

# Arkansas Division of Child Care/Early Childhood Education Early Head State – Child Care Partnership Grant Program

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## Goals of The Grant Program



1. To bring Early Head Start Services to areas of Arkansas where there are currently none, and to add slots in areas with an overwhelming disparity between need and available services.
2. To significantly enhance the child development and early learning outcomes of children who will receive comprehensive services and family support throughout the model.
3. To efficiently layer Early Head Start and child care funding to improve the quality of child care in the target counties to benefit not only the Early Head Start children who are funded under this proposal, but also other children receiving care at the child care partner sites.
4. To leverage state funding and other state programs and resources to create a high-quality intervention for at-risk children under three that exists within a unified birth-to-school-entry continuum of care and education.

## List of Community Hubs (2018-2019)

Community Services Office, Inc. (CSO)  
600 West Grand  
Hot Springs, Arkansas 71913  
Leslie Barnes, Executive Director  
[executivedirector@csoarkansas.org](mailto:executivedirector@csoarkansas.org)  
501-623-3545

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7415 Colonel Glenn Road  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72204  
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501-570-5007

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550 Ninth Street  
Batesville, Arkansas 72501  
Linda Cooper, Early Head Start/Head Start Director  
[lcooper@nadcinc.org](mailto:lcooper@nadcinc.org)  
870-793-3234

## List of Partners

CSO:

Hot Springs Childcare III (48 slots)  
802 Emory Street  
Hot Springs, AR 71913  
501-623-7320

Mother Goose Daycare (16 slots)  
239 Swanigan Street  
Eudora, AR 71640  
870-355-8565

ARcare Center for Education and Wellness (32 slots)  
800 Main Street  
Augusta, AR 72006  
870-347-3400

Jellybean Junction (12 slots)  
849 North Gabbert Street  
Monticello, AR 71655  
870-367-3014



## List of Partners

### UAMS:

Bright Beginnings Childcare Center III (16 slots)  
900 West 36th Street  
North Little Rock, AR 72118  
501-904-2392

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Children's Learning Center (St. Luke)  
(16 slots)  
6401 West 32nd Street  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
501-978-0527

Early Steps Child Development Center (8 slots)  
2204 Parkway Drive  
North Little Rock, AR 72118  
501-771-1616



## List of Partners

NADC:

Evening Shade Daycare (4 slots)  
2 Park Circle  
Evening Shade, AR 772532  
870-394-2655

Highland Wee Care Child Enrichment Center (8 slots)  
1693 Highway 62/412  
Highland, AR 72542  
870-856-5437

Happy Feet/Kiddo College (8 slots)  
2985 Highway 62/412  
Highland, AR 72542  
870-394-2655



## Program Overview

- The Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant is funded for 168 children.
- Currently, the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership Grant is serving:
  - 120 single parents
  - 6 foster children
  - 10 homeless families
  - 35 children with a diagnosed or suspected disability
  - 3 children living with a guardian other than their own parent
  - 5 children whose primary language is Spanish.
- Each of the facilities housing an Early Head Start program is at least a Level 1 of Better Beginnings, Arkansas's Quality Rating Improvement System for childcare providers.
- Of the ten current partner sites, six are at a Level 3 in Better Beginnings.
- The EHS-CC partnership ensures that all participating providers operate on a full-day, full-year schedule (minimum of 10 hours/day, 5 days/week, 48 weeks/year), which maximizes continuity of care for children and supports families' employment and economic stability.
- DCCECE is utilizing layered funding and state resources to maximize the quality of care in all participating child care facilities. The resources include:
  - Child Care and Development Fund quality set-aside funding (at least 50%)
  - Child and Adult Care Food Program
  - Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) prekindergarten funding
  - HIPPY and family engagement resources developed with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation
  - ABC prekindergarten professional development funding

## Financial Information

### Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Budget for 2018-2019:

<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$246,420.00</b>
Salaries	\$123,093.00
Fringe Benefits	\$39,081.00
Staff Development	\$4,160.00
Travel	\$40,000.00
Supplies	\$15,706.00
Other	\$24,380.00
<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$2,487,562.00</b>
Training and Technical Assistance	\$66,682.00
CSO	\$1,556,280.00
UAMS	\$576,400.00
NADC	\$288,200.00
<b>COLA Increase</b>	<b>\$69,350.00</b>
<b>Non-federal Match</b>	<b>\$700,833.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,504,165.00</b>

### Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Budget for 2019-2020:

<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$315,770.00</b>
<b>Contracted Services</b>	<b>\$2,487,562.00</b>
Training and Technical Assistance	\$66,682.00
CSO	\$2,132,680.00
NADC	\$288,200.00
<b>COLA Increase</b>	<b>\$48,439.00</b>
<b>Non-federal Share</b>	<b>\$712,943.00</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$3,564,714.00</b>

## Total Number of Children Served

### Reporting Period of September 1, 2018 – May 1, 2019

Early Head Start Funded Enrollment:	168
Total Number of Children Served:	203*
Average Monthly Enrollment:	168
Average Monthly Enrollment Percentage:	100%
Average Monthly Waiting List	442**
Percentage of Eligible Children Served:	38%***

\*203 children were enrolled in the EHS-CCP program at some point during the program year, from August 1, 2018, through May 1, 2019.

