



A time to grow

The Children's Center

2010-2011
ANNUAL REPORT

Remarks from Don



Despite delays in getting the construction going for expansion of the Early Head Start program, things are

moving forward at a steady pace and I am more excited than ever about the future of the Children's Center.

In reading the Annual Report we hope you will note we have positioned this organization to serve more families and positively impact the lives of future

generations in Western Tidewater.

We are hopeful that in addition to expanding Early Head Start, we can also become the primary provider of Head Start services in Western Tidewater.

The Children's Center continues to provide quality programs that help *families* achieve goals for *their* children. The Board of Directors continues its pledge to nurture and educate children and families throughout Western Tidewater in an effort to improve the quality of life in all communities we serve.

-- Donald T. Robertson
President, Board of Directors

Growing, Learning, Changing



This coming year brings winds of change to the Children's Center. We look forward to the day the

renovation of the Suffolk Center will be complete. The renovation is part of the Early Head Start grant that has enabled the Center to serve an additional 108 children in the Early Head Start program. The renovation will make more center-based services such as education, parent training, staff education and community involvement more available.

The Center is identifying ways to collaborate with others to bring positive growth in our communities. We have been working with Smart Beginnings Western Tidewater and

the Suffolk Early Childhood Development Commission to support our infants, toddlers, and preschoolers as they get ready for school. We know quality services now will pay off with students eager and ready to learn in the future.

A focus on growth and change has been good for the littlest children in our community. We have wonderful partners in growing projects that include increased services for children living in poverty, for children with disabilities, and for early care and education providers to increase children's social and emotional growth.

YOU have helped us grow! We thank each one of you for your support.

-- Barbara S. Mease
Executive Director

Our Mission

We nurture and educate children and their families . . .

Our Shared Values

Because children deserve our best efforts . . .

We serve children of all levels of ability, including children with disabilities.

We celebrate diversity in all our programs.

We recognize the family as the best teacher and decision maker for their children.

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children.

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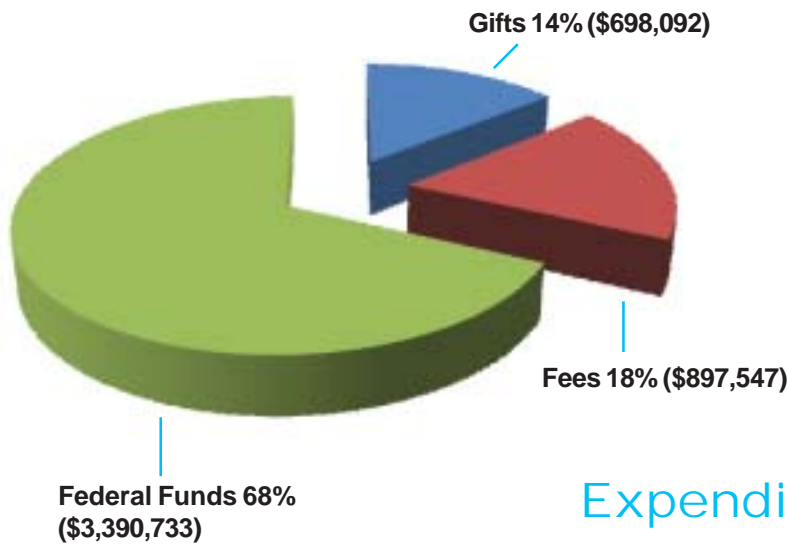
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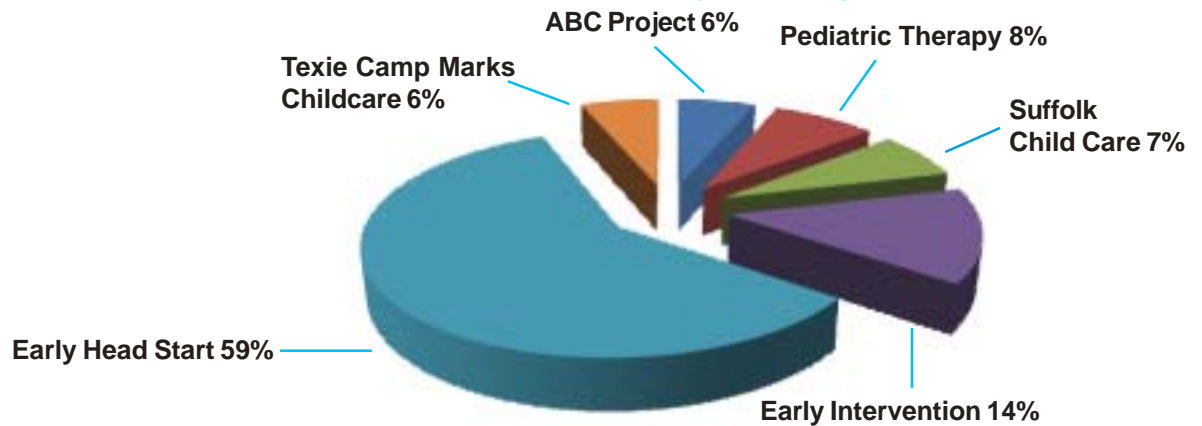
Revenue and Expenditures

