



THE REPORT

THE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF KINGS COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION

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MISSION & VISION



KCAO MISSION STATEMENT

To advocate, educate, and provide a wide range of quality services that empower, promote self sufficiency, preserve dignity, and improve the quality of life for the individuals and communities of Kings County.

KCAO VISION STATEMENT

KCAO envisions a future where all people of Kings County are able to live with dignity, have access to all available resources and have the opportunity, motivation and ability to live economically productive and satisfying lives.

KCAO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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A Letter From The Executive Director



It has been 47 years that Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) has been making headlines in the communities of Kings County. Some

of these headlines include:

- **Head Start - Making a Difference for the Families of Kings County and**
- **Individuals in Kings County Find the Path of Self-Sufficiency through KCAO**

We are proud of the work that has been accomplished in our long history, and it is heartwarming to reflect back on the differences that we have made for thousands of Kings County residents. However, one of the strengths that are embedded in our culture is not to be complacent, but rather to seek out new ideas and service models to assist more individuals and families to become self-sufficient.

We are always seeking to improve our organization. In 2011 we saw the increase of assistance in our Weatherization Program, the integration of the Kettleman City Family Resource Center, the expansion of our food warehouse, the continuation of helping families find and maintain employment through subsidized child care,

preventing families from becoming homeless, and ranking third amongst Head Start programs in the entire Western Region for classroom quality. These are some of the 2011 successes that have transformed into headlines and there are many more to share in this annual report.

Like the various sections in your newspaper there are many sections to poverty. We hope by reading this annual report you will gain a deeper appreciation of not only our work in the community, but our commitment to making Kings County better. In closing I would like to thank all our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, funders, community partners and all those who have previously worked at KCAO for making us a READ ALL ABOUT IT organization.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Garner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Child Care Assistance Programs (CCAP) Department is comprised of three major components: 1) Alternative Payment Programs, 2) The Kings County Child Care Eligibility List, and 3) Resource & Referral. Under these programs families, children, teachers and even some community members and agencies are offered numerous resources for child care; receiving affordable child care and even receiving help paying for child care. There is also a Toy Lending Library where clients can come in and checkout books, coloring supplies, toys



and more and take them home for temporary use. Teachers and community agencies can use the Teacher Resource Room and complete projects and get some supplies at extremely discounted rates and sometimes even free.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) had 35 licensed providers graduate in June 2011. This is the largest CCIP graduating class since 2005
2. The CCAP expanded to the Kettleman City Family Resource Center and began operating and providing new programs to the local residents
3. The CCAP served 1,492 families and 2,137 children throughout 2011
4. Received a \$40,000 grant from CAPCC to provide respite care to teen parents
5. Kings County child care providers were paid a total of \$3,352,708.38 in 2011 which is essentially \$3.3 million in revenue for Kings County

**SIGN UP
NOW!**

for the Kings County Child Care Eligibility List. Call (559) 582-4386 or stop by 1130 N. 11th Avenue Hanford

HEAD START

HEAD START NOW ENROLLING



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The Head Start Program is a program of the United States Department of Health and Human Services that provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families. Head Start is made up of five crucial programs; 1) Early Head Start, 2) Migrant Head Start, 3) Regional Head Start, 4) Center-Based Programs, and 5) Healthy Marriage. With each one of these important components, every child and family is one step closer to living healthy and self-sufficient lives.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. \$8,848,572 RECEIVED IN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR HEAD START

- Regional Head Start-\$6,061,247
- Early Head Start-\$735,076
- Migrant/Seasonal Head Start-\$1,860,819
- Healthy Marriage-\$191,430

2. PERCENTAGE OF ENROLLED CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED MEDICAL & DENTAL EXAMS

- Regional Head Start: 84% (physical), 86% (dental)
- Early Head Start: 76% (physical), 76% (dental)
- Migrant/Seasonal Head Start: 82% (physical), 100% (dental)

3. 2012-2013 PROPOSED FUNDING \$9,163,600

- Regional Head Start-\$6,361,583
- Early Head Start- \$739,310
- Migrant/Seasonal Head Start-\$1,871,277
- Healthy Marriage Head Start-\$191,430

4. ENROLLED CHILDREN PER PROGRAM

- Regional Head Start - 690
- Early Head Start - 97
- Migrant/Seasonal Head Start - 188



