

2010 Annual Report



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A Very Happy CCS Early Learning Parent

I started my daughter in Head Start at the beginning of the 2010 school year. At first my husband and I were apprehensive about placing her in preschool. We were debating if it was too early for her to start school, and we had doubts about how beneficial it would be for her.

After a few days, we realized that our daughter enjoyed going to school. I was still worried about her, and decided to



volunteer in the classroom to be with her. I was always welcomed when I come in to volunteer, and I saw why my daughter liked being at school.

Now, near the end of the school year, we

are seeing the benefits of placing our daughter in CCS Early Learning. She has quickly learned her colors, a variety of songs, and is even starting to recognize letters of the alphabet. Plus, she is not as shy as she was when she first started school. Now she will gladly participate in activities, and comfortably join other children without hesitation.

The teachers and staff at CCS Early Learning are welcoming and warm with my daughter and our family. I feel that the quality of education that my daughter is receiving will benefit her, and prepare her for kindergarten. We do not regret placing her here and we are excited that she will return next year. Our youngest daughter will turn three this summer and we are also excited that she will get the opportunity to attend CCS!

2010 - A Year in Review

We look forward to this annual opportunity to inform our community and our stakeholders about the important work that we do, and the accomplishments of our agency.

“Busy,” is probably the best word to sum up 2010. We started the year running and ended it in the same way. In late 2009 we were awarded funding that allowed us to bring 60 new Early Head Start slots to our service area for the very first time. In February of 2010 after remodeling a facility, hiring and training 15 staff members, and recruiting throughout the area we started enrolling our first children and families. Early Head Start has once again allowed us to serve children under the age of three, and for the first time we are providing year round services and a Home

Based program option for families.

In April we had our triennial federal review, an opportunity for us to have outside eyes verify that we are meeting all of the federal regulations and providing all of the services that we should. We were found to be in compliance with all regulations, a result that only 25% of programs reviewed nationwide in 2010 were able to achieve.

As you read about CCS in the pages that follow please know that we are presenting the big picture to you. No publication can capture the joy that a single child has when they learn to spell their own name or the pride of a family overcoming adversity. These are the moments that inspire us to continue making a difference.

Mark Lackey, Executive Director

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CCS Enrollment Information

In our last program year we served a total of 362 children and 11 pregnant women. Of these:

- 353 (95%) were eligible based on family income, homelessness, or foster child status
- 20 (5%) were over income, however some of these children qualified due to having a disability
- 10% of our enrollment is allowed to be over income

CCS had funding to provide slots for 320 children. We were fully enrolled each month that we were in operation.

Ready Children and Ready Families!

CCS offers many opportunities for children and families to develop their lives and to become the individuals they want to be.

Children at CCS Early Learning are ready for kindergarten when they leave each Spring. They have skills to play and negotiate with their fellow students. They understand that school is a place to learn and they know that letters are symbols that make words and words make stories.

Parents and teachers work together to teach social skills, as well as, phonemic awareness, book knowledge, science, early math, and

early literacy skills. Children receive age appropriate health and developmental screening early in the year to determine if there might be barriers that will prevent them from learning. Our goal is to give them all the skills necessary to prepare them for kindergarten and a strong beginning to their academic career.

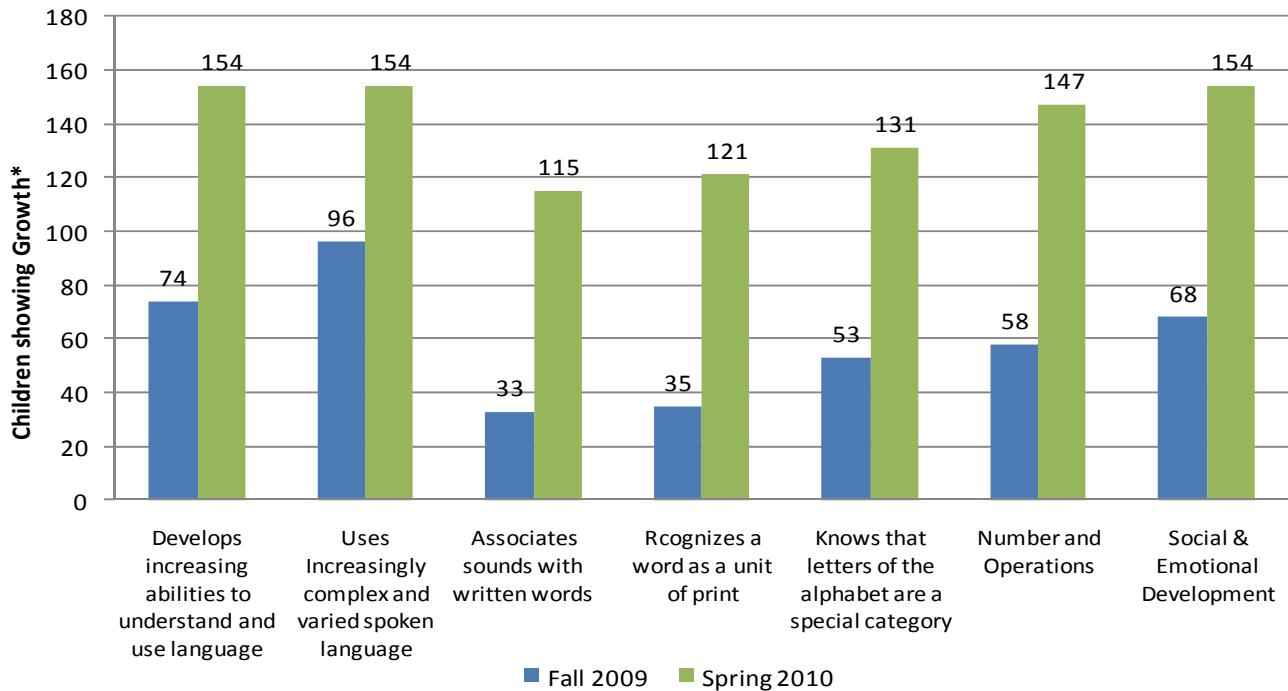
Parents in our program learn to set goals both for their children, and for themselves and the entire family. These goals are then used as guides to measure the steps they take towards success. Each step that a family reaches further strengthens the likelihood that both the child