2010-2011 Actual – \$4,986,372

Revenue by Source



Expenditures by Program



Program Statistics

	Total	City of Suffolk	City of Franklin	Isle of Wight County	Southampton County	Other
Early Intervention	374	231	46	74	22	1
Pediatric Therapy	343	181	58	45	29	30
Texie Camp Marks Childcare	105	5	51	3	40	6
Suffolk Center Childcare	141	131	4	2	0	4
Early Head Start	355	129	149	34	43	0
ABC Project	30	14	12	4	0	0
Total Participating	1,348	691	320	162	134	41
Total Actual Children (non-duplicated)	975					

Audit Results

The independent auditors' report expressed an unqualified opinion — which is the highest opinion an auditor can give — on the financial statements of the Children's Center for the fiscal year 2010-2011. We are also pleased to report that the auditors' report on compliance for the Children's Center had no findings of non-compliance for the Early Head Start program for the fiscal year 2010-2011. A copy of the Children's Center's audit is available upon request.

Early Head Start Statistics

2010-2011 Revenues and Expenses

2011-2012 EHS Budget

EHS Revenues

Source	Budget
EHS Federal Funds	\$1,427,926
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 326,278
USDA	\$ 60,000
Local Tax	\$ 1,000
United Way	\$ 29,703
Contributions	\$ 0
TOTAL	\$1,844,907

EHS Expenses

Source	Budget
Salaries	\$ 995,377
Supplies	\$ 168,488
Equipment	\$ 0
Fringe	\$ 130,250
Construction	\$ 0
Contractural	\$ 0
Travel	\$ 4,000
Other	\$ 546,792
TOTAL	\$1,844,907

EHS Expan. Revenues

Source	Budget
EHS Federal Funds	\$1,944,865
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 0
USDA	\$ 27,000
Local Tax	\$ 28,847
United Way	\$ 0
Contributions	\$ 457,369
TOTAL	\$2,458,081

EHS Expan. Expenses

Source	Budget
Salaries	\$ 730,608
Supplies	\$ 157,787
Equipment	\$ 54,725
Fringe	\$ 85,786
Construction	\$1,249,532
Contractural	\$ 43,942
Travel	\$ 16,233
Other	\$ 119,468
TOTAL	\$2,458,081

Revenues

Source	Budget	%
EHS Federal Funds	\$2,413,848	78
In-Kind Contributions	\$ 455,830	15
USDA	\$ 71,500	2
Local Tax	\$ 32,975	1
United Way	\$ 26,560	1
Contributions	\$ 91,725	3
TOTAL	\$3,092,438	

Expenses

Source	Budget	%
Salaries	\$1,556,869	50
Supplies	\$ 310,616	10
Equipment	\$ 53,097	2
Fringe	\$ 215,859	7
Construction	\$ 132,415	4
Contractural	\$ 1,450	0
Travel	\$ 19,467	1
Other	\$ 802,665	26
TOTAL	\$3,092,438	

Average EHS Monthly Enrollment for 2010-2011 as percentage of funded enrollment: 100% (256 of 256)

Percentage of eligible children served by Early Head Start in Western Tidewater

The Children's Center estimates that 661 children are eligible for Early Head Start services in Western Tidewater. During the 2010-2011 fiscal year, the Center served 38.7 percent of those eligible children (256 of 661).

Early Head Start Review

The Administration for Children and Families conducted an on-site monitoring review of the Children's Center's Early Head Start program in June of 2009. The Head Start Review Report found the Children's Center to be in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.



Parent Involvement

One hundred percent (284 of 284) of families served by Early Head Start participated in education activities designed to develop knowledge and skills that encourage self-sufficiency and improve interaction with children.