5. 235 PARENTS PARTICIPATED IN HEAD START HEALTHY MARRIAGE PROGRAM

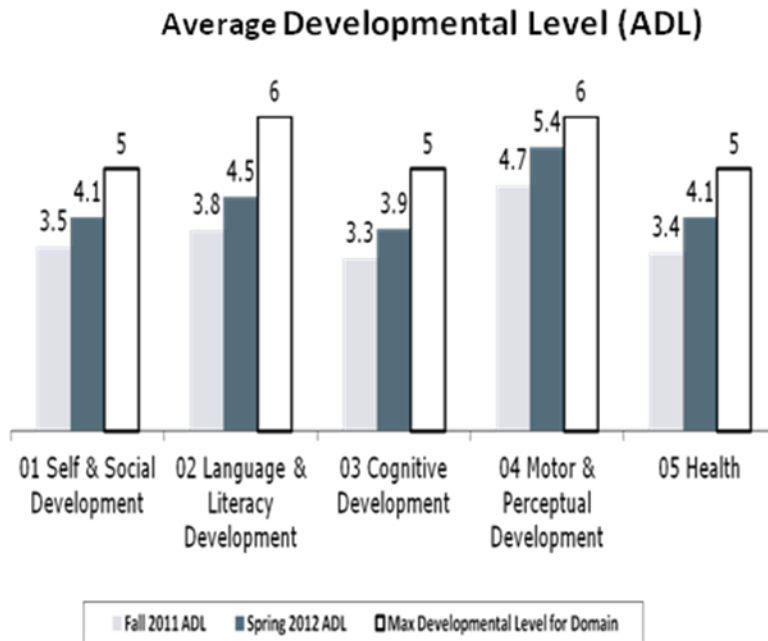
6. TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN SERVED: 975

7. NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH AN INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM OR INDIVIDUALIZED FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAM: 148

8. Preparing Children for School

- Regional Head Start

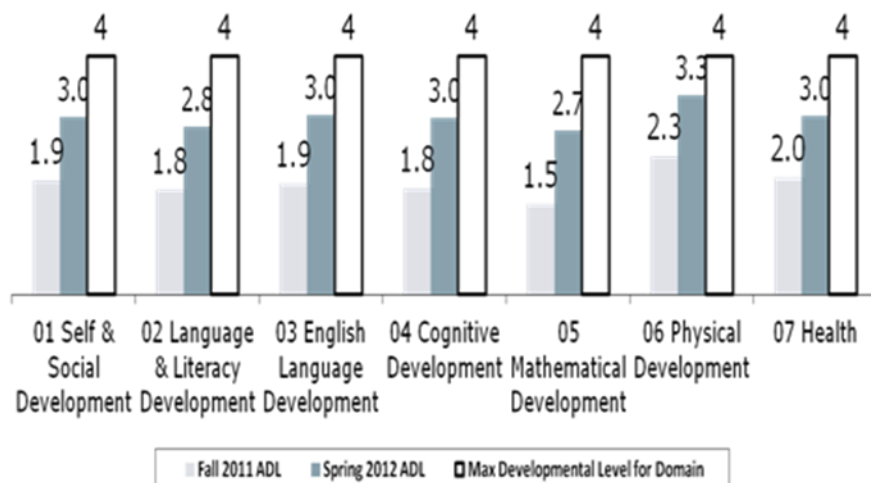
Domain Comparison for Infant-Toddlers Spring 2012



KCAO evaluates children throughout the year to assess their developmental progress towards readiness for school. The overall findings for the 2011-12 program year showed progress for children in all areas of development.

