

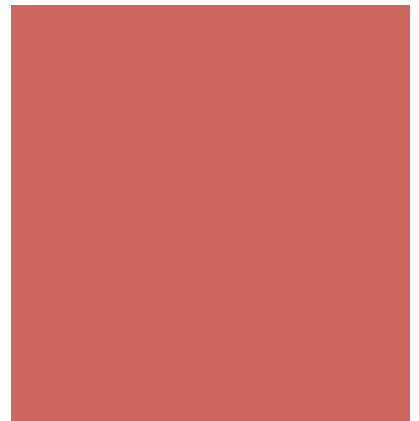
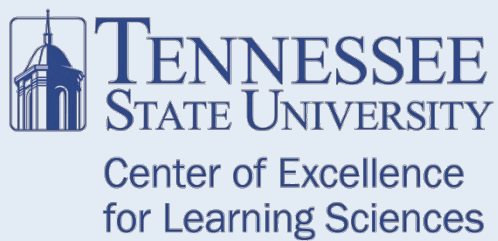
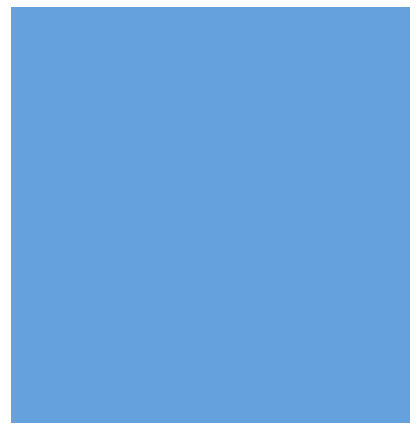
TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY



**Early Head Start**  
Child Care Partnership

# ANNUAL REPORT

**2017 - 2018**



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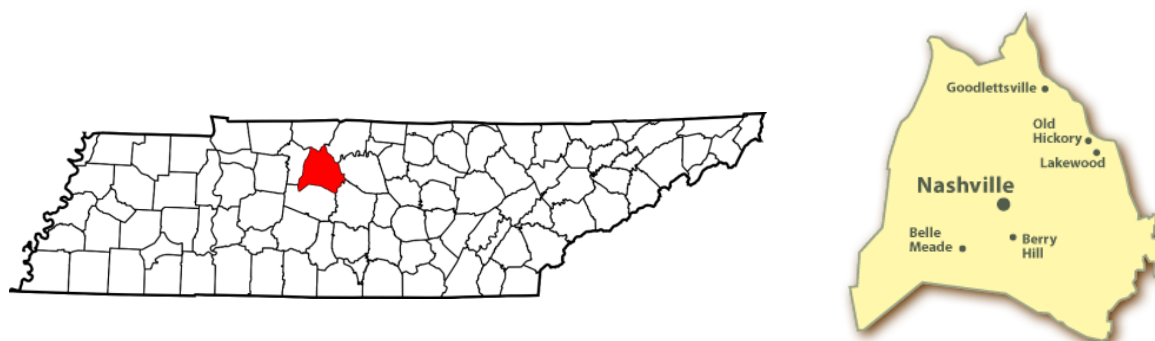
Tennessee State University Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (TSU EHS-CCP) is operated by the Tennessee State University Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences. The Center's mission is to design and conduct research and services that promote the educational, social, physical and psychological well-being of children and families; and interpret and disseminate research findings to improve public policies that impact educational and organizations and institutions in Tennessee and across the nation.

Tennessee State University Center of Excellence for Learning Sciences has a strong history and commitment to families and the community. The goals of TSU EHS-CCP are consistent with the mission and vision of the Center of Excellence. In addition, TSU EHS-CCP is backed and supported by the expertise and commitment of the entire University.

The TSU EHS-CCP combines the strengths of child care and Early Head Start. Through layered funding the partnership provides comprehensive services and high-quality learning environments for income eligible working families with infants and toddlers. Since 2015, this unique project has provided coordinated comprehensive, intensive, and continuous support services to enable families to attain self-sufficiency, while recognizing the integrity and unique needs of these families and children.

The TSU EHS-CCP project is funded by the Office of Head Start under the direction of the Administration for Children and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The program's goals encompass successful health, economic and educational outcomes and long-term academic success for children.

TSU EHS-CCP services Davidson County in Middle Tennessee and is federally funded to serve an enrollment of 80 children.



