



Community Action Project of Tulsa County (CAP)

is a comprehensive anti-poverty agency that provides supportive services to low-income families in the Tulsa area.



Our mission is to help families in economic need achieve self-sufficiency. Our programs and goals reflect our strategic vision of improving the prospects for long-term economic success of very young low-income children, their families, and the communities in which they live. In 2008, CAP served more than 53,000 people.

Early Childhood Education Program

Our Early Childhood Education Program encompasses Head Start and Early Head Start services (center-based and home-based), Tulsa Educare, and the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program. Our program delivers a comprehensive high-quality school readiness curriculum addressing the educational, nutritional, health, social, and emotional needs of low-income children ages birth to five. In addition to offering high-quality early childhood education, CAP also partners with Family & Children's Services to provide family support services for the families of children enrolled in our early education programs, and with University of Oklahoma-Tulsa to provide access to health services for enrolled children and their families. We serve nearly



2,000 children ages birth to five at 16 sites. We operate our program in close collaboration with Tulsa Public Schools, Union Public Schools, and Sand Springs Public Schools. In 2008, we opened three new state-of-

the-art early childhood education centers, each co-located with an elementary school – the Eugene Field Center, the Skelly Center, and the Rosa Parks Center. CAP continues to operate the State of Oklahoma Pilot Early Childhood Program, and we have 12 partner providers serving low-income children birth through three in both urban and rural areas of the state.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Program & Intercultural Tax Service

CAP's free tax preparation program is intended primarily to serve low-income families who qualify for the federal EITC. During the 2008 tax season, CAP operated five tax preparation sites. We trained 110 IRS-certified volunteers who contributed more than 7,000 hours to preparing tax returns, served more than 17,000 clients, and generated nearly \$25 million in refunds. The average client's household annual income was \$17,000. The average refund per client was \$1,881, which represented approximately 11% of household income.

Benefits Eligibility Network (BEN)

BEN is an Internet-based eligibility screening tool, benefit calculator, and electronic application generator for public benefit programs such as Food Stamps, Medicaid, Section 8, the Free and Reduced Price Lunch program for children, childcare, and Drug Prescription Assistance. In 2008, we conducted BEN screenings for more than 2,700 clients.

First-Time Homebuyer Program

As a HUD-certified housing counseling agency, CAP provides both pre- and post-purchase housing counseling and financial management education. Down payment and closing cost assistance is also available. In 2008, 500 clients attended our homebuyer education classes and 77 clients received down payment assistance through our program. As a result of these services, approximately \$6.8 million in first mortgages was generated.

Oklahoma's Promise College Aspiration Program

CAP worked with four local public schools to help increase enrollment of students in Oklahoma's Promise, which provides financial assistance for higher education to Oklahoma students with limited financial resources. In 2008, CAP reached hundreds of local students with information about Oklahoma's Promise and processed nearly 500 completed applications for enrollment in the program.

Community Development & Resident Supportive Services

Our Community Development and Resident Supportive Services are designed to provide affordable, quality housing options for low-income families looking to rent or to own. In 2008, we renovated 11 homes and sold 18 homes to qualified buyers. In addition to affordable homes for purchase, CAP operates two multi-family apartment complexes (232 units) and rents 34 single-family homes in low-income areas of the city. Supportive services are available to all residents in our rental properties.

Tulsa Initiative/Innovation Lab

In late 2008 Tulsa Initiative came under the umbrella of a newly-created department within CAP called Innovation Lab. The Innovation Lab is responsible for identifying and exploring new approaches to poverty



reduction, in addition to providing research, developing and participating in effective collaborations, and building the capacity of the agency to think creatively in our approach to providing services. In 2008 we achieved progress on a number of objectives related to this goal, including conducting the first phase of Healthy Women, Healthy Futures. We partnered with the University of Oklahoma College of Nursing to develop and launch this pilot interconceptional health program for mothers of children enrolled at Tulsa Educare and Frost Early Childhood Education Center. The first phase provided basic health screenings; health, nutrition, and exercise classes; individual health plan development; and access to health services for 16 women.



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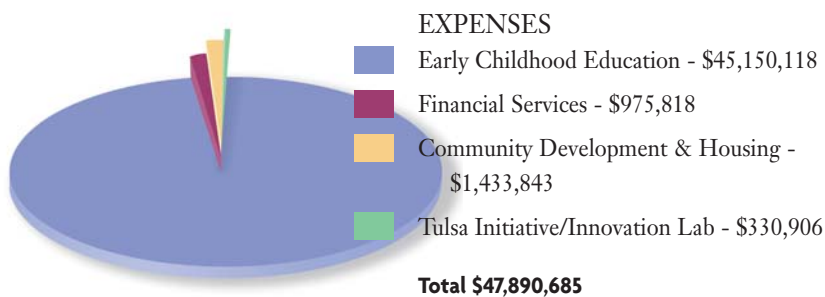
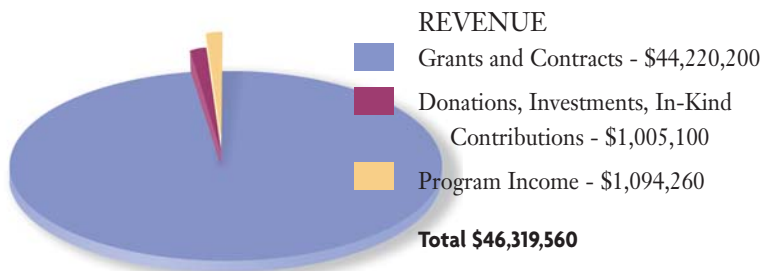
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