



2012-2013 Annual Report





Dear friends and supporters of Denise Louie Education Center,

After 16 years of being DLEC's Executive Director, I have to say that 2012-13 was a memorable year due to the federal budget sequester. Its impact on us resulted in a \$140,000 budget cut and reduction in 5 Early Head Start slots and 17 Head Start slots. By October, it looked like we might have to close our programs when the federal government shut down for more than two weeks!

Even though this past year presented us with economic challenges, commitment from supporters and staff helped us move forward. Staff rolled with the punches and provided a stable environment for all our children, even when we were not sure if our doors would be open. Donors invested in early education by making our 35th Anniversary Dine & Disco event our most successful ever. We received additional funding from the City of Seattle to replace some of the Head Start children slots we cut, and opened a new site in White Center with funding from Puget Sound ESD. We were rated high on our state's Early Achievers quality rating system and became a Training Resource Center for other early learning centers going through the Early Achievers rating process. Last summer, we piloted a 10 week summer program to 34 children with no prior preschool experience so they could be prepared for success when they enter kindergarten, and we are thrilled to be offering it again in 2014.

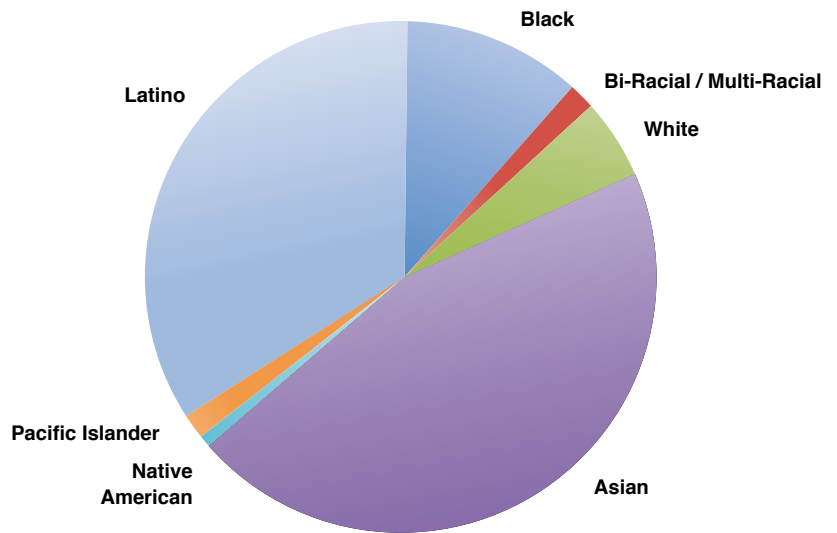
We are so proud of our organizations' successes and hope you enjoy reading about how the investment you make in Denise Louie Education Center helps children and families in our community reach their full potential. If you'd like to learn more, or get involved, I encourage you to contact me.

Thank you for a wonderful 2013!

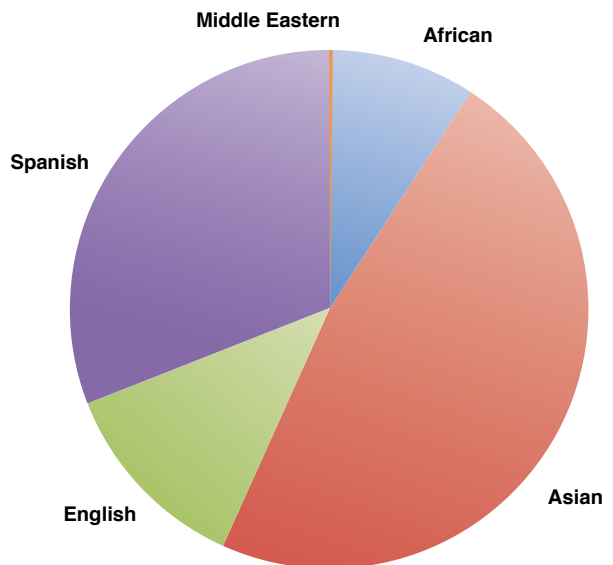
Janice Deguchi
Executive Director

Who We Serve

Race/Ethnicity	HS*	EHS*
Black	22	32
Bi-Racial / MultiRacial	3	15
White	9	20
Asian	85	38
Native American	1	0
Pacific Islander	3	0
Latino	63	89



Languages	HS*	EHS*	Total
African	17	28	45
Asian	91	36	127
English	24	32	56
Spanish	58	82	140
Middle Eastern		1	1