## Funding

| <b>Funding Sources</b>                  | <b>2017-2018<br/>Funding Received</b> | <b>2018-2019<br/>Projected Funding</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Office of Head Start Grant Funds</b> | \$1,518,561                           | \$1,557,106                            |
| <b>Local Match Funding</b>              | \$379,641                             | \$389,368                              |

## Budget

| <b>Budget Category</b> | <b>2017-2018<br/>Approved Budget</b> | <b>2018-2019<br/>Projected Budget</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Personnel</b>       | \$250,259                            | \$196,735                             |
| <b>Fringe Benefits</b> | \$102,546                            | \$93,767                              |
| <b>Travel</b>          | \$10,500                             | \$10,500                              |
| <b>Supplies</b>        | \$85,819                             | \$114,887                             |
| <b>Contractual</b>     | \$770,500                            | \$825,548                             |
| <b>Indirect</b>        | \$162,174                            | \$178,906                             |
| <b>Other</b>           | \$136,763                            | \$136,763                             |

## Early Head Start Statistics

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| <b>Number of children funded</b>   | 80   |
| <b>Percentage of eligible children served</b>  | 94%  |
| <b>Number of children served throughout the year</b>   | 122  |
| <b>Percentage of average monthly enrollment</b>  | 89%  |
| <b>Percentage of children who are up-to-date on a schedule of age appropriate preventive and primary health care</b> | 98%  |
| <b>Number of children up-to-date on immunizations or have received all immunizations possible at this time.</b>      | 120  |
| <b>Number of children receiving TennCare</b>   | 120  |
| <b>Number of children with private health insurance</b>  | 3    |
| <b>Percentage of children served who had a disability</b>  | 10%  |
| <b>Percentage of children with disability who received special services</b>  | 100% |
| <b>Number of families served</b>   | 106  |
| <b>Percentage of single-parent families</b>  | 89%  |
| <b>Percentage of single-parent families in which the parent is not working</b>                                       | 35%  |
| <b>Percentage of families without a high school education</b>  | 13%  |
| <b>Percentage of families participation in family goal planning</b>  | 79%  |

## Most Recent Federal Program Review

The Program's federal program review was conducted May 2018; the program had no findings.



## **Annual Audit**

TSU Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership has not had an audit finding.

## **Developmentally Appropriate Practice that Lead to School Readiness**

TSU EHS-CCP focuses on prevention and early intervention with families. The goals encompass comprehensive health, economic and educational outcomes, and long-term academic success for children and families. Starting with the expectant family in the prenatal phase and ending when the child is three years of age, Tennessee CAREs ensures appropriate continuity of care, and continuous support for school success. Current research affirms that the first three years of life has a direct correlation to school readiness, although Early Head Start children do not transition directly into Kindergarten, we recognize that preparing children for success in school remains our overall goal whether we are serving infants, toddlers or pregnant mothers.

In order to establish school readiness goals for this age group that are inclusive of the domains of language and literacy, cognition and general knowledge, physical well-being and motor development, social and emotional development, and approaches toward learning we have relied on a variety of sources. Creative Curriculum for Infants, Toddlers and Twos is used in center-based and home-based options. The Ages & Stages Questionnaire is a researched based, valid and reliable tool used for developmental screenings of the infants and toddlers. Assessment is the formal and informal, on-going process to determine the strengths and needs of each child. The Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment Tool is used for all children in the program.

## Tennessee State University Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership School Readiness Goals

*Goals are aligned with The Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework, The Creative Curriculum, and the Tennessee Early Learning Developmental Standards. Goals are tracked utilizing Teaching Strategies Gold Online Assessment System.*

### 1. Approaches to Learning

- a) The children will regulate own emotions and behaviors
- b) The children will demonstrate positive approaches to learning

### 2. Social & Emotional Development

- a) The children will establish and sustain positive relationships
- b) The children will participate cooperatively and constructively in group situations

### 3. Language & Literacy

- a) The children will listen to and understand increasingly complex language
- b) The children will use language to express thoughts and needs

### 4. Cognition

- a) The children will use classification skills
- b) The children will use symbols and images to represent something not present

### 5. Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

- a) The children will demonstrate gross-motor manipulative skills
- b) The children will demonstrate fine-motor strength and coordination

### 2017-2018 School Readiness Improvement

| School Readiness Goals           | % Growth during Program Year* |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Physical Development and Health  | 4%                            |
| Social and Emotional Development | 25%                           |
| Approaches to Learning           | 0%                            |
| Language and Literacy            | 1%                            |
| Cognition/General Knowledge      | 7%                            |

\*Percentage of growth demonstrated by children based on data from three documented assessments conducted during the 2017-2018 program year.

## Parent and Community Engagement Activities

Families are an integral part of the program in an ongoing way. TSU EHS-CCP believes that parents are the first and most important teacher of the child. Some examples are parent engagement activities are: Open house, parent meetings, classroom volunteering, Week of the Young Child celebrations, daily experience sheets and fatherhood activities.

Community involvement is evident in the Policy Council, and Health and Education Advisory Committee meetings. All parents are encouraged to sign up and participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library early literacy project.

The center participates in many family and community engagement activities throughout the school year.



**A.**



**B.**

A & B – The center hosted a Thanksgiving Community Initiative where the center held a food drive and families were provided with food items to prepare Thanksgiving Dinner.



**C.**



**D.**



**E.**

C & D – Family Literacy Activity children were provided with books to take home.

E. EHS children “Walking for a Cure” - Cancer Walk

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