The Resource Connection
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Annual Report

Early Childhood Programs
July 2019 – June 2020
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About Us

The Resource Connection of Amador & Calaveras Counties Inc.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Serving Calaveras County children ages 0-5 and their families with individualized, comprehensive Early Childhood services

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★ (7) Preschool Centers
★ (2) Infant/Toddler Care Centers
Plus home visiting and early literacy services throughout the County
The 2019-2020 program year was my first full year as a new director and what a year it turned out to be!

Three months into 2020 the Corona Virus Pandemic outbreak closed our programs to in-person services for five weeks. As we transitioned to virtual services and distance learning, we learned just how resilient our staff and families really are.

I cannot express enough gratitude and appreciation for everything that staff did to keep our families engaged during this time. Staff found very creative and innovative ways to stay in touch with families providing learning opportunities and continued support in unconventional ways.

It is because of the staff’s high level of dedication and compassion that in August 2020 we were able to reopen a hybrid combination of in-person and distance learning services. After reopening, our Head Start preschool program maintained 100% full enrollment and our Early Head Start never fell below 80% full enrollment. This was a no small accomplishment and demonstrates the staff’s level of professionalism and dedication to the children and families we serve. These higher than expected enrollment rates were recognized by our Office of Head Start Program Specialist.

As a result of all that has happened over the last year, we have found new ways to provide services and support to our children and families.

Director’s Note

A huge thank you to the families enrolled in our program.

“Thank you for sticking with us through all the COVID protocols we were required to put in place, and for your continued support to keep yourselves, your children and our staff safe and healthy.”

--- Jeanette Allen, Program Director
Scope of Services

- **Pregnancy**
  - Support, Education & Home Visiting Services

- **Home Visiting**
  - Infant/Toddler Home Visiting Services

- **Raising-A-Reader**
  - Home Visiting Literacy Program for Children up to Age 5

- **School Readiness**
  - Center-Based Preschool Centers
    - > Part- & full-day options available

- **Infant/Toddler Care**
  - Center-Based Infant/Toddler Care Centers
    - > Full-day, year-round option available

- **Resources**
  - Help Obtaining Ongoing, Accessible Health & Dental Care
### By The Numbers...

| **13,490** | Lunches Served * |
| **12,759** | Breakfasts Served * |
| **7,505**  | Snacks Served *   |

* This program is an equal opportunity provider

| **243**   | # of Children Served: (121) Early Head Start + (122) Head Start |
| **211**   | # of Families Served: (98) Early Head Start + (113) Head Start |
| **195**   | # of Funded Enrollments: (89) Early Head Start + (106) Head Start |

- 87% # of Children’s Physical Exams Completed
- 83% Average Monthly Program Enrollment (thru COVID)
- 82% Social Service Referrals Made
- 7.7% # of Children’s Dental Exams Completed (down from 85% the previous year due to COVID)

### Household Data

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<th>Percentage</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>94%</td>
<td>Low-Income per federal poverty guidelines</td>
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<td>78%</td>
<td>Working Parent/s</td>
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<td>71%</td>
<td>Two-Parent Household</td>
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<td>47%</td>
<td>Parent’s Graduated High School</td>
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<td>39%</td>
<td>Parent/s Attend School/Vocational</td>
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<td>27%</td>
<td>Has Special Needs</td>
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<td>5%</td>
<td>Parent/s w/College Degree/s</td>
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<td>4.5%</td>
<td>In Foster Care Home</td>
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<td>1%</td>
<td>Is Homeless</td>
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School Readiness

The Head Start approach to School Readiness means that children are:

- Ready for school
- Families are ready to support their children’s learning
- Schools are ready for children

Early Childhood Programs utilizes the Desired Results Developmental Profile (DRDP) assessment tool to gather information to support children’s individualized learning and development. Results help identify the program’s School Readiness Goals and addresses the five Central Domains of the Head Start Early Learning Outcomes framework (shown above).
## Funding

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<th>Grant:</th>
<th>Head Start Preschools</th>
<th>Early Head Start Infant/Toddler</th>
<th>Child Care Food Program</th>
<th>Raising A Reader</th>
<th>Extended Day (West Point)</th>
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<td>Amount:</td>
<td>$1,464,632</td>
<td>$1,398,917</td>
<td>$117,000</td>
<td>$36,414</td>
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## Budget

### Financials (Dec-Nov)

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<th>Administration</th>
<th>Operating</th>
<th>In-Kind* / Non-Federal Share</th>
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<td>Budgeted:</td>
<td>$2,208,697</td>
<td>$226,358</td>
<td>$2,863,549</td>
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<td>Expensed:</td>
<td>$2,428,743</td>
<td>$227,587</td>
<td>$651,453</td>
<td>$339,993</td>
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*In-Kind: portion of the total costs of the program provided by non-federal entities in the form of in-kind donations.*
Governance

The Early Childhood Program is governed by the Policy Council and overseen by the Board of Directors. Both governing bodies have a legal and fiscal responsibility to administer and oversee the program.

Parents of enrolled children in each program option (center- & home-based) plus a member of the community meet monthly, and are responsible for the direction of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

2019-2020 Policy Council Reps:
Christian Mulkey
Stacie Sadner
Lindsay Holloway
Katelynn Rocha
Jennifer Young
Monique Williams
Karisa Smith
Angie Ruiz

Volunteer Community Members meet monthly and are responsible for decisions related to program design and implementation.

2019-2020 Board of Directors:
Barbara Olivier
Jim Pesout
Jep Peckler
Jim Jones
Angie Ruiz
Linda Mariani
Dave Johnson
Marissa Earl
Accountability

Program Monitoring Reviews

Audits

“\textit{I believe that this is one of the most constructive, and one of the most sensible, and also one of the most exciting programs that this nation has ever undertaken.}”
— President Lyndon B. Johnson on the Head Start program, May 18, 1965

Based on the information gathered during the February 2018 Program Monitoring Review, the Head Start program was found to have met the requirements of all applicable Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations and policy requirements.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 the audit team found no deficiencies, findings or questionable costs in the financial oversight, expenditures and/or program operations. A copy of the audit report is available on our website: trcac.org $>$ About Us $>$ Financials
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