*HS = Head Start, EHS = Early Head Start



Head Start

The Numbers

Total number of children served: 244

Ages 4 and above: 57%

Ages 3 and under: 43%

85.2% at or below federal poverty level of \$23,050 for a family of 4

85% receive support from WIC services (Women, Infant, Children)

33% receive food assistance

74% receive other supportive services

100% average monthly enrollment

4.6% of Head Start eligible children in Seattle were served by DLEC

98% received medical exams

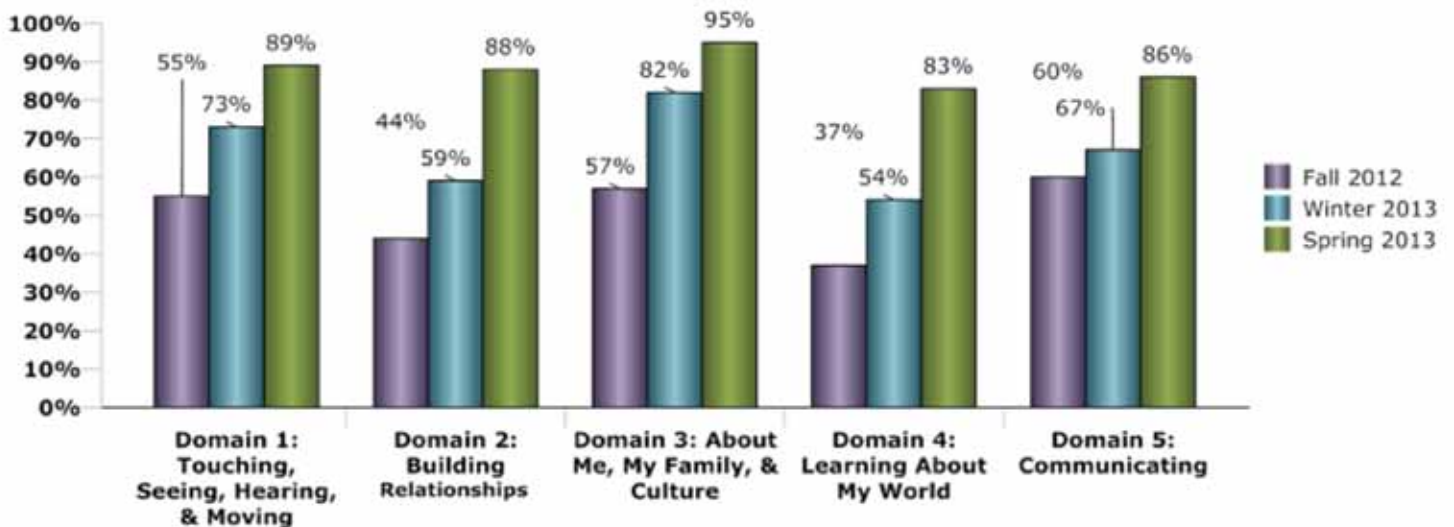
92% received dental exams

From September to May, there was an average of 93% attendance in the Head Start Centers



School Readiness 2012-2013

* Percentage of 4 year olds who are 'Kindergarten Ready'



Data includes Step Ahead

Parent Involvement

Throughout the year, and with the support of community partners, parents learned about car seat safety, safe environments including non-hazardous cleaning products, nutrition, kindergarten registration, financial literacy, immigration rights, baby bottle tooth decay and knitting/yoga (taught by a parent). Encouraging children and families to read together is critical and through the dedication of our administration and teaching staff, we were able to bring Raising a Reader to every DLEC classroom. This means that approximately 700 high-quality children's books were rotated through our families' homes every week. According to feedback from the parents, their children's enjoyment of reading increased substantially throughout the year.

At the beginning of 2012, **39%** of our families reported that their child "enjoyed reading very much." **Seven months later**, that number increased to **57%**.

Special Needs

In 2013, 37 children with special needs and 6 with mental health concerns received additional services through our partnership with the Seattle Public Schools and our on-site mental health therapist.

Eighteen children participated in an on-site social skills group called Dina Group. This helped increase the students' ability to manage feelings, make friends, and respond to emotional cues. 13 of these children showed a decline in social-emotional concerns after intervention efforts of a mere 10 weeks. The mean score for children went from 71.1 in March to 51.3 in June, which represented a significant decline in concerns.





Last year, our Early Head Start program, which serves low-income pregnant women and families with children birth to 3 years of age, encouraged health development by serving:

60 infants **100** toddlers **19** pregnant moms

Out of 27 children who aged out of Early Head Start, 23 children entered a Head Start program and 3 children entered a developmental preschool. Forty children in the program received an Individual Family Service Plan and received early intervention services.