Domain Comparison for Preschoolers Spring 2012

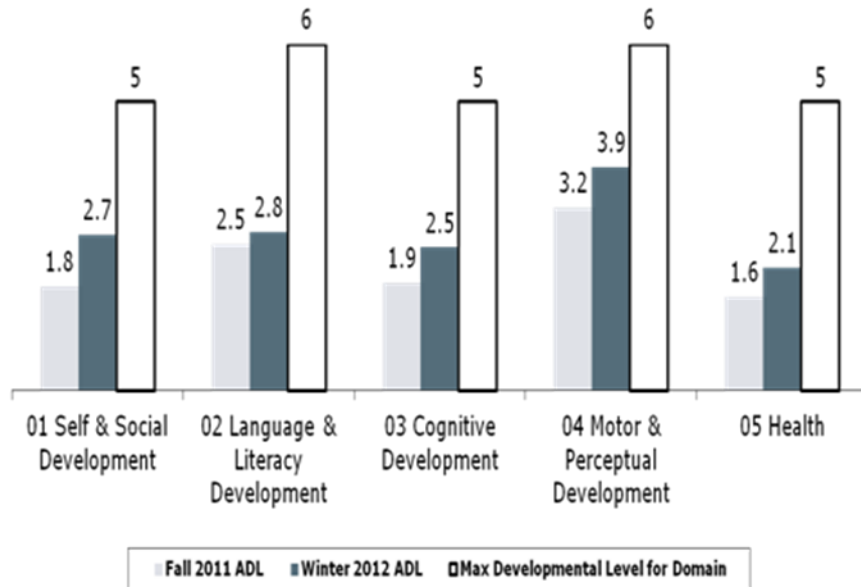
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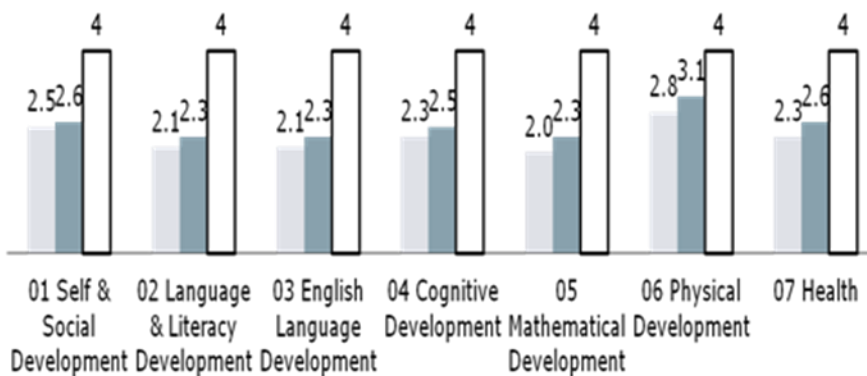
- Migrant and Seasonal Head Start

Domain Comparison for Infant-Toddlers-Winter 2012

Average Developmental Level (ADL)



Domain Comparison for Preschoolers-Winter 2012



Intervention, Prevention And Support Services



Intervention, Prevention and Support Services is the department responsible for keeping Kings County safe and helping those with problems related to sexual assault, domestic violence and homelessness (for women and children). The Intervention, Prevention and Support Services Department is made of several programs which fall under two categories: Crisis Support Services and Youth Services. Crisis Support Services is for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and households where child abuse and neglect are present. Youth Services provides case management and numerous

programs and services to youth and young adults from 9 to 20 years of age who want to make positive choices allowing them to become independent and productive adults.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program helped 660 Kings County families stay in their current homes or finding stable and affordable housing.
2. KCAO assisted 207 clients with temporary restraining orders (TROs), of which 124 were granted.
3. California Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) will recognize KCAO as a regular grantee starting in the 2011/2012 fiscal year: this leads to a possible 2.5% funding increase in the coming year.
4. The Intervention, Prevention & Support Services Department was awarded \$200,000 by the California Wellness Foundation over the next three years to support the Adolescent and Family Life Program (AFLP) which assisted over 90 pregnant/parenting teens in 2011.
5. The California Emergency Management Agency (CAL EMA) awarded \$140,737 to the KCAO Rape Crisis Center for the 2011/2012 year.
6. The Home Garden Opportunity Center tutored 21 children on a regular basis.
7. 242 women and children utilized the Barbara Saville Women's Shelter in 2011.

OPERATION SERVICES



The Operations Department is responsible for three sub-programs: the Energy Assistance Program, the Hunger Prevention Program and the Weatherization Assistance Program. This department helps the families and individuals of Kings County live in safe and efficient homes while assisting to lower monthly household bills with replacement of energy efficient appliances and much more.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The Hunger Prevention Program distributed 3,835 boxes of emergency food
2. The Hunger Prevention Program distributed 22,378 boxes of USDA food
3. The Energy Assistance Program provided a money management workshop to 2,454 Kings County residents
4. The Energy Assistance Program served 2,454 families with the HEAP and FAST TRACK energy vouchers
5. The Weatherization Assistance Program weatherized 219 Kings County homes and made them more energy efficient
6. The Weatherization Assistance Program repaired/replaced 57 heating or cooling units in Kings County
7. KCAO officially opened/expanded the new Food Bank for Kings County

