



Early Education and Care, Inc.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013 -2014



To Our Supporters

Dear Friends,

Early Education and Care, Inc., has been serving children and families in Bay County for 42 years and Franklin County for 15 years. Just like you the economy has been a bit tough for the agency. Our Head Start program had to endure sequestration. This meant EEC's Head Start program lost money, slots for children, staff and so much more. I am happy to say it is over and the child slots have been returned and part of the money. We have returned to the most important part of our job, educating children.

As I write this, our children are getting ready for the winter holiday season. The staff and children have been discussing what they are thankful for and what they will be doing. Through these discussions rich language experiences, letter recognition, counting and so much more is promoted. Members of the Training Staff are trying to finish up last minute exams for those adults who want to be ready to go into child care classrooms at the beginning of January. One might say it looks like a beehive around here. I say it is the sound of the future. Join us and help make children's future bright.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pamela O. Fleege



Our Mission

...is to support and provide quality care and education for children, families, and child care providers.

Guiding Principles

- Children First
- Mission Minded
- Quality Services

Our History

Our organization has always promoted the optimum development and educational success of all children. In 1972, we opened the Bay County Day Care Center, Inc. to provide quality child care services to 20 disadvantaged preschoolers. The organization became an official agency of the United Way in 1976.

In 1983, we began administering child care subsidy dollars under the direction of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, expanding to six surrounding counties. This change spurred the new name: Bay County Community-Coordinated Child Care Council, Inc. That year, the agency also received a federal grant to direct the Head Start program.

Child abuse was headlined statewide in 1985 due to an undetected criminal record of a child care worker, and legislation was passed requiring criminal background screenings and training for child care center staff. To meet the training requirement, our agency became the training coordinating agency to child care workers in 14 surrounding counties in 1986. In 1988, the agency's name changed to Early Childhood Services, Inc.

Board member, Jeanette Chapman conceptualized the idea of having initial contact with every new mother giving birth at local hospitals, which launched the Touch, Love, Communicate program in 1999.

After the School Readiness Act was enacted, the child care partnerships across the state were modified to be school readiness coalitions. To reflect the new legislation, the agency's name became Early Education and Care, Inc. in 2001.

In 2005, the Florida Legislature determined that agencies who performed school readiness services should receive their funding by way of contracts with local coalitions. Therefore, the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida, Inc. emerged as a separate state entity. EEC then responded to the Coalition's competitive bid process and was awarded the contract to continue providing the same vital services to the community.

During 2009, EEC received an Early Head Start Expansion grant. The grant funds were used to serve 68 infants, toddlers and pregnant women in Bay and Franklin Counties. This brought the total Head Start/Early Head Start enrollment to 591 children.

EEC continues to work with children and families through our Crisis Care, Head Start/Early Head Start , Child Care Training, and Touch, Love, Communicate Programs. Our programs have assisted *18,891* children and adults in the community.

Head Start

Head Start is a nationally-recognized program serving children ages three to five years old from low-income families with developmental and educational opportunities, nutritious meals, medical, dental and mental health services. The program prepares children for school and provides activities to help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally and physically.

EEC has 11 directly-operated Head Start and Early Head Start centers and two community-based locations in Bay and Franklin Counties. Five of our centers have obtained national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our NAEYC accredited centers are Bayou George, Chapman, Early Education at East Ave., Massalina and Vetter.



2013-2014 Head Start

- 722 children were served through Head Start or Early Head Start Start
- 13 families served experiencing homelessness
- Two nutritious meals and a snack were served to every child each day of class
- 660 children's health screenings were completed
- 458 children's dental screenings were completed
- 637 developmental assessments were performed
- More than 1,219 people volunteered with the program

Early Head Start And Pregnant Moms

Early Head Start serves infants and toddlers up to age three, through a center or home-based choice.

The center-based option allows the parents to work while their child is placed in an Early Head Start center, focusing on the child in a classroom setting. The center-based option provides a safe and developmentally enriching environment which promotes the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of infants and toddlers, while preparing them for future growth and development.

The home-based option focuses on the family and child in their own home environment. Visits are conducted with the parents to enhance their parenting skills and assist them in meeting personal goals and achieving self sufficiency across a wide variety of domains.

