

Associates for Human Services, Inc.

Early Head Start Grantee

2021 Annual Report

Associates for Human Services, Inc. (AHS) is currently funded for 112 Early Head Start slots in Attleboro, Brockton, Middleboro, New Bedford and Norton. The Homebased Model services 42 children under the age of 3 and pregnant women in an Expectant Families Model. The Child Care Partnership program services 70 children under the age of 3 in one of our child care partnership centers.

Total amount of public and private funds received and the amount from each source:

	Home Based	Partnership
ACF Federal Grant	\$588,195.00	\$1,295,742.00
Mass Dept. of Education	\$40,096.81	\$ 105,327.50
Private In-Kind contribution	\$137,549.00	\$ 323,936.00
Total Support & Revenue	\$765,840.81	\$2,326,269.00

An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for 2022:

	Home Based	Partnership
Personnel	\$293,250	\$432,320
Fringe	\$89,283	\$125,082
Travel -	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment	0	0
Supplies	\$8,000	\$36,000
Contractual	\$44,500	\$547,200
Construction	0	0
Other	\$67,950	\$91,000
Training	\$11,212	\$28,140
Trauma Training	\$35,000	\$35,000

No substantial changes are being proposed for the 2022 Fiscal Year.

The total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment, and the percentage of eligible children served (information from 2020/2021 PIR):

- During the year, EHS CCP served a total of 112 children from 103 families and EHS HB served a total of 67 children from 53 families and 7 pregnant women
- Both EHS programs were fully enrolled at all times and maintained a wait list throughout the year.
- Eligibility: EHS CCP enrolled 33 children with incomes below 100% of poverty level, 38 enrollees were the recipients of public assistance, 16 enrollees were foster children, 25 enrollees were homeless, and no enrollee was over income. EHS HB enrolled 42 children with incomes below 100% of poverty level, 7 enrollees were the recipients of public assistance, 0 enrollees were foster children, 18 enrollees were homeless, and 1 enrollees were over income.

The results of the most recent review by the Secretary and the financial audit:

Associates for Human Services, Inc. participates in federal program monitoring process. The most recent monitoring took place during June 2021. The results of the review are kept on file at the program's office. This most recent review confirmed that Associates for Human Services, Inc. is delivering high-quality Early Head Start services to families in Attleboro, Brockton, Middleboro, New Bedford and Norton. No areas of non-compliances were noted during the review. **Financial Audit attached separately**

The total number of enrolled children that received medical and dental exams (information from 2019/2020 PIR):

- 100% of CCP & HB enrolled children had an ongoing source of continuous, accessible health care
- 100% of CCP children and 88% HB children were up to date on a schedule of age-appropriate preventive and primary care according to Massachusetts' EPSDT schedule for well child care
- 49% of CCP children and 48% HB children had continuous, accessible dental care provided by a dentist

Information about parent involvement activities:

- Parents and guardians participated virtually in the program's policy council and sub-committees such as self-assessment and personnel committees
- Parents and guardians participated in virtual Parent Trainings and Discussions such as: Behavior Management, Routines, Toilet Training, Health Topics and Car Seat Safety
- Parents participated in self-assessment by completing parent surveys

- Parents and guardians were involved in center level Family events and Parent Committee meetings virtually

The agency's efforts to prepare children for kindergarten:

School Readiness Goals - FY 22

Associates for Human Services EHS has established the following goals to enhance children's development and prepare them for success in school. EHS encourages the individual development of each child by creating an environment which focuses on the following domains:

Motor Development

- Children will demonstrate effective and efficient use and control of large muscles for movement, position, and exploration
- Children will demonstrate effective and efficient use, strength, and control of small muscles during experiences and self-help skills

Approaches to Learning

- Children will demonstrate increased initiative, and flexibility while interacting with peers including the solving of social problems
- Children will explore the world around them with curiosity and increased persistence

Social Emotional Development

- Children will engage in and maintain positive and prosocial relationships with adults and peers including basic cooperation and problem solving skills to resolve conflict.
- Children will recognize self and others as unique individuals having their own abilities, characteristics, emotions and interests.
- Children will identify and express a broad range of emotions appropriately

Language and Literacy

- Children will communicate needs and wants non-verbally and by speaking in their primary language and/or English
- Children will listen, respond, and understand complex language through conversations in their primary language and/or English
- Children will demonstrate comprehension of books and print through telling stories, songs, poems, books and interactions during reading experiences.

Cognition

- Children will develop and utilize their cognitive skills to remember, adapt, and apply information to the world around them.
- Children will use math skills in daily routines to count, compare, classify and to identify shapes and patterns.