

**FY 12 Report to the Public for the Commonwealth of PA
Office of Child Development and Early Learning
Early Head Start**

As cited by the Head Start Act of 2007 Sec. 644 (a) (2A-H) – “*annually each Head Start/Early Head Start Grantees must complete a report to the public.*”, this report addresses the initial program year for the Commonwealth of PA, OCDEL Early Head Start Grant for FY 12, which is the period of September 30, 2011-September 29, 2012. It also addresses the supplemental funding period of September 30, 2012- December 31, 2012.

A) In FY 12, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, OCDEL, received \$1,322,387.00 from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start to delivery Early Head Start. OCDEL was required to match with a contribution of cash or in-kind of \$ 330,596.75 from the Commonwealth or its partners. Based on the program Community Needs Assessment, OCDEL proposed focusing their EHS service area to the following counties:

Lawrence County	
Lancaster County	Lebanon County

B) OCDEL partners with 2 community based agencies to deliver 128 home-based slots. Additionally they partner with the PA Key as a program managing partner to ensure compliance with the Head Start Performance Standards, including technical assistance and program monitoring.

OCDEL provided the following pass-through funds to each of its EHS partners.

Partner	Program Type	Partners contract FY 12
Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence Co.	Nurse Family Partnership	\$595,900
Lancaster-Lebanon IU # 13	Head Start Grantee	\$595,900
PA Key		\$130,587

C) Cumulative number of children and families served FY 12:

- 181 children served
- 7 expectant women
- 149 families
- 100 % avg. monthly enrollment
- 100% eligible children and families served.

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- D) Program Review- On December 12-13, 2011 OCDEL EHS received a follow up Monitoring Review based on needs identified on OCDEL EHS- ARRA Program Monitoring. The single deficiency and 6 areas of non-compliance identified the August 8, 2011 monitoring report were found to be in compliance. Self-assessment, a grant requirement occurred in February/March 2012 in order to align with the new program year.
- E) The percentage of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams.
- 97 % of enrolled children received EPSDT well child checkups. For Early Head Start enrolled children, dental exams are completed during the well child checkups.
 - 66 % of age eligible children received dental exams by a dentist.
- F) Parents are involved with program activities through the PA Early Head Start Policy Council and on parent committees at the partner level.
- Each partner agency has parent representatives seated on the policy council. Policy council convenes at regional locations linked by conference call in on a quarterly basis.
 - Each partner agency establishes its own parent committee to assist in determining local activities for PA EHS. Some examples of activities parent committees have planned include a parent dinner, parents only retreat, an incentive program for participation, holiday parties and the provision of ideas for socializations.
 - Annually parents will be provided an opportunity to provide feedback through an OCDEL parent satisfaction survey. 13% of enrolled families returned the survey which had an 4.9 approval rating on a 5 point scale.
 - By topic, the types of supports families received with the number of families impacted:
 - Child Health and Development - 149
 - Emergency/Crisis Intervention -34
 - Housing Assistance -24
 - Mental Health Services -24
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) Training -3
 - Adult Education -15
 - Job Training -18
 - Substance Abuse Prevention -24
 - Substance Abuse Treatment -7
 - Child Abuse and Neglect Services -11
 - Domestic Violence Services -3
 - Child Support Assistance- 3
 - Health Education- 149
 - Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals- 5

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- G) Efforts to prepare children for Kindergarten:
- PA Early Head Start (PA EHS) is focused on ensuring that enrolled children have received developmental, medical and sensory screenings to identify and, when appropriate, refer children demonstrating concerns.
 - PA EHS Partners utilize the PA Early Learning Standards to help drive curriculum decisions. By supporting children’s development with aligned standards, PA EHS is establishing the foundation of future learning in PA and assures learning opportunities across a continuum.
 - Reflecting the diverse needs of its partners, OCDEL allows each partner some flexibility in meeting the program standards. In order to align with school readiness goals in the two distinct service areas, each partner has selected a different assessment. CAC of Lawrence Co., uses the Ounce Scale. This tool was selected after conversation with their local Head Start Agency, which uses the Work Sampling System, the preschool assessment. Lancaster-Lebanon IU selected Teaching Strategies Gold to align with the preschool Head Start program in their community.
 - PA EHS works with parents to support them as the primary educator of their children and support their growth and understanding of child development and positive practices for social emotional development. Home visits, conferences, etc identify families’ goals for children
 - The PA EHS service area addresses counties in the commonwealth that have been identified as low reach for early care and educational services. By providing services in previously under-served areas, children & families are accessing new services.
- H) Approaching the refunding period for the OCDEL EHS grant, we were notified by the Region III Office of Head Start that our funding cycle would shift to January 1 – December 31 effective January 1, 2013. As a result we were asked to submit a supplemental funding application to cover one quarter, September 30-December 31, 2012. Those funds were distributed to OCDEL EHS partners as follows:

Partner	Partners Supplemental Contract
Children’s Advocacy Center of Lawrence Co.	\$151,219.44
Lancaster-Lebanon IU # 13	\$154,888.60
PA Key	\$34,009.96

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