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The Children's Home Society of New Jersey Receives Award to Continue Head Start/Early Head Start Services in Trenton

Trenton, NJ (June 25, 2019) – The Children's Home Society of New Jersey (CHSoF NJ) is proud to announce that the United States Department of Health & Human Services (DHS) Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start has awarded a \$3.2 million grant to deliver Head Start/Early Head Start center based services for 300 young children and their families in the City of Trenton, New Jersey. CHSoF NJ Head Start/Early Head Start provides high-quality, full-day, year-round, comprehensive educational, health, nutritional, and social services to promote school readiness and wellness for children from birth to age five. This competitive grant award will allow CHSoF NJ to continue its demonstrated success as sole-provider of these important early childhood services in Trenton.

Recently, CHSoF NJ was also awarded a competitive Early Head Start expansion grant, allowing the agency to increase service delivery to an additional 169 pregnant mothers, infants, and toddlers in the City of Trenton. CHSoF NJ has provided Early Head Start Home Visiting services for 72 children and mothers per in Trenton since 2010. In total, CHSoF NJ's Head Start/Early Head Start will now serve a total of 541 participants. Head Start/Early Head Start education, health, nutrition, social services, mental health services are provided at no cost to Trenton eligible families.

Head Start's mission mirrors the CHSoF NJ belief in strengthening and engaging parents to their child's first and most important teacher. Head Start/Early Head Start supports CHSoF NJ's comprehensive continuum of services. In addition to early childhood and prenatal education and support services, CHSoF NJ is a respected leader in school-based youth development programming, child protection and permanency services, community-based support and prevention services, trauma-informed clinical counseling, Mercer WIC and Kinship Care services.

If you are interested in enrolling in CHSoF NJ's Head Start/Early Head Start program, visit <https://www.chsofnj.org/headstart> or stop in to any one of CHSoF NJ's current Head Start/Early Head Start locations in the City of Trenton: 1198 Southard Street; 715 Bellevue Avenue; 794 East State Street; 1746 South Clinton Avenue.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is a nonprofit child and family serving agency whose mission is to save children's lives and build healthy families. Founded in 1894, the agency protects and prevents abused or neglected infants and at-risk children by ensuring stable, permanent, and loving homes for each and every child it serves. All services are confidential and most are free. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

About The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Head Start/Early Head Start Program

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey's Head Start Program promotes school readiness for children by providing comprehensive educational, health, nutritional, and social services. Parents play a large role in the program, both as primary educators and as participants in administering the program locally. CHSofNJ's Early Head Start Program is offered in both Center-Based and Home-Based environments, and is designed to enhance children's social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development, assist pregnant women with prenatal and post-natal care, support parents efforts to fulfill their parental roles, and assist parents in moving toward self-sufficiency. Pregnant women and families with children (birth to age 5) that meet Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines, reside within the city of Trenton, or have children with disabilities and/or special needs may enroll in CHSofNJ's Head Start/Early Head Start Program. For more information, visit our website at www.chsofnj.org/headstart.

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