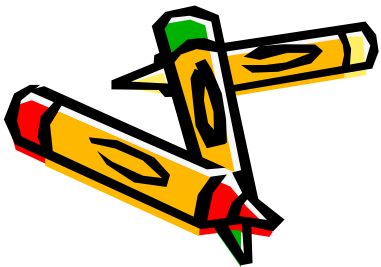
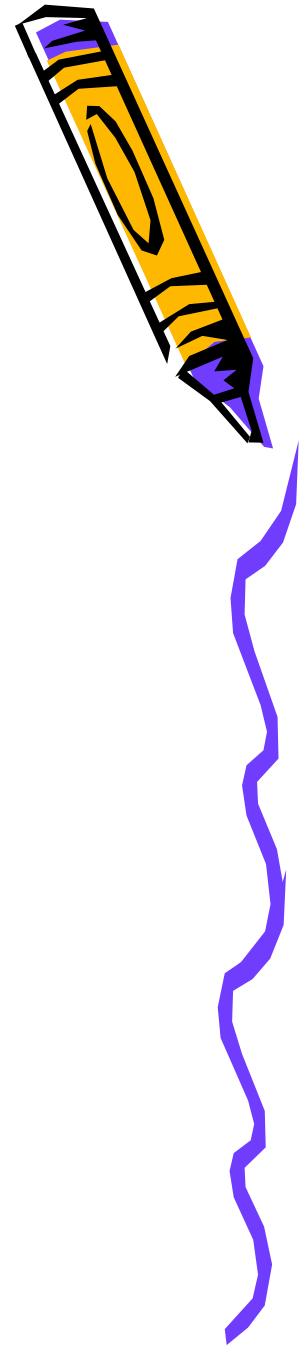


# STATUS OF EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION IN ALEXANDRIA



January 9, 2007

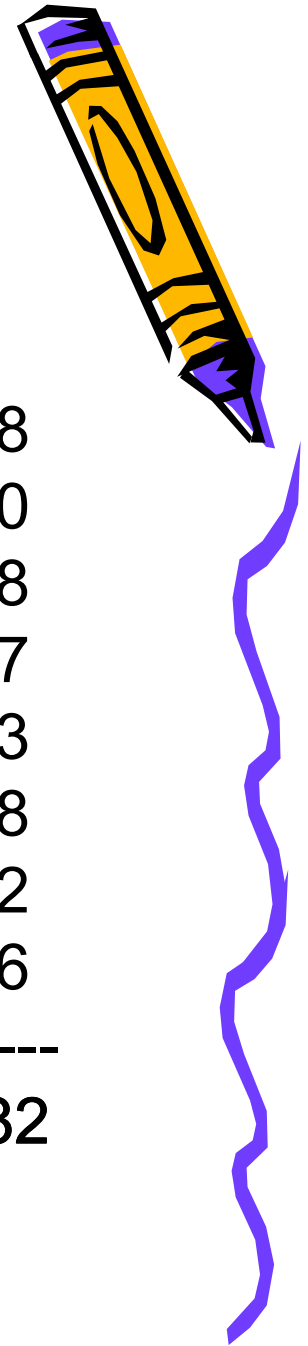


# City programs that prepare Alexandria children for school

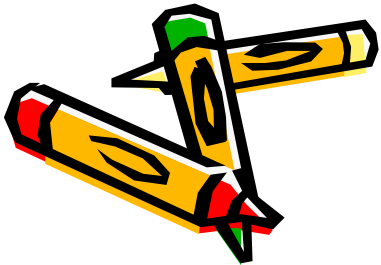
- Head Start (center-based care)
- Early Head Start (center, family child care & home-based)
- Child and Family Network Centers
- Other private for-profit and non-profit centers
- Family child care providers
- ACPS programs



# How many at-risk children are we reaching?

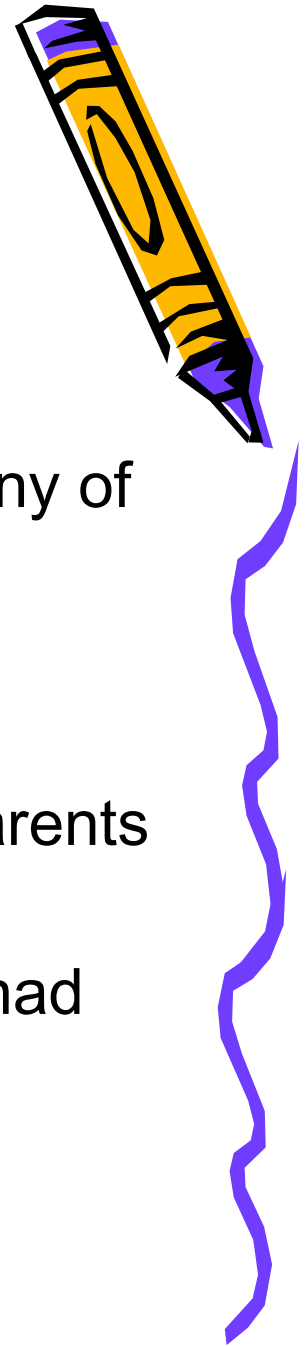


<input type="checkbox"/> Head Start	268
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Head Start	60
<input type="checkbox"/> Child and Family Network Centers	158
<input type="checkbox"/> Other private and non-profit centers	297
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulated family child care providers	413
<input type="checkbox"/> ACPS: Preschool Special Education	128
K-Prep (two weeks in August)	342
Jefferson-Houston Pre-K	16
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<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,682</b>