Early Head Start Outcomes

Social/Emotional: Children will demonstrate typical or strength scores attachment behaviors.

Program Goal: 90%, **Measurement Tool:** DECA

Quarter 1: 87%

Quarter 3: 94%

Quarter 2: 87%

Quarter 4: 93%

Developmental: In 4 out of 5 developmental domains, children will maintain their score or not decrease by more than 10 points per domain.

Program Goal: 90% , **Measurement Tool:** ASQ-3

Quarter 1: 87.5%

Quarter 3: 86%

Quarter 2: 88%

Quarter 4: 98%

Disparities in cognitive, social, behavioral, and health outcomes are apparent at 9 months and increase by the time a child is two years old. An 18-month achievement gap exists between impoverished children and their peers by age four.

– Halle, Tamara, et al., *Disparities in Early Learning and Development: Lessons from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study - Birth Cohort (ECLS-B)* available at www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/2009-52DisparitiesELExecSumm.pdf

Home Visitors meet with children and families weekly to provide early childhood education activities, parenting support, and health services. Parents participating in the program share that they feel more capable, less isolated, and are better able to connect with community resources. Socialization events have a monthly parent education topic selected by the parents. Community partners donate their time to lead parent-education groups on topics such as mental wellness, financial literacy, infant CPR, and nutritional cooking classes.

In 2012-2013, DLEC's Home Visitors referred families to the following services:

92 received emergency/crisis intervention to meet basic needs

51 received housing assistance

47 received English as a second language instructor

10 received domestic violence or child abuse support

78 received educational services

121 received parenting education

40 children were identified with developmental concerns and received early intervention services from our partners at the Boyer's Children's Clinic, South King County Early Intervention Program and Northwest Center.

Average monthly enrollment was 100%

1.6% of eligible children were serviced in Seattle by DLEC

2% of eligible children were serviced in SeaTac by DLEC

100% received medical exams

90% received dental exams

Parent Involvement

EHS parents spent 4,916 hours helping their children achieve academic and social/emotional goals at home.

Parents led cultural and parent education activities at group socializations.

The EHS Parent Advisory committee planned the parent fund activity (field trip to the zoo), created a phone tree, and advised the program on changes to the school readiness goals.

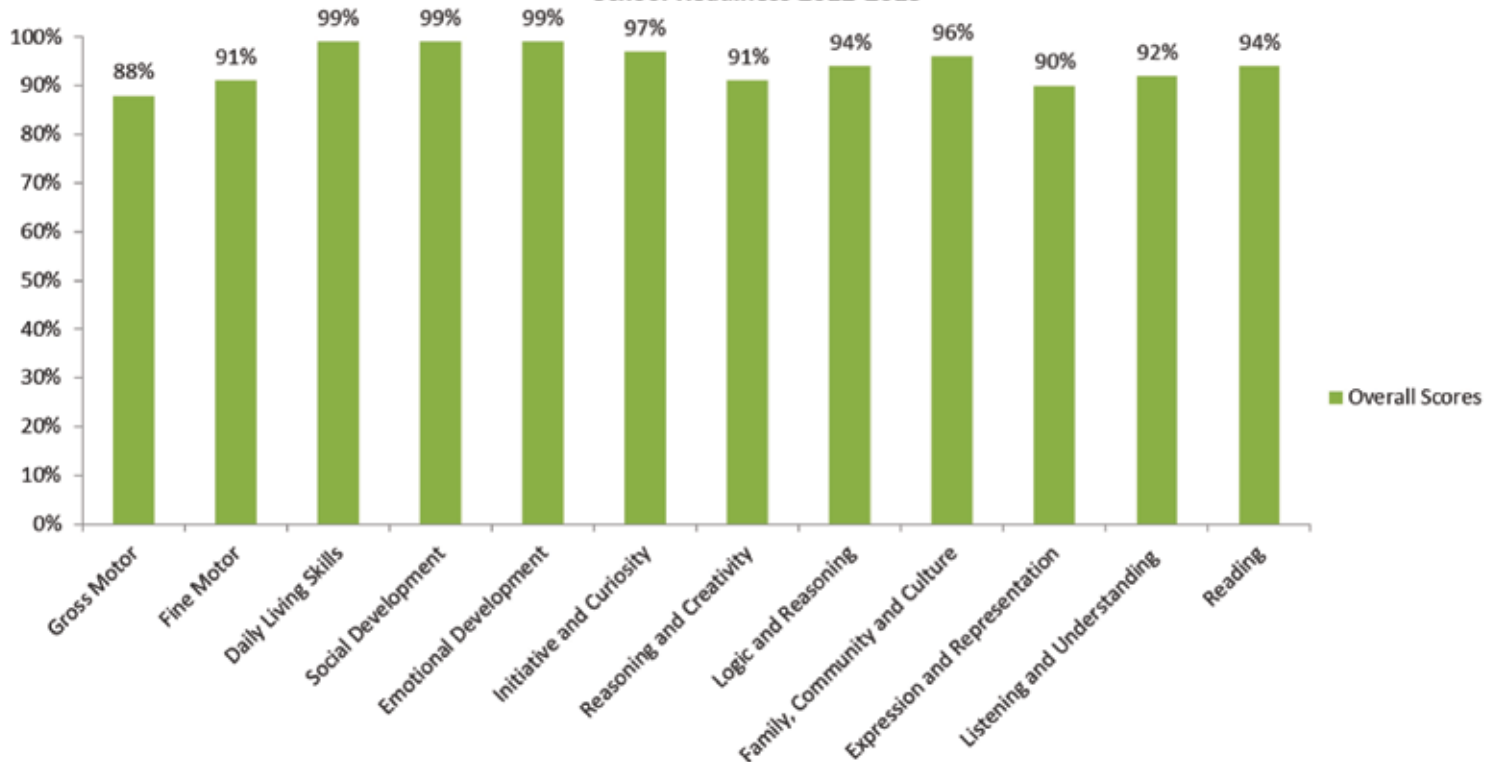
Past parents volunteered at socializations to orient newer parents.