\*\*The average monthly waiting list was 442 children. The monthly totals ranged from 410 children in December to 478 children in March.

\*\*\*This percentage is the number of children served by grant (168) divided by the average number of children on the monthly waiting list (442).

## Medical and Dental Exam Information

	2017-2018	2018-2019*
<b>Percentage of Enrolled Children with Medical Exams:</b>	<b>71.4%</b>	<b>58.3%</b>
<b>Percentage of Enrolled Children with Dental Exams:</b>	<b>53.0%</b>	<b>55.4%</b>

\*As of May 1, 2019

## Parental Involvement Activities

All Head Start and Early Head Start programs are expected to “*collaborate with families in a family partnership process that identifies needs, interests, strengths, goals, services, and resources that support family well-being, including family safety, health, and economic stability; and to provide parents with opportunities to participate in the program as employees or volunteers.*” (Head Start Performance Standards 1302.50 b. 3 and 4)

Below is a list of some of the activities the EHS-CCP partner sites have conducted during the current program year:

Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals  
 Back to School/Bring Your Dad  
 Bring Your Father to Circle Time  
 Car Seat Check  
 Celebrate Arkansas History and Black Heritage Month  
 Checking and Savings Accounts  
 Child Abuse and Domestic Violence  
 Child Development Skills  
 Child Support  
 Christmas Party  
 College, On-line Classes, and Vocational Schools  
 Commodities, SNAP, and WIC  
 Community Christmas Stuffing Stocker  
 Conscious Discipline Training for Parents  
 Cooking Matters!  
 Debt Counseling  
 Easter Egg Hunt  
 Eating Healthy with SNAP  
 Egg Stuffing  
 Enchanted Forest Night Dance with Moms and Sons and Dads and Daughters  
 English as a Second Language  
 Fall Festival  
 Farm Week  
 Father-Daughter Dance  
 Fatherhood  
 Field Trip to Local Pumpkin Patch  
 First Day of School/Bring Your Dad to School  
 Fishing Derby  
 GED Information  
 Grab and Go Coffee and Muffins for Parents  
 Grandparents’ Day  
 Health Insurance and Prescription Assistance  
 Housing, Homelessness, and Rental Assistance  
 Imagination Library Sign-up

# Parental Involvement Activities

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Job Training  
Laws on Smoking and Children  
Make and Take Night with your Children  
Meet and Greet  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
Monthly Parent Meeting/Café Style  
Mother-Son Dance  
Muffins for Moms/Donuts for Dads  
November Socks, Hats, Glove/Mittens Drive  
Nutrition and Traditions  
Open House  
Parent Board  
Parent Café  
Parent Judging on Pumpkin Contest and Door Contest  
Parent Night for Developmental Milestones  
Parent Night with Guest Speaker: Parent/Child Interactions  
Parent Orientation  
Parents Read-a-thon  
Pete the Cat Night  
Prenatal Education  
Preschool Prom  
Preparing for Retirement  
Reading is Electric Competition  
Read with Your Father  
Ready Rosie Curriculum  
Relationship and Marriage Education  
Safety Drills at Home  
Shaken Baby Syndrome Training  
Sidewalk Swap Shop  
Snacks with Parents  
Stop and Smell the Flowers  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
Thanksgiving Feast for Families  
Thanksgiving Food Drive  
Transitions  
Trunk or Treat  
Use of Car Seats  
Valentine's Day Party  
Valentine Exchange  
Wildflower Hunt with Moms  
Winter Ball  
Winter Holiday Activities  
Winter Program

## Most Recent Federal Review Results

In July 2018, the Arkansas Department of Human Services/Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education's Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Grant Program underwent a Focus Area One Review. The telephone review, conducted by Danya International, was considered a monitoring pilot. Staff members from the EHS-CCP and DCCECE, along with personnel from each of the three hubs, participated in the review. On October 22, 2018, the DHS/DCCECE received notification from Danya International through the Head Start Enterprise System that the program was listed as compliant. Anyone with additional questions or wishing to view a copy of the compliance letter may contact the EHS-CCP staff.

## Efforts to Prepare Children for Kindergarten

The participating partner sites of the EHS-CCP grant program use *The Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers, and Twos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. This curriculum meets the research-based and required developmentally appropriate criteria of our partnerships. Furthermore, it is aligned with the Head Start Learning Outcomes Framework and Arkansas Child Development and Early Learning Standards.

The partners use the *Ounce* assessments from Pearson Early Learning and Ages and Stages Questionnaires to assess and monitor the development of the Early Head Start children.

The partner sites follow the Early Head Start regulations regarding transitions. To ensure the most appropriate placement and service in Early Head Start, programs must, at least six months prior to a child's third birthday, implement transition planning for that child and his/her family. The planning must take into accounts the following factors:

- ✓ the child's developmental level and health and disability status,
- ✓ progress made by the child and family while in Early Head Start,
- ✓ current and changing family circumstances, and
- ✓ the availability of Head Start, other public pre-kindergarten, and other early education and child development services in the community that will meet the needs of the child and family.

Providing transitions into developmentally-appropriate programs will help ensure that children will be better prepared when they enter kindergarten.