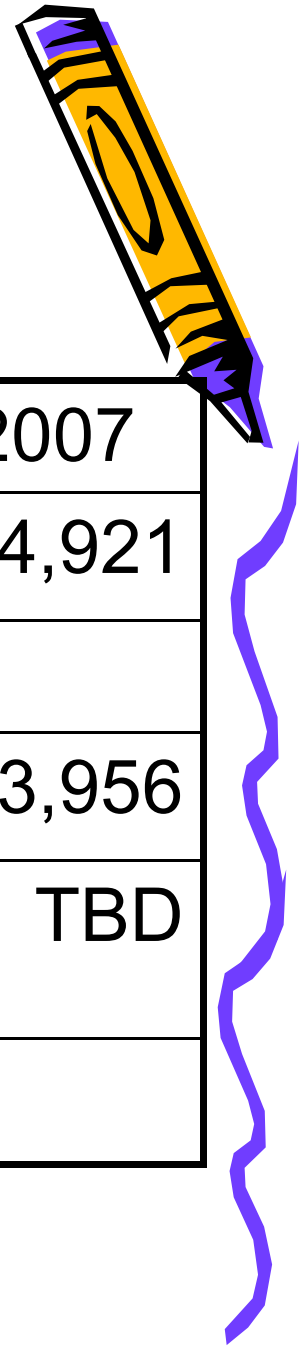


# Number of children we're not reaching

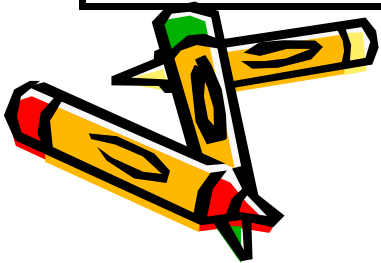
- ❑ ACPS registration survey asked parents how many of their kindergartners had attended a preschool program the previous year.
- ❑ School year 2005/2006 data indicates that the parents of 28% (281) of the 1018 students entering kindergarten that fall reported that their children had not attended an organized preschool program.



# City Investment in Preschool for At-risk Children



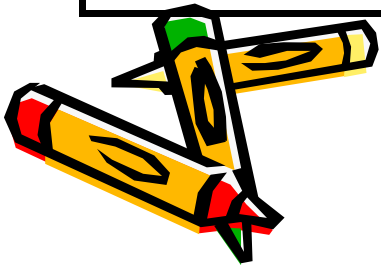
	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Fund	\$1,810,368	\$1,764,921
Federal/State	7,020,818	
Operating Expenses	1,526,481	1,723,956
Other Non-City Dollars (Foundations, federal grants, etc)	1,477,700	TBD
Total	\$12,035,367	



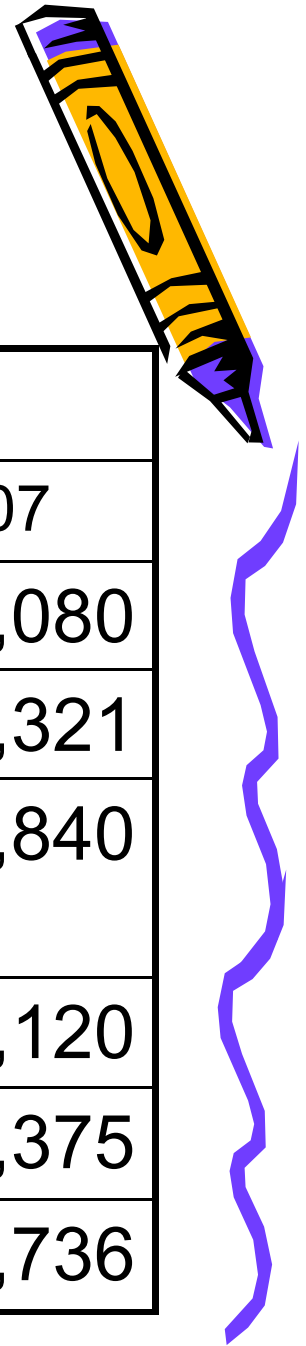
# City Investment in Preschool for At-risk Children



General Fund		
	FY 2006	FY 2007
Children's Fund	\$1,098,954	\$1,053,507
Mini-Grant Fund	50,000	50,000
Local Fee System Match	661,414	661,414
Total	\$1,810,368	\$1,764,921