The Pregnant Moms program serves low income mothers to ensure a healthy pregnancy, safe delivery and smooth transition to home. The mom and new family are supported during the first six weeks and then the new baby may join either the center-based or home-based program.



2013-2014

Early Head Start/Pregnant Moms

- 256 children were served through Early Head Start
- 24 pregnant women were assisted through Early Head
- 20 Infants and Toddlers received early intervention services



Training

EEC offers child care training courses for 14 area counties through the Department of Children and Families. The Professional Development Institute coordinates state-mandated trainings allowing child care providers to earn child care provider credentials.

2013-2014 Training Numbers:

- 741 people enrolled in 102 of the training classes held.
- 640 number of instructor hours provided.
- 13,336 exams were passed
- 2,960 certificates were issued.

Touch, Love and Communicate

The Touch, Love and Communicate (TLC) program is provided at no cost to all parents who deliver a baby at a Bay County hospital. This partnership between EEC, Bay Medical Center and Gulf Coast Medical Center allows direct contact with new parents in the hospital setting at the time of their child's birth. During the hospital visit, the TLC coordinator explains and demonstrates basic infant care procedures such as appropriate stimulation, nurturing and other activities that promote optimum brain development.

2013-2014 TLC numbers

- 967 new contacts were made in the hospitals.
- 4,500 ASQ Screenings are sent to parents each sent each year.
- 1,131 completed ASQs were received by EEC.



Crisis Child Care

EEC provides short-term child care support to families who are in need of immediate assistance due to an emergency situation. Any person at any income level can receive this temporary funding.

- Last year, EEC provided 38 days of crisis child care for children in Bay County.

Early Education and Care, Inc.
Combined Statement of Financial
Activities (unaudited)
July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014

Assets

Current Assets	3,937,743
Accounts Receivable	737,053
Prepaid Expenses	34,792
Property and Equipment	<u>3,071,313</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,780,901</u>

Revenue and Support

Federal Funding	5,150,814
State Funding	108,013
Local Funding/Donations	19,941
In-kind/Other Donation	317,211
United Way Donation	31,116
Parent Fees	101,632
Other Misc. Programs	83,782
Rent/Interest Income	<u>84,756</u>
Total Revenues	<u>5,897,265</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities	1,021,483
Long Term Liabilities	<u>51,520</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,073,002</u>

Net Assets

Unrestricted	3,801,961
Federal Funded Assets	2,487,253
Board Designated	226,647
Temporarily Restricted	<u>192,036</u>
Total Net Assets	6,707,898

Expenditures

Program Services:	
Head Start/Early Head Start	4,628,546
Food Program	372,624
Other Programs	<u>129,786</u>
Total Program Services	5,130,956
Other Costs:	
Program Administration	129,454
Indirect Administration	319,961
Common Administration	219,303
Un-allocated costs	<u>30,270</u>
Total Other Costs	698,989

Total Liabilities And Net

Assets	<u>7,780,901</u>
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Total Expenses	<u>5,829,945</u>
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Head Start &

Apalachicola Early Head Start Center

**J.R. Arnold High School,
Head Start/Early Head Start Center**

**Bayou George
Head Start/Early Head Start Center**

**Chapman Head Start
& Early Head Start Center**

**Early Education At East Ave.
Head Start Center**

**Franklin County
Early Head Start Center**

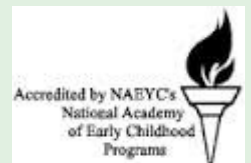
Massalina Head Start Center

**MKL - Millville Elementary School,
Head Start Center**

**Pana Villa
Early Head Start Center**

**Rosenwald High School
Head Start Center**

**Vetter Head Start
& Early Head Start Center**



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SERVICES OFFERED

Crisis Child Care

Head Start, Early Head Start &

Pregnant Moms

State Mandated Child Care Training

Ways You Can Help

Become a volunteer,

Be a guest reader for a Head Start Class.

Sponsor a Head Start or Early Head Start classroom, tee ball , basketball, or soccer team.

Donate a your expertise or goods.

Make a monetary donation.

Designate EEC in your United Way donation.

Spread the word about EEC.