enrolled over the federal poverty guidelines.....	10
Children enrolled due to status as a foster child.....	5

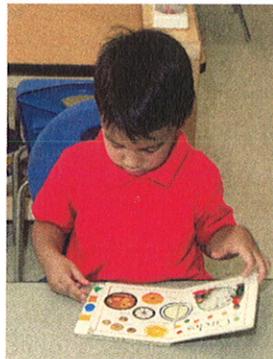
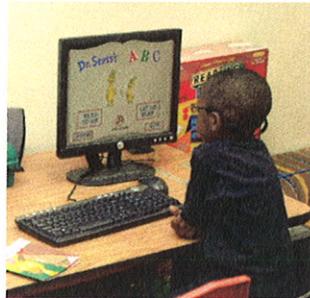
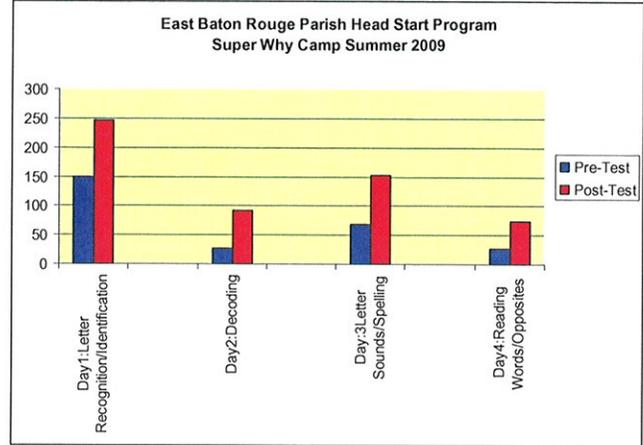
Education Levels of Parents/Guardians

Families with a high school diploma or GED equivalent.....	758
Parents with less than a high school degree.....	557
Families with some college, vocational school, or an associate degree.....	189
Families with a Bachelors or advanced degree.....	52



The SUPER WHY Reading Camps are sponsored by Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) as part of its Raising Readers Initiative in partnership with the Corporation of Public Broadcasting (CPB), Public Broadcasting Services (PBS), and the US Department of Education (US DOE).

The following chart indicates the increase in participant scores when a Super Why Camp was held at Wonderland Head Start, June 22-26, 2009. Children were pre-tested prior to the teaching of the skills and post-tested daily at the end of each lesson on the following reading skills: Letter Recognition /Identification, Decoding, Letter Sounds/ Spelling, and Reading Words /Opposites.



Disability Services

East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program provides an array of comprehensive services to families of children with disabilities. In the 2008-2009 school year, the program provided services for children with the following disabilities.

Speech or Language Impairment.....	63
Visual Impairment (including blindness).....	28
Health Impairment.....	25
Emotional/Behavior Disorder.....	16
Hearing Impairment (including deafness).....	11
Mental Retardation.....	5
Learning Disabilities.....	9
Non-categorical/ Developmental Delay.....	8
Multiple Disabilities.....	2
Orthopedic Impairment.....	1

The total number of children determined to have disabilities..... 168

Of the total children determined to have a disability, the number of children with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)..... 140

New Initiatives 2008-2009

Partnership with Louisiana Pathways to help improve the quality of child care in EBRP Head Start.

Participation in the Louisiana Quality Start Child Care Rating System.

Partnership with the Baker School District to include operating two Head Start preschool classrooms at Baker Heights Elementary School.

Funding received in the amount of \$1.3 million to construct two, four classroom annex facilities at current Head Start locations.

Funds dedicated in the amount of \$2.1 million from the City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge to construct an eight classroom Head Start facility.

Funds received in the amount of \$1.8 million to continue providing services for Hurricane Katrina families.

New science and math partnership with Exxon Chemical, USA, Baton Rouge location.

Planning for the East Baton Rouge Parish Early Head Start Program.

Partnership with Baton Rouge Parks and Recreation (BREC) utilizing building space and recreational facilities.

New partnership with Capital City Family Health Clinic, a one stop clinic for Head Start families medical and dental needs.

Initiated "I Am Learning, I Am Moving" a program in which children and parents learn to incorporate healthy living experiences into their daily routine.

New transportation procedures implemented using the Map Point routing system to more efficiently plot the routes of buses.

A new registration system implemented revolutionizing the recruitment, eligibility, certification, and enrollment process. This system created a one-stop shop process that ensures parents avail themselves to all of the required services during one visit and makes for a registration process that is more user friendly for our families.

Implementation of Developing Skills Checklist (DSC), an assessment instrument that will better assist the staff in recognizing the strengths and needs of children four years of age. The checklist enables staff to plan for the growth of children in groups and individually, thereby improving the quality of services offered to our children and ensuring their school readiness.

"My name is Joseph Antoine. I am a single father of two daughters. My daughter attended Head Start for two years. My experience with the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start program has been one of constant learning and training, not just for my daughter but for me as well."



Fatherhood/Male Involvement

The fatherhood initiative is a very integral and effective part of the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program. Fathers or significant males participate in programs sponsored by Southern University and Family Road

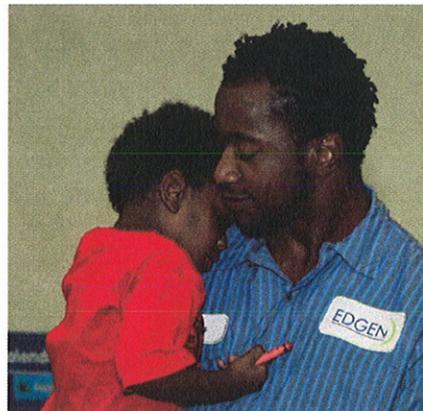
of Baton Rouge to ensure men recognize the importance of their roles in the lives of their children. These programs assist fathers in job training and placement, parent education, relationship training, professional development, counseling, and many other areas. The East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program has seen significant growth in participation of males since the program's involvement with organizations that assist males in assuming leadership roles in their families and communities.

