



# 2009-2010 Annual Report

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## About Pediatric Therapy Network's Early Head Start

Pediatric Therapy Network provides an Early Head Start (EHS) program to **112 families including expectant mothers and children ages 0 to 3 years**. Currently all of our families are receiving weekly home-based visits from a multidisciplinary team of professionals. Full day center-based care will begin in spring 2011. PTN's primary service area is select areas of Torrance and the bordering neighborhood of Harbor Gateway. Over 60% of our EHS families are Spanish speaking English language learners and most participants are referred to PTN by the Torrance WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Center. Also, 10% of our EHS population is children with special needs. A unique feature to PTN's EHS program is the integration of therapeutic services for children who are at-risk or who have disabilities. Our expertise in this area, allows us to provide optimal guidance to families as they navigate accessing resources for their children.

## Preparing Children and their Families for the Future

PTN's Home Based Educators utilize the *Partners for Healthy Babies Home Visiting Curriculum* that provides strategies for promoting healthy infant development, emotional support and relationship building. For our expectant mothers, we also infuse curriculum developed by the March of Dimes including the bilingual, culturally appropriate, *Comenzando Bien* that promotes healthy prenatal behavior. PTN also sees the bi-monthly parent socializations, Policy Council meetings and fatherhood gatherings as another way our EHS team can work with families that are eager to improve their lives, the lives of their children and become self-sufficient.

## Comprehensive Services Provided



- *Early Childhood Development and Education*
- *Early Intervention & Therapeutic Services*
- *Connecting Families with Community Partners*
- *Parent Education & Socializations*
- *Infant Mental Health*
- *Child Health & Nutrition*

## **Supporting the Health of Our Families**

- ***90% of our EHS children have medical homes.***
- ***90% of our EHS children have dental homes.***
- ***100% of our EHS prenatal mothers have medical insurance and are participating in prenatal care.***

**We partner with a variety of community partners whose mission is to serve the health related needs of the public. Below represents some of the local agencies we have been able to refer our families to for a variety of resources:**

***Little Company of Mary Hospital***

***Department of Mental Health***

***Star View Children & Family Services***

***Children's Dental Center of Los Angeles***

***Magic Land Dental Group***

***South Bay Family Health Care***

***March of Dimes***

## Early Head Start Budget

In 2009-2010, Pediatric Therapy Network had an operating budget of \$6,904,536. Our Early Head Start program accounted for \$1,219,204. The Early Head Start program is supported by Federal grants from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

### ARRA Funding

*December 1, 2009 through September 29, 2010*

Description	Approved Amount
Personnel	\$590,422
Fringe Benefits	97,818
Travel	32,189
Equipment	10,000
Supplies	142,316
Contractual	97,500
Facilities/Construction	199,900
Other	49,059
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,219,204</b>

\* The in-kind match (non-federal share) is matched annually through organizational funding, donations and volunteer hours that are generated by parents and community members.

### Monitoring Review

PTN's Early Head Start is monitored by the Office of Children and Families and the Department of Health and Human Services. The most recent Federal review of our program was December 2010 and the formal results are currently pending.

### Independent Audit

An annual audit is conducted by RBZ, LLP to review the financial position of Pediatric Therapy Network. The most recent audit was conducted and completed in October 2010, reviewing the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. There were no findings.

## Getting our Parents Involved

Pediatric Therapy Network's EHS program strives to provide parents with many meaningful activities for parent involvement. This value is emphasized in each weekly visit and during regularly scheduled socializations because parents are recognized as their child's first teacher. Parents are currently participating in Policy Council, fatherhood groups and special events held at our center in Torrance.

## Bringing Families and the Community Together

Over the past year, PTN has been able to create a variety of opportunities for our families to access community resources and support. The following is a list of special events that served hundreds of Early Head Start participants:

- ❖ **First Annual Resource Fair** – Over 250 families from EHS and other PTN programs attended this well-received event. Sponsored by Southern California Edison and The Gas Company, families were able to receive free dental exams, health screenings, CalWorks assistance, child care vouchers and classes on breast feeding, nutrition and infant massage.
- ❖ **Operation Turkey** – After receiving overwhelming support from donors in the community, PTN was able to provide groceries and a turkey to over 85 families. Employees from international manufacturing corporation, Alcoa Fastening Systems volunteered for the event and afterwards, we were provided with a \$1,000 volunteer grant. Other partners for the event included Supervisor Don Knabe, Coca-Cola, Frito-Lay, PTN staff and board members.
- ❖ **Frosty Fiesta** - PTN received many toy donations from community organizations and local police departments. We were able to give 3 toys to all 140 children (including siblings) and \$15 gift cards to Target for older children. For expectant families, a generous donor and his family provided 16 gift baskets specially made for pregnant mothers and newborn babies. All families also enjoyed pictures with “Santa”, Subway sandwiches, hot cocoa and arts and crafts projects.

