

Concerted Services, Inc. Child Development Services

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A NHSA Program of Achievement

Annual Report

Program year 2007-2008

The mission of Concerted Service, Inc. Child Development Services is to provide a teaching and learning environment to meet the developmental needs of all children to ensure future educational success.

Bonnie T. Gaskins, Director

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Concerted Services, Inc. (CSI) Child Development Services operates Head Start, Early Head Start and Pre-K programs in rural Southeast Georgia. Comprehensive pre-school services are provided to 60 Early Head Start children and families and/or pregnant women; 931 Head Start Pre-School children and families in which 60 children and families receive Pre-K blended services.

<u>County</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Appling County Head Start	54
Atkinson County Head Start	51
Bacon County Head Start	55
Bacon County Early Head Start	16
Brantley County Head Start	33
Candler County Head Start	34
Charlton County Head Start	34
Clinch County Head Start	51
Coffee County Head Start	160
Jeff Davis County Head Start	40
Pierce County Head Start	57
Toombs County Head Start	97
Ware County Head Start	269
Ware County Early Head Start	44

The program operates a full year, full day, center based option in which the children attend the program 6.5 hours per day for an average of 175 days. The local public school board calendar is followed. The Early Head Start Program also operates a center based summer program in which the parents and children attend the center activities.

Quality Standards

Georgia exempts Head Start centers from child care licensing; however, CSI voluntarily licensed the centers in Atkinson, Brantley, Charlton, and Toombs counties. ABC Child Development/Head Start, A.V. Kennedy Early Head Start, and Ware County Head Start/Pre-School Center are also licensed and received the Standards of Care Centers of Distinction award. Head Start centers in Atkinson, Brantley, Candler, Charlton, Jeff Davis, Toombs, and Ware have NAEYC (National Association on the Education of Young Children) accreditation.

Parent Involvement

Parents play an important role in the program by serving on Center Committees, Head Start Policy Council, and Advisory Committees. Parents also assist the program with self-assessment, program planning, curriculum planning, center activities, parent trainings, and other functions that enhance the program outcomes. Over 49 different parent trainings and events were offered at the centers. Events included Grits for Grands, P.J. Reading Parties, Digging with Dads, Muffins for Moms, Kingdom Health Care, Pinwheel Project, Healthy Lifestyles for Families, and others. Training topics included Share a Story, Child Passenger Safety, Financial Education, Ages & Stages, The Low-Down on Sugar, Temperament Traits, Taming the Temper Tantrum Tiger, and many others. The parents are the most important teacher a child has and the program is honored to have such great partners.



Education

The program used the Creative Curriculum which is enhanced with the I'm Moving, I'm Learning, Second Steps, STEPS Emergent Literacy, and Safety Sam activities in the classrooms. Children are screened using the DIAL-R instrument and assessed using the COR Continuum. Transition activities for children and parents include field trips to the kindergarten school, parent and staff training on requirements for kindergarten registration and expectations, and transition summer activity booklet with activities for parent and child.



Budget

Concerted Services, Inc. Child Development Services receives Federal funds to operate the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs from the Health and Human Services, Administration for Youth and Children Services, Office of Head Start. The following is a breakdown of funds:

Salaries:	\$ 3,899,500
Fringe Benefits:	\$ 1,481,100
Travel:	\$ 44,410
Equipment:	\$ 24,410
Supplies:	\$ 347,733
Contractual:	\$ 322,915
Other (Fuel, Utilities, etc)	\$ 483,596
Training:	\$ 86,231
Indirect:	\$ 568,042
OHS Total	\$7,224,116

A 20% local match is required to operate the program.

In-kind Donations	\$1,806,029
Volunteer time & classroom space	
Other income:	
USDA –Food Program	\$ 620,000
BFS DECAL Pre-K	\$ 201,554
Other Total	\$ 821,554
Total All Funds	\$9,851,599

Monitoring

The program tri-annual Federal Review was conducted in February 2008 and is in compliance with the Head Start Performance Standards. The annual agency audit was conducted by BYRT CPAs, LLC Certified Public Accountants conducted the agency’s annual audit February 2008 with no exception findings.

During the program year, ABC Child Development Services, A.V. Kennedy Early Head Start Center, and Ware County Head Start/Pre-School Center were awarded the Department of Early Care and Learning Standards of Care Center of Distinction.



Program Statistics 2007-2008 program year:

- 1,080 children served by Head Start;
- 71 children served by Early Head Start;
- 21.28% Head Start returning children;
- .05% Hispanic children;
- 15% child turnover rate;
- 97.88% of children current on immunizations;
- 94.48% of children up-to-date on age-appropriate primary health care;
- 1016 children completed dental exams;
- 99.1% children received dental treatment;
- 84 children received mental health services;
- 10.65% of children diagnosis with special needs;
- 982 nutrition assessments;
- 3,999,440 meals served;
- 1068 families served;
- 971 family partnerships for goal setting;
- 879 parent referrals for services;
- 267 children transitioned to kindergarten;
- 20 Early Head Start children transitioned to Head Start;
- 1120 children completed developmental screenings;
- 786 families receiving WIC services;
- 388 fathers participated in program activities;
- 8 services to homeless families;
- 42.42% teachers with BS degrees;
- 36.36% teachers with AS degrees;
- 24.24% teachers in college;
- 87.52% of average daily attendance;
- 4,532 free Reading Is Fundamental books distributed;
- 73,255 bus miles for transportation of children;
- 235 staff members;
- 33.19% staff members former Head Start parents;
- 15 centers and 1 administration office;
- 8 Early Head Start classrooms and 51 Head Start Classrooms;
- Service contracts with Clinch County and Bacon County Board of Education to operate five classrooms;