There is already a large literature demonstrating that with comprehensive, ongoing early interventions it is possible to change the educational odds for low-income children.

– Klein, Lisa and Jane Knitzer, *Promoting Effective Early Learning: What Every Policymaker and Educator Should Know* available at http://www.nccp.org/publications/pdf/text_695.pdf

Q4 Program Domain Scores School Readiness 2012-2013



Early Head Start 7

Play & Learn

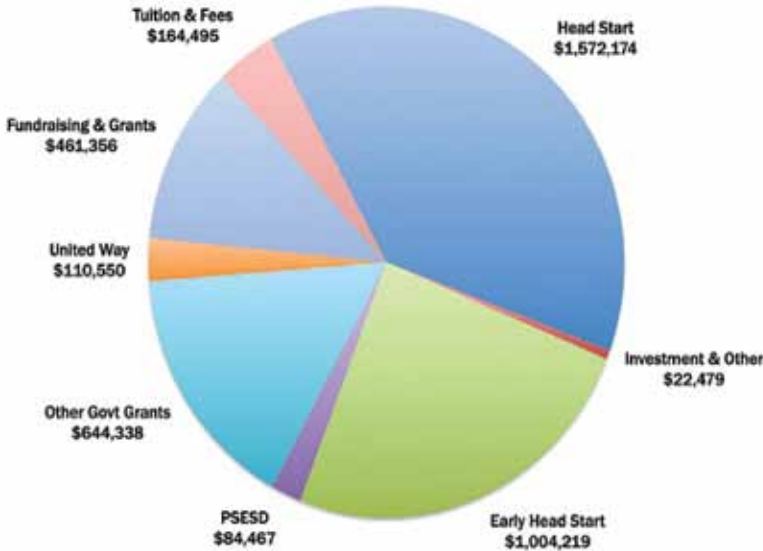


Kaleidoscope Play and Learn is a program for parents and caregivers of young children to learn and explore together. This facilitated program is designed to support the development of children's school readiness skills and to provide education and support for parents and caregivers. Offered weekly for 90 minutes at the Lake City, Columbia and Rainier Beach Libraries and the South Park Community Center. This past year the program had over 105 parents/caregivers participated and 86% of them achieved the outcome of strengthening their parenting skills/knowledge.

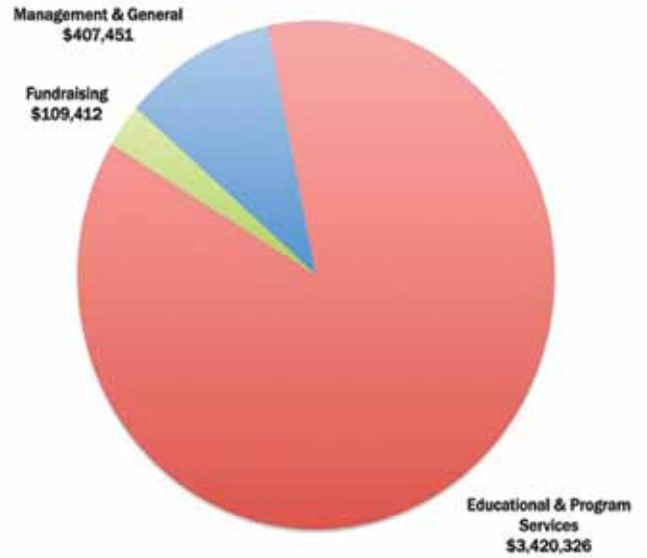
Thank you to the annual **\$50,000** in financial support from **United Way** as well as the in-kind support of **Child Care Resources, The Seattle Public Library** and **Seattle Parks and Recreation** that make this program possible.