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS

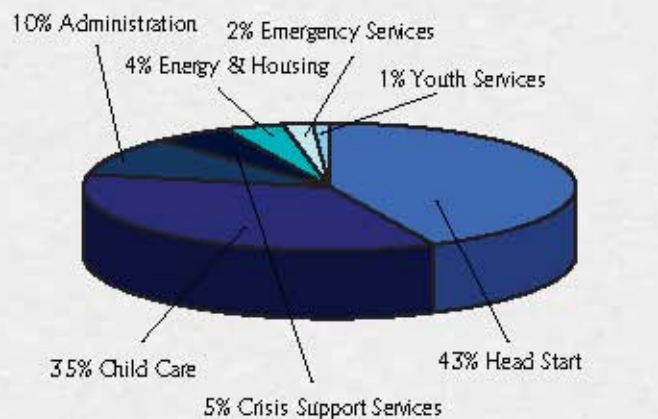
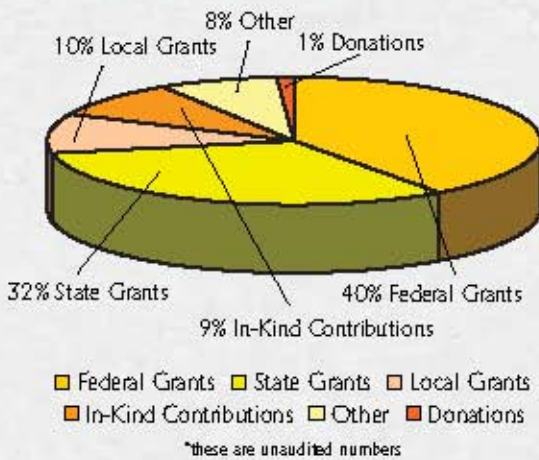


A community partner is a valuable asset to any non-profit; community partners are the residents and local companies/businesses that believe in the mission of the non-profit and the work they are doing in the community. Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO) is extremely fortunate to have as many community partners as it does. These partnerships allow KCAO to provide quality services, generating

resources to enhance our programs, and developing strategies that have a positive impact on addressing and eventually eliminating poverty in Kings County and ultimately fulfilling the KCAO Mission. In 2011, some of those partnerships included local restaurants who hosted monthly restaurant charity days to raise money for the Barbara Saville Women's Shelter, a local country club who allowed their facility to be used for a charity event for the food

bank, a local church who helped host a free Health Fair for all Kings County residents, and many more. These are just a few of the many partnerships that have been created and maintained in 2011. It is without certainty that our community partners are a valuable component to our programs and services. Together, with our partners the needs of Kings County residents can be met, the reduction of poverty continues and the overall goal of helping people to become self-sufficient and improve the quality of life is achieved.

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS



- Head Start
- Child Care
- Administration
- Crisis Support Services
- Energy and Housing
- Emergency Services
- Youth Services

FUNDING SOURCES AND PARTNERS

California Department of Community Services and Development

California Department of Public Health

California State Department of Education

California State Department of Social Services

Community Services Block Grant

Kings County Human Services Agency

State of California Department of Health Services

State of California Department of Social Services

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

USDA Rural Development

MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS OF 2011

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TOP CONTRIBUTORS/DONORS WHO GAVE OVER \$1,000 TO KCAO IN 2011

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Family Ranch Inc.

First Christian Reformed Church

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Panera Bread Company

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Soroptimist International of Hanford

Southern California Edison

Southern California Gas Company

Stone Land Company

Triple "D" Dairy and Farming

Wells Fargo Bank

Wal-Mart Foundation

SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of Kings Community Action Organization (KCAO), we would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the contributions from community members and businesses. We are deeply grateful for your support and generosity.

It is with the support of individuals, local businesses and corporate partners like yourself that we are able to continue to strengthen our programs, and to develop new and innovative projects to

serve our members and the community as a whole. KCAO has been and will continue to be a community-based organization. We want to gratefully acknowledge the men and women of the Kings County community who have made our work possible and continue to help us help Kings County for forty-seven years.

When you contribute to Kings Community Action Organization, your full, tax deductible contributions go directly to helping the individuals and families of Kings County.

There are numerous ways in which someone can donate to Kings Community Action Organization, such as monetary donations, matching gifts, pledges, deferred gifts, gifts of real estate, gifts of securities, memorial/recognition gifts and volunteering.

For more information about donating to and supporting KCAO, please contact:

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