# City Investment in Preschool Programs



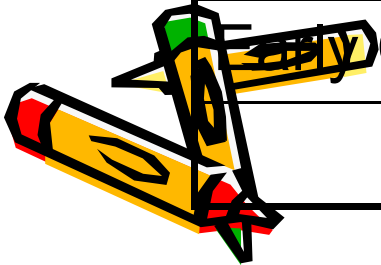
Federal/State		
Program	FY 2006	FY 2007
Head Start	\$1,771,369	\$1,766,080
Early Head Start	654,153	664,321
TANF, Transitional (TCC) and Fee	4,595,296	4,578,840
Virginia Preschool Init	208,440	204,120
Quality Initiative	34,815	34,375
Total	\$7,020,818	\$7,247,736



# FY 2007 ALEXANDRIA CHILDREN'S FUND

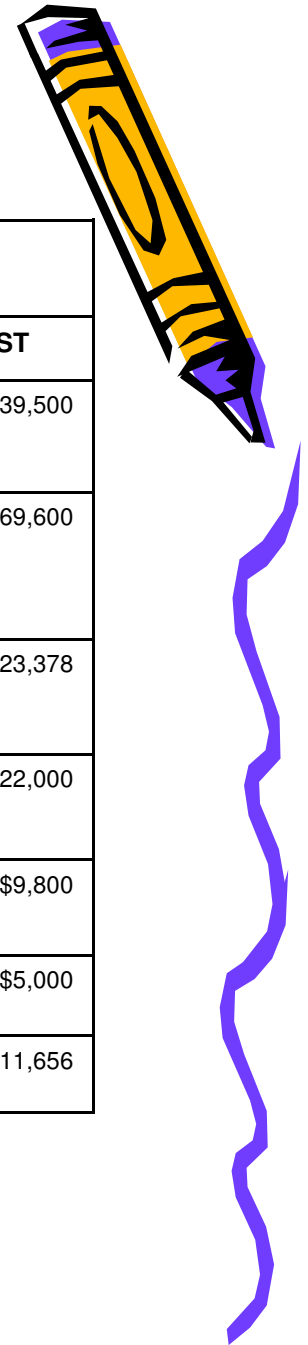


Child/Family Network Centers	\$268,955
Healthy Families Alexandria (NVFS)	328,090
Family Support Project	195,682
Alexandria Resource Mothers (NOVUL)	63,018
Preschool Prevention Team	65,590
Parent Nurturing Project	10,200
VPI Child Scholarships Set-aside	60,000
Mt. Vernon Head Start Set-aside	35,000
Early Childhood Training Set-aside	26,972
Total	\$1,053,507





# Sustainability

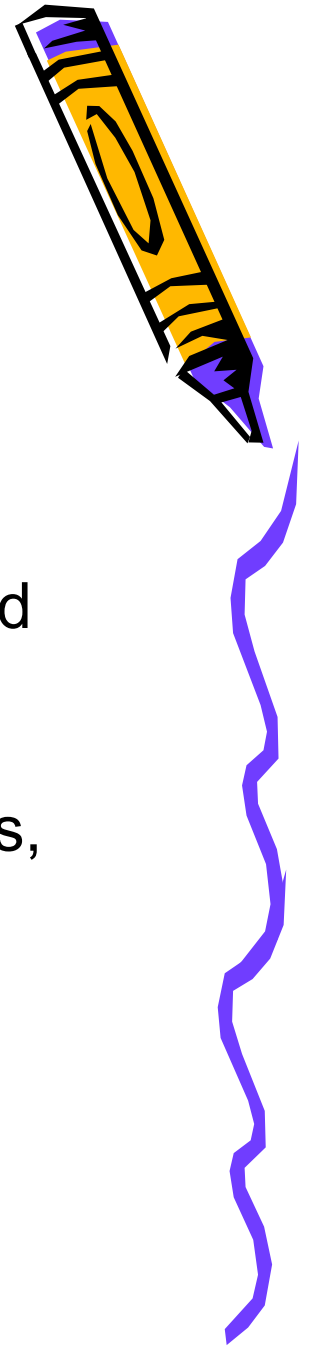


UNMET NEEDS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS		
PROGRAM	UNMET NEED	COST
Alexandria Resource Mothers (NOVUL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore 25 teen mothers to caseloads and lower caseload size from 40 to 25 which would restore the level of quality of services.</li> <li>Waiting list – 20 teens</li> </ul>	\$339,500
Healthy Families Alexandria (NVFS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore HFA to pre-2004 level: 3 additional family support workers and services to 75 additional pregnant and parenting moms, including teens.</li> <li>Unable to serve 211 eligible families in FY06</li> </ul>	\$169,600
Family Support Project (Social Workers on site in participating accredited centers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of project currently borne by centers which makes it difficult for programs to offer competitive salaries for social work or teaching staff.</li> </ul>	\$123,378
Child and Family Network Centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore three classrooms and services to 48 children that were