

# Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

## EARLY HEAD START ANNUAL REPORT



2011-2012

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3101 Kingsbridge Terrace, Bronx, NY 10463

*Serving Community, Building Relationships*

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## ABOUT OUR CENTER



**Giselle Melendez-Susca**  
*Executive Director*

### OUR MISSION

KHCC's mission is to build on the strengths of residents in our diverse community, enabling them to effect change and improve the quality of their own lives and those of their families and their community. We believe that despite poverty, unemployment, and other challenges our residents have the ability to create a brighter future for themselves.

### OUR HISTORY

The Kingsbridge Heights Community Center was founded in 1974 by a group of passionate community organizers gathered around three neighborhood women: Mary McLoughlin, Patricia Burns, and Janet Athanasidy. Upon hearing in 1972 that the 50th Precinct was moving out of its turn-of-the-century building on Kingsbridge Terrace, the three jumped at the opportunity to realize their vision for a community center.



**Lori Spector**  
*Deputy Director*

The center opened during the spring of 1975 with a Teen Program and a Head Start Program and a budget of \$500,000 to renovate the facility. While work proceeded, new programs were sometimes offered in neighborhood parks, churches, and other locations. As the revitalized precinct building came together, the vision for the organization expanded: it would be modeled after the great New York settlement houses, providing educational and cultural activities for all community residents.

Today, KHCC offers programs and services for all ages and is an active member of United Neighborhood Houses of New York City and United Neighborhood Centers of America. From the adaptive reuse of our historic building to our responsive programs, the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center represents a crucial piece of the fabric of New York City. Under the leadership of Ms. Melendez-Susca, we are poised to help our neighbors in the Bronx meet the challenges of the coming decade.

# Early Head Start

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The Early Head Start (EHS) at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center is a program serving families and children from pregnancy through age three years.

The program is designed to provide early support to families of infants and toddlers, support which will enhance the child's development through healthy beginnings and the continuity of responsive and caring relationships.

The goal of EHS is to foster the intellectual, social and emotional growth of both parent and child. Parents and children can participate in the three program options offered, Combination Program Option, Family Child Care Option or the Pregnancy Option.

## AUDIT RESULTS

**March 2011:** Kingsbridge Heights Community Center is in full compliance with the applicable Head Start Program Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements during the Tri-annual Federal Monitoring Review.

**November 2012:** Kingsbridge Heights Community Center completed its annual audit by BDO Seidman, LLC for fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, which indicated compliance with each of its major federal programs.

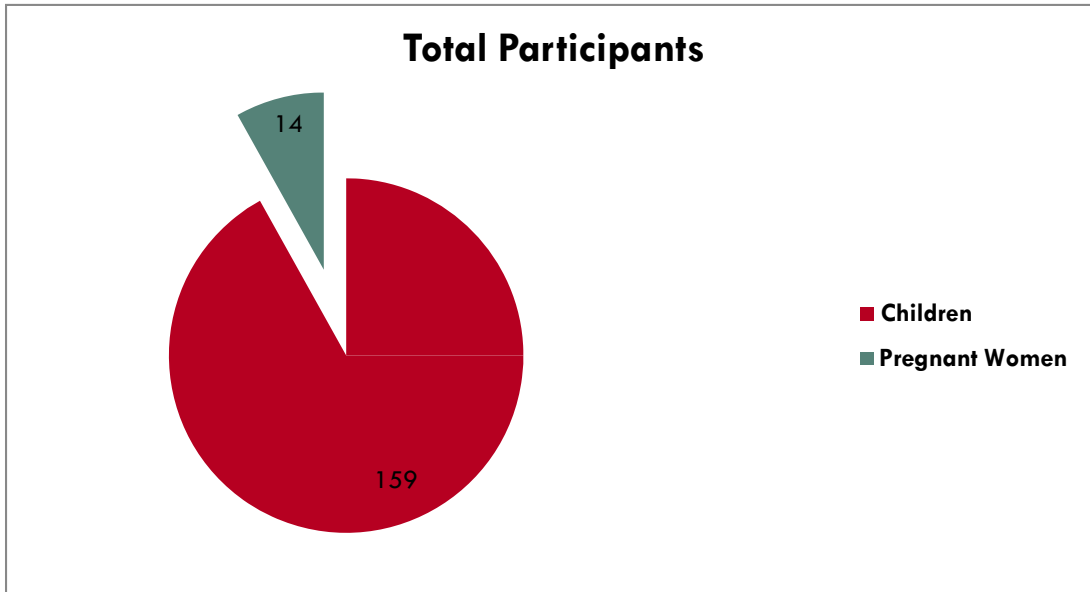
## BUDGET REPORTS

All EHS funding is provided by the Department of Health and Human Services within the Administration for Children and Families. The EHS ARRA funds were blended into EHS main grant by the Department of Human Services and are now reflected by the following:

Budgets for EHS include:

EHS + EHS ARRA blended funds total **\$1,883,588**

## PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



**173** Total number of participants

**163** Number of Families served by the program

**144** Average number of children enrolled Each Month

**106.67 %** of average enrollment compared to funded enrollment

**96 %** of children with identified continuous medical care

**94 %** are up to date on immunizations or have all possible at this time as determined by physician

**64 %** of children with continuous professional dental care

**16 %** are children with disabilities served

**26 %** of fathers participated in program activities

**93 %** of enrolled families received family services (including health and parenting education and support on child development)

## CHARACTERISTICS OF ENROLLED FAMILIES

**75 %** of families are low income families living in the Bronx

**45 %** of families are two-parent families

**62 %** of families are working

**22 %** of families are in school

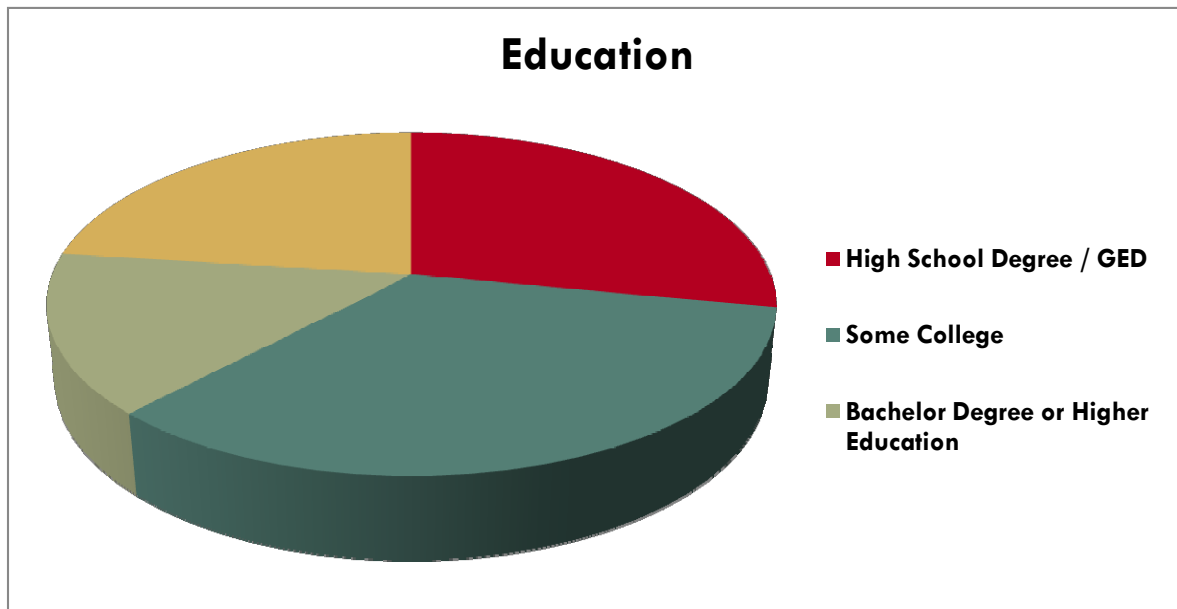