Kindergarten preparation

Families in the Children's Center Early Head Start program participate in the Raising-A-Reader (RAR) program. RAR provides books on a rotating basis and encourages parents to share books with their children.

The Children's Center uses *Creative Curriculum* in all of its EHS classrooms. *Creative Curriculum* is a comprehensive curriculum with a clear organizational structure and a particular focus on interest areas.

The Children's Center EHS program assures that all children have required immunizations, social security cards, birth certificates, primary care physicians, dental screenings, and health insurance before they leave the program.

Dental and Medical exams

One hundred percent (334 of 334) of children in the Early Head Start program received dental screenings. One hundred percent (334 of 334) of children in the Early Head Start program received medical exams.

Latifah gives Madisyn an Early Head Start

Latifah Blow has had two children in the Early Head Start program in Franklin. Latifah was a teen mother and has used the program not only for her children, but also for her own education. That's what Early Head Start is all about.

Her son, Nickolas, participated in the EHS program at the 507 Third Avenue building in Franklin and now has gone on to preschool.

Because of a heart condition, her daughter, Madisyn, is currently enrolled in the EHS program with home-based services.

Latifah is a senior at Norfolk State University majoring in social work. EHS has helped her work toward her degree.

"It helps me out a lot when I have someone I can trust to watch my kids," she said. "They do a lot of field trips and activities, and really

helped my son through potty training. I really like the program."

While Nickolas was with the Center, Latifah was a member of the Policy Council, the governing body for Early Head Start. "I got involved with the Policy Council because I wanted to know what was going on when it comes to Nickolas," she said.

Latifah is hoping to earn a master's degree and eventually a doctorate degree. She has big dreams about what she might do in the future.

"I want to work with kids in the inner city, to advocate for them, and for girls because I was a teen mother," she said. "But I am undecided because I also want to work in a hospital dealing with families that have children's issues. I like to help people. If I can change one person's life, I feel that's a great impact."



Latifah Blow and her daughter, Madisyn. Latifah's son, Nickolas, also attended the Children's Center Early Head Start program in Franklin.

Early Head Start serves

- ❖ Income eligible families living in Western Tidewater (Suffolk, Isle of Wight County, Franklin, and Southampton County)
- ❖ Pregnant women and children from birth to age three

Early Head Start provides

- ❖ All families with early childhood education, family and health services
- ❖ All children are provided with developmental screenings
- ❖ The program acknowledges families as the primary educators of their children
- ❖ The program provides families with parent training, family support, as well as early care and education for their children
- ❖ Services for the families are offered through a variety of options including full-time and part-time child care and home visits for parent education and support
- ❖ Children who have disabilities are included
- ❖ The program has numerous partnerships within the community to provide quality services to our families

Laura has designs for her own success

Early Intervention serves

❖ Children who are birth to age three who have developmental delays or disabilities and reside in Franklin, Suffolk, Southampton County, or Isle of Wight County

Early Intervention provides

- ❖ Families are provided Information, support, and services to encourage their child's development
- ❖ Children enrolled may have complex needs including health impairments
- ❖ Pediatric therapy services may be offered as part of the program
- ❖ A service coordinator helps ensure that services are coordinated with health care and other community service agencies
- ❖ Services subject to fees are offered on a sliding fee scale based on the families' ability to pay
- ❖ No child is denied services because of an inability to pay

Pediatric Therapy serves

- ❖ Children who are ages birth to 21 years of age
- ❖ Children who need occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech/ language therapy, or special education services

Pediatric Therapy provides

- ❖ Multi-disciplinary evaluations and licensed therapy services

Laura Robb has been with the Children's Center from the beginning. We have loved watching her grow and learn.

Laura was born in 1984 with arthrogryposis, a rare congenital disorder. She has limited muscles in her arms or legs.

"We really didn't know where to go or what to do in the beginning, except what the doctors told us," said Jean Robb, Laura's mother. "We were told the more therapy Laura got the faster she would progress."

She received physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and respite care when the Suffolk Children's Center operated at Magnolia United Methodist Church in Suffolk. Eventually, she entered the pre-school program with Suffolk Public Schools.

Later on, Laura attended summer camp at the Children's Center in Franklin.

Laura was featured in the Children's Center annual report almost 10 years ago, getting ready to attend Longwood University after

graduating from Lakeland High School in Suffolk. Laura graduated from Longwood five years ago and now operates her own graphic design business called redDesign Room (www.reddesignroom.com) after working public relations and marketing for the Virginia Symphony for a couple of years.

"The economy dropped off and my position with the symphony was cut," Laura said. "That actually gave me a unique opportunity, and I started doing projects for people I knew. That turned into, 'maybe I should start a business.'"

Today, Laura is running Red Design Room out of her house with services that include web, logo, and print design. Her portfolio includes design work for individuals and several small businesses. She is in the process of designing a new logo for the Children's Center.

"The business has been going for a couple of years," she said. "I'm still trying to grow the business."

The Children's Center salutes this ambitious young woman. What a success!



Laura Robb, who attended the Children's Center for Early Intervention and childcare services, graduated from Longwood University and has opened up her own design business.

Constance and Everett are getting ready

Erica Strausbaugh is a believer in the Children's Center. Erica and her husband, both active duty military transplants from Illinois, have found a home in Suffolk for their family.

Constance, now 5 and in kindergarten at Nansemond Parkway Elementary School in Suffolk, spent a year in the Children's Center Pre-K program. Erica has been impressed with the Children's Center early care and education services.

"Everything has been a blessing. The teachers have been great in helping prepare her for kindergarten," Erica said. "It's really helpful as a parent, especially serving in the military, with the service that is here. It's not just, 'we will watch your kids.' They are going to watch your kids and help them get ready for kindergarten and what needs they are going to have in the school system."

Everett, 3, is enrolled in the community childcare program at the Suffolk Children's Center, and also received Early Intervention services through the Center.

"Some of the staff sat down with me and said they had some concerns," Erica said. "I thought, this is real, so let's get started with this. Everyone has been so helpful in advocating for Everett and helping me understand the system."

Everett is receiving speech and occupational therapy with Tidewater Therapy and additional

speech and occupational therapy services through the Suffolk Public Schools. The Children's Center is transporting Everett to therapy appointments. "That is so helpful. I work in Portsmouth and I don't have to take time off to do any of that. That is huge, not having to leave for an appointment that happens twice a week."

Erica has seen results in Everett. "He is now able to follow two-step directions. He is able to put four to five words together. He is able to identify where he wants to go," she said. "Before he would just grab my hand and lead me to what he wanted."

"The Children's Center has really benefitted us," Erica added.



Erica Strausbaugh with her children Constance (l) and Everett.

Community Early Care and Education serves

- ❖ Children who are six weeks of age through 5 years of age
- ❖ Children who are at varying levels of ability, including those who are disabled and non-disabled, and need full or part-time childcare

Community Early Care and Education provides

- ❖ Licensed early care and education services
- ❖ Care for children with and without disabilities in an inclusive learning environment
- ❖ Developmental screenings twice a year
- ❖ Ready for school; ready for life!

Scenes from the the Children's Cen



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ABC Project helps providers

Advancing Behavioral Competencies (ABC) Project serves

❖ Early care and education providers and families of children birth to age 3 in Western Tidewater

The ABC Project provides

❖ Free services to support early care and education providers in meeting the unique social, emotional, and behavioral needs of infants and toddlers

❖ With parental and provider consent, the ABC Project staff work collaboratively with families and early care and education providers to better understand a child's strengths and what he or she is trying to communicate through behaviors and emotions.

❖ Parents, providers, and ABC staff work together to develop a positive support plan to meet the needs of each child

The ABC Project is funded by

❖ The Virginia Department of Social Services (state and federal ARRA funding)

❖ Franklin-Southampton Charities

The ABC Project provides childcare providers with support to meet the unique social, emotional, and behavioral needs of young children.

With parental and provider consent, the ABC Project staff works collaboratively with families and childcare providers to better understand a child's strengths and what he or she is trying to communicate through behaviors and emotions. Parents, providers, and ABC staff work together to identify positive strategies and support to meet the needs of each child.

One component of the Advancing Behavioral Competencies (ABC) Project is the outreach to childcare centers and home-based providers throughout Western Tidewater. ABC Project staff provide social and emotional consultation and ongoing mentoring to providers, using a nurturing and reflective approach to help classrooms run smoother and

do a more complete job of supporting social-emotional development of kids.

April Knight, a mentor for the ABC Project, has seen firsthand the positives the program has had with local home-based providers.

"Often they are mothers and grandmothers with really good hearts and want to care for kids in their home. It's really a tough job," April said. "ABC helps them do some evaluating and looking at social-emotional well-being of the children."

Social and emotional health can be supported through a variety of everyday routines and activities. For example, when children play together, they are learning to be kind and part of a team or group.

"In addition to providing reflective mentoring to childcare providers, we have been able to support social-emotional development by purchasing some amazing books and activities, outdoor equipment, paints, puppets, and play kitchens," April said.

Not only are the providers grateful to have the new resources, but the children have also enjoyed the new opportunities to learn.

"The kids, you could feel the joy and the energy was coming out of them. It was magic," April said. "I think having those resources will fundamentally change the quality of their day for a long, long time to come."



Benton family legacy is now a trio at the Children's Center

When Cindy and David Benton found out they were having a third child, they never hesitated once to call the Children's Center for early care and education services. Their other two children, Chad and Emmy, had both been through the program, and both are now model students in school.

Chad, now 17, came to the Texie Camp Marks Center when he was two and also participated in the after school program. Today, Chad is a straight "A" student at Franklin High School and participates on the golf and soccer teams. He has aspirations of going to college and studying computer animation.

Emmy, 7, was in the Early Care and Education program at the Center and also participated in the after school program. She is a top student in first grade at S.P. Morton Elementary School in Franklin. A self-proclaimed "entertainer", Emmy enjoys computer games.

Wade, who was born in August, is now in the infant room at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center.

The choice for early care and education was easy, according to Cindy.

"We really never considered taking Wade anywhere else. We called Dorothy Bryant (Site Supervisor at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center) to be put on the list," Cindy said. "We were very pleased with the care that Emmy and Chad each received."

Cindy remembers the good feelings the Benton's had when dropping their kids off at the Center.

"When we would leave them in the mornings, we always knew they would be well taken care of," she said. "I love the staff. You can tell they are happy with their jobs and in what they do and that they care. Chad and Emmy had a lot of the same teachers, and I still see them here."



Chad (back right) and Emmy Benton (front left) are both "graduates" of the Children's Center and now little brother, Wade, is at the Center. Also pictured are mom Cindy Benton and dad David Benton.



Chad and Wade Benton

EHS expansion nearing completion in Franklin, Suffolk

The Children's Center is in the final stages of completing an Early Head Start expansion, which has raised the number of children served from 148 to 256.

At the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center in Franklin, four large classrooms were converted into six classrooms to better serve community and Early Head Start students. The classrooms were completed and opened in April of 2011.

An addition is being built onto the Suffolk Children's Center. The new addition includes three EHS classrooms, a conference room for staff and parent use, and a new kitchen. The addition is 3,515 square feet, which will increase the Suffolk Children's Center to a total of 11,138 square feet. Another 916 square feet of the existing building will be renovated to create new offices, a new reception area, and an improved therapy room.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the project on September 15, 2011. The project is expected to be completed by March 2012.

Funding for the building project includes federal ARRA dollars and grants from the Hampton Roads Community Foundation, Bank of America, Obici Healthcare Foundation, Beazley Foundation, Community Action Coalition of Virginia, Bennett's Creek Sertoma Club, and an anonymous donor.

The Children's Center applied to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for expanded EHS services after reviewing the community need.



Construction on the addition to the Suffolk Children's Center began in October of 2011 with demolition.

The Children's Center endowment: preparing for the future

The Children's Center's Board of Directors established an endowment with the Hampton Roads Community Foundation in February 2008.

The purpose of the endowment is to ensure the Center will have financial stability for years to come.

As of the end of the third quarter 2011, the Children's Center's endow-

ment was valued at \$45,703.

You can contribute to the Children's Center Endowment in any amount at any time. The two best ways to donate include:

❖ By check, which can be mailed to: 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Please include "endowment donation" as an identifier on the check.

❖ By debit card or credit card at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center, 700 Campbell Avenue in Franklin, or the Suffolk Children's Center, 300 Executive Court, Suffolk.

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Groundbreaking



The Children's Center held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 15, 2011 for an addition to the Suffolk Children's Center at 300 Executive Court. Pictured (l-r) are Don Robertson, President of the Children's Center Board of Directors; Vivian Oden of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation; Barbara Mease, Executive Director of the Children's Center; teacher Angela Melton; Sharon Szalai of PF&A Design; teacher Latanya Barksdale; and Gary Richardson of R.D. Lambert & Son, Inc. The children are (clockwise) Armani, D'auna, Blake, and Jamier.

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