Program Budget

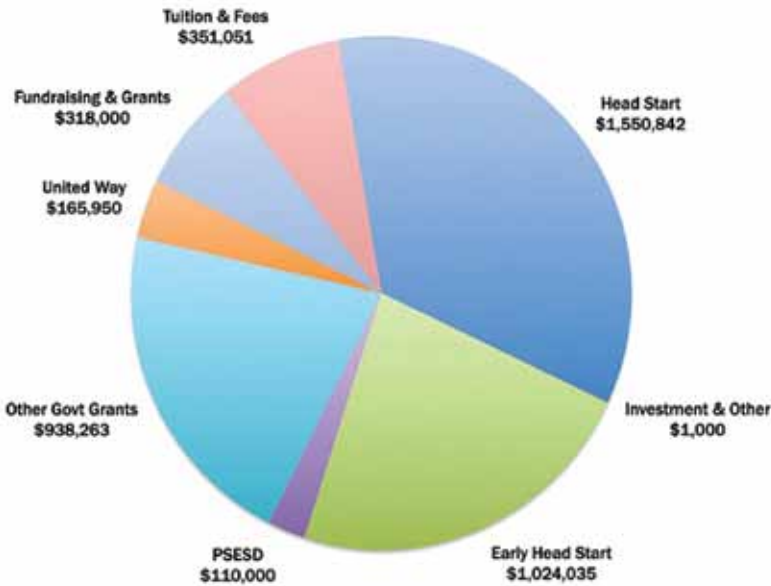
Revenue, Audited FY13
Total \$4,064,078



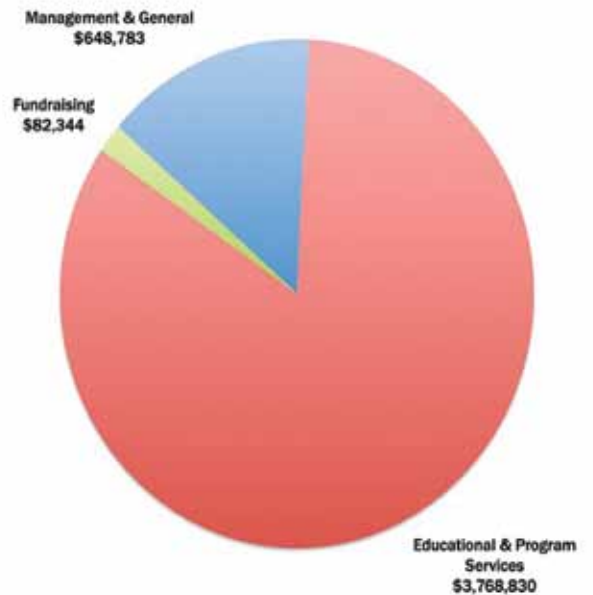
Expenses, Audited FY13
Total \$3,937,189



Revenue, Budget FY14**
Total \$4,459,141



Expenses, Budget FY14**
Total \$4,499,957



** Budget prior to restoration of sequester.

DLEC's annual financial audit was conducted by Peterson Sullivan. For FY 2012-13, there were no audit findings, no material weaknesses and no management letter.

Cost-benefit analyses of high-quality preschool show that it generates \$5 to \$17 for every dollar spent, yielding significant dividends in the form of government savings on welfare, education, and criminal justice, and increased earnings for participants. Here in Washington, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy conservatively estimated that for every child we put through ECEAP or Head Start (\$7,420/year), we see a return of \$26,480.

- Clothier, Steffanie and Julie Poppe, *New Research: Early Education as Economic Investment*, available at www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/new-research-early-education-as-economic-investme.aspx; Washington State Institute for Public Policy, *Return on Investment: Evidence-Based Options to Improve Statewide Outcomes*, available at www.wsipp.wa.gov/ReportFile/1089w

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During the 2012-2013 school year, community volunteers donated 11,192.17 hours to DLEC! From working alongside teachers in the classrooms to providing support to children and families in a respectful and positive manner.

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