and the family will reach their full potential.

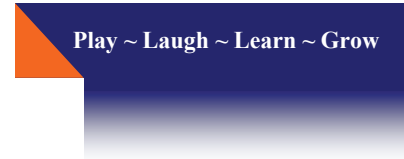
Parenting classes offer a chance to understand the many stages that children follow as they mature to productive adults. Through these classes parents begin to understand themselves and are able to cope with the many demands of parenthood. Many opportunities for families to network together are presented. This helps them to build supportive relationships and a strong “safety net” within the community.

At CCS Early Learning, we have children and families—ready for success!

Child Development Outcomes 2009-2010



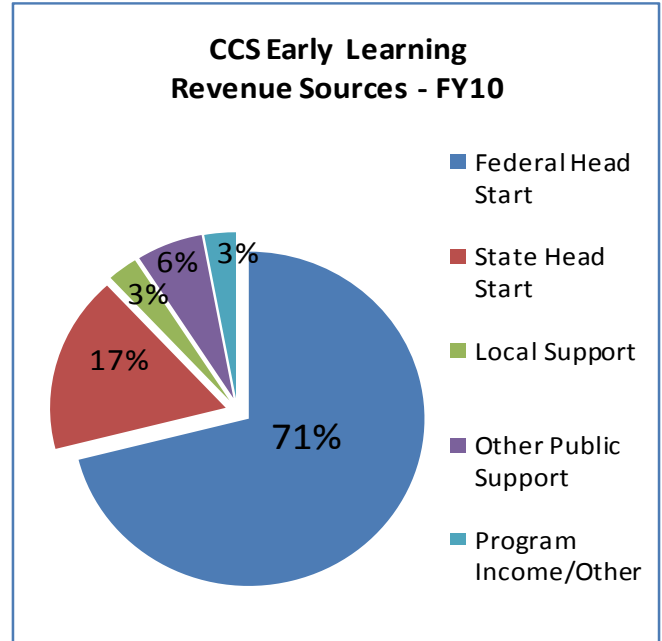
*Only the children that will enroll in kindergarten in 09-10 are reflected in this chart



Financial Summary

Revenue	Actual FY10	Budget FY10
Public Support	3,332,002	3,342,654
Private support	98,383	94,348
Program Income	40,232	68,764
Other Revenue	62,111	15,250
Total	3,532,728	3,521,016
Expenditures	Actual FY10	Budget FY10
Salaries and Fringe	2,021,173	2,244,791
Occupancy	512,978	424,252
Staff Support	148,487	111,118
Student Travel (Bus)	338,865	354,194
Equipment	70,100	-
Supplies	228,328	222,686
Contractual	108,385	72,966
Insurance	35,637	34,819
Advertising	11,643	17,518
Interest/Fees	12,383	11,760
Other Direct Costs	25,793	26,912
Total	3,513,772	3,521,016

In-Kind for FY10: \$235,525
 Audited Financial Statements Available Upon Request



Medical Exams

CCS works hard to remove all obstacles that may interfere with school success. In our last program year we had 274 (91%) children received medical screenings and exams. Of these, 22 children were identified as needing medical treatment and 18 received treatment.

Dental Exams

A total of 226 Head Start children (76%) had a professional dental examination. Of these, 50 children were diagnosed as needing dental treatment and 34 received treatment during our program year.

Results of our Head Start and Financial Reviews

The Office of Head Start does on-site program audits every three years to determine if Head Start grantees are meeting all of the Federal Performance Standards.

Our last Head Start review was conducted during April of 2010. During this review one finding was identified, however it was corrected prior to the end of the review process. Accordingly, no corrective action was required and our program was determined to be in

compliance with all applicable Head Start Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.

The review also pointed out two specific areas of strength. The first was that we had strong community partnerships and local investment. The second strength was the use of our Family Yearbooks. These are a working portfolio that documents children's progress, organizes important child records, and outlines

community resources

Our last audit covered the year ending July 31, 2010 and was performed by Foster & Company. This audit identified no areas of material weaknesses, instances of significant deficiency, or instances of non-compliance material to the financial statements of CCS Early Learning. In addition there were no findings or questioned costs and CCS Early Learning was determined to be a low-risk auditee.



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 Mitch Royer

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I am happy and privileged to be a part of the CCS Family. Thank You!

~Palmer Parent~