**63 %** of families participate in WIC

**8** families experienced homelessness during the program year

**28 %** of families have a high school degree/GED,

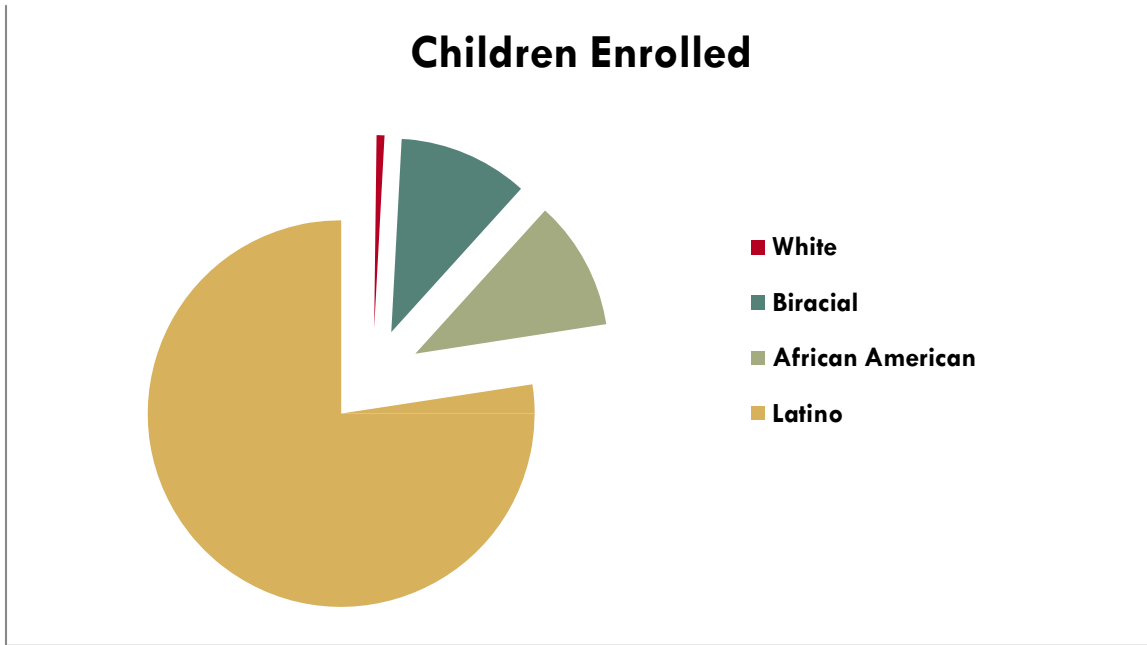
**34 %** of families have some college

**15%** of families have a Bachelor degree or higher education (see chart below)





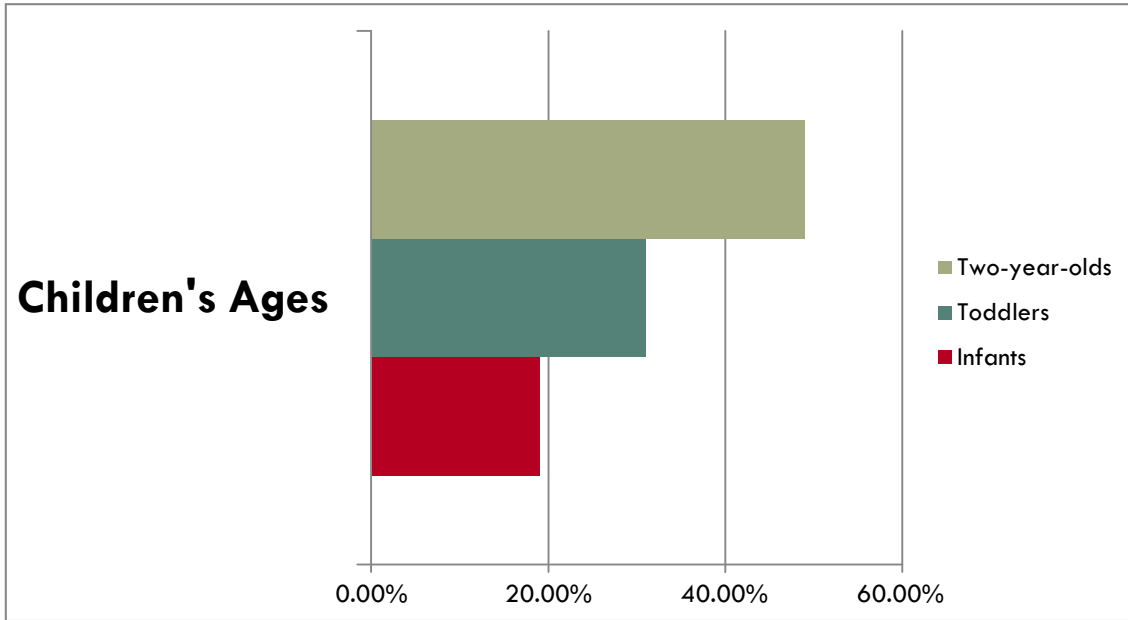
## CHARACTERISTICS OF ENROLLED FAMILIES (CONT'D)



Children: **90 %** Latino, **12.6 %** African American, **12.6 %** Biracial, **1 %** White



### CHARACTERISTICS OF ENROLLED FAMILIES (CONT'D)



Children enrolled: **19 %** infants, **31 %** toddlers and **49 %** two-year-olds



## PROGRAM DIRECTORS

**YENNY TOONE**

*Director, ECS*

**BATYA NOVICK**

*Director of Family Services*



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