Grandparent Support Group



"My name is Barbara M. Jackson. I became a member of the East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Support Group called Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: The Second Time Around. Through group

discussions and resources we formed a motto which states, We will share whatever we learn with five people to help empower each other. Without the assistance from the grandparents support group I would not have had the opportunity to provide many experiences to my grandchildren, neither would I have been able to provide to support others in my situation."



Head Start Supportive Services Community Partnerships

East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start Program collaborates with over 300 influential and essential community partners in the provision of services to children and families. Some of these community partners are:



Louisiana Public Broadcasting Company provides comprehensive literacy services and training to East Baton Rouge Parish Head Start staff, children, and families, in the hope of changing literacy rates in Louisiana.

ExxonMobil

Exxon Mobil provides services to Head Start centers, staff, families and children that both increase literacy and science education and promoting caring community atmosphere.



Family Road of Greater Baton Rouge provides comprehensive services to families. These services include relationship building, parenting, fatherhood, pre-natal and post-natal, infant and child care training. Family Road is dedicated to building the entire family.



100 Black Men of Baton Rouge provides assistance to families in offering school supplies for older children, providing coaches and volunteers for Head Start activities, and conducting training at Head Start centers on violence prevention and gun safety.



Louisiana Technical College provides training for staff and assistance in obtaining Associates Degrees in Early Childhood Education.



Georgia Pacific Paper Mill provides training for staff and families, provides monetary stipends for volunteers and for school activities at Port Hudson Head Start Center.



Louisiana State University Agriculture Center provides ongoing and continuous training to all Head Start centers in the areas of nutrition and parenting.



Southern University Agriculture Center provides ongoing and continuous training to all centers in the areas of nutrition and parenting.

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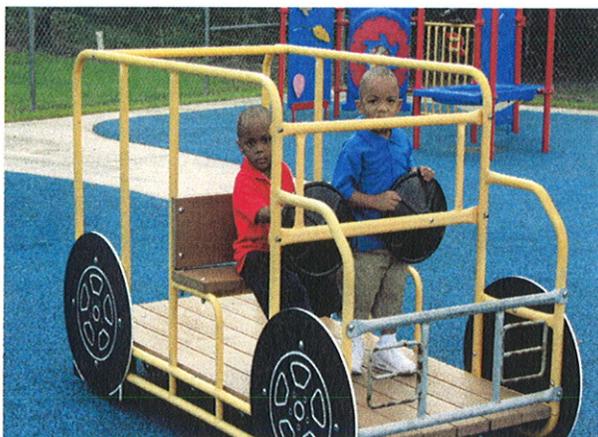
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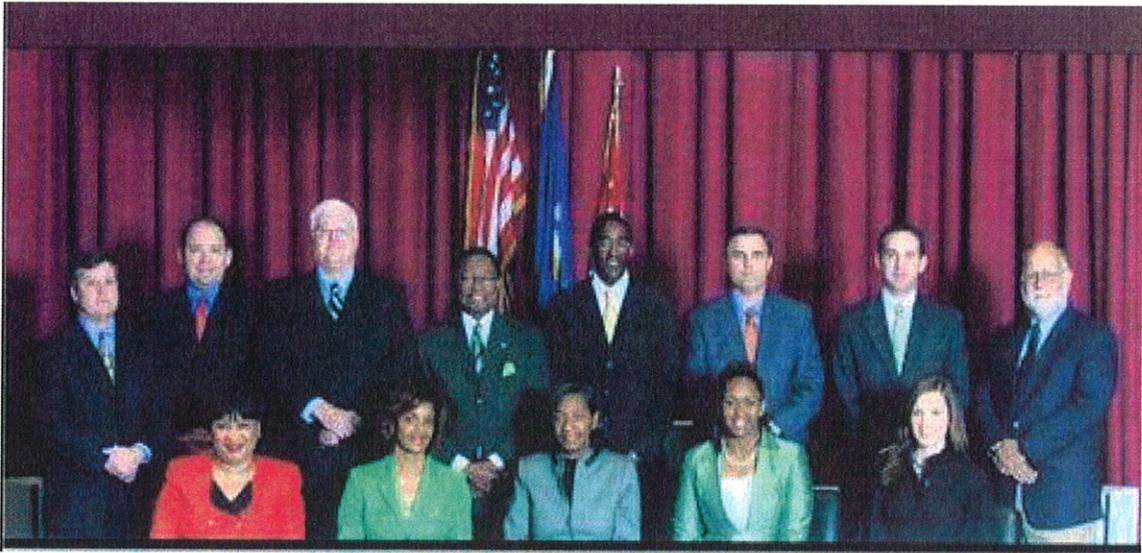
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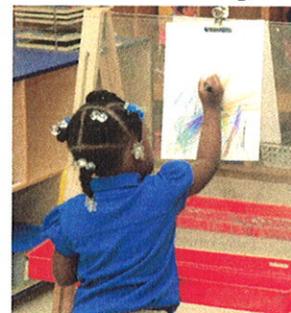
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