

## GIVING CHILDREN & FAMILIES A GREAT START



**Volunteers of America**  
Southwest California  
*Making life better, together.*

### Early Head Start School Year 2013-2014

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**Our Mission**  
*To Inspire hope through our ministry of service by providing individuals and families with tools to improve their quality of life.*



**Our Vision**  
*A safe, healthy and productive community where families are strengthened, people live with dignity, and human potential is realized.*

Research indicates that the most important developmental years in the life of a child are from birth to 5 years of age. Volunteers of America's Early Head Start program in San Bernardino and Rialto is specifically designed to address this need. Our Early Head Start program assists low-income and special-need families by providing free early childhood development, support and outreach services to eligible families with children under 3 years of age and pregnant women..

#### **Free Home-based and Center-based Services:**

- Free well baby screenings
- Parent education home visits
- Child development center for children with parents that work or go to school
- Child development and milestone checks
- Nutrition and education information
- Parenting support groups
- Referrals to free and low-cost community and medical resources

#### **Active Parent Involvement:**

- Home-based visitations & Teacher/Parent Conferences
- Monthly Socialization and Parent Meetings
- Seasonal Events for children & family members
- Volunteer program for current parents
- Establishment of personal goals for parents and family member
- Membership for Policy Council & Parent Committees
- Participation in the Health Advisory Committee



### **OUR EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM SERVES:**

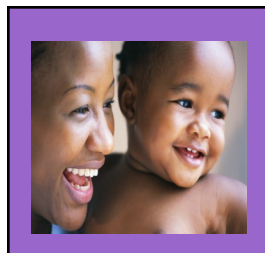
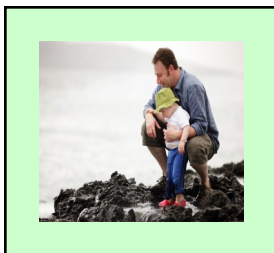
The cities of: San Bernardino; Grand Terrace; Loma Linda; Rialto; Colton; Highland, Mentone; Bloomington and the areas with zip codes: 92313; 92316; 92324; 92346; 92350; 92354; 92357; 92359; 92376; 92401; 92404; 92405; 92407; 92408; 92410; 92411.

#### **Reaching Out to Children & Families : Feb 2013 to Jan 2014**

- Program serves 386 children and 30 pregnant women during the fiscal year. 100% funded.
- 100% of children enrolled receive medical and dental exams.
- Average monthly enrollment was 244 clients with a 100% enrollment.
- 90% of the children served met program eligibility criteria.
- About 3% of eligible families are served within service area

#### **Program Goals**

- Encourage healthy development of children.
- Promote strong, healthy and highly effective families.
- Offer skills building and resource referrals.
- Provide continuous and comprehensive services.



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### SCHOOL READINESS

No more tears on the first day of kindergarten...well, probably not for the students of our program.

Our Early Head Start program prepares children up to three years of age for kindergarten by concentrating on the following skills:

- Pre-Literacy and numeracy activities
- Social emotional development
- Physical development and dexterity
- Cognitive skills
- Intellectual advancement
- Foster confidence to master own body, behavior and world.
- Foster the ability to engage with others
- Focus on continuity of care
- Focus on building strong relationships with parents

Our focus is on providing an individualized approach to school readiness that differentiates instruction to align with the strengths and emotional development of each child which is the precursor of success in school. We also work with parents to ensure a smooth transition from our program to preschool and then onto kindergarten. (Zero to Three, 1992).



### PROGRAM & FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE

When you entrust the care of your children to us, it's important to know that we pass our audits with flying colors.

On a routine basis, our Early Head Start program is subjected to rigorous and strict federal, financial and internal audits that assess performance standards for client care and supervision, health and safety, personnel and training, operations, contract compliance, fiscal records and physical plant.

#### FEDERAL REVIEW:

Our latest federal review found our Early Head Start program as having no adverse findings.

#### FINANCIAL AUDIT:

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There were no findings

#### INTERNAL AUDIT:

Volunteers of America's Department of Performance Accountability & Compliance



### FISCALLY SOUND

We know how to count pennies and make every penny count. Our fiscal year runs from February to January of each year and this year the program received expansion funding. The majority of the Early Head Start budget was allocated to staffing and salary expenses. Of the remaining funds, dollars were allocated to training and staff enrichment, supplies and educational materials, and a portion was utilized for rent, insurance, utilities and administrative costs.

#### PUBLIC & PRIVATE REVENUE BY SOURCE

**Early Head Start \$3,268,727**  
*Administration for Children and Families*  
**Resource Center: \$432,296**  
*First Five of San Bernardino*  
**State Preschool-\$1,093,846**  
*California Dept. of Education*

#### PRESENT YEAR'S BUDGET

**Personnel-\$1,897,215**  
**Benefits-\$484,530**  
**Travel/Training-\$23,490**  
**Supplies-\$47,198**  
**Contractual-\$68,445**  
**Other-\$846,944**  
**Total - \$3,372,842**

#### PROJECTED BUDGET

**Personnel-\$10,628,922**  
**Benefits-\$451,010**  
**Travel/Training-\$843,211**  
**Supplies-\$165,427**  
**Contractual-\$367,931**  
**Other-\$283,526**  
**Total - \$12,739,017**

#### Agency Funding FY Jul-Jun

**Federal-\$4,289,729**  
**State-\$4,140,451**  
**County- \$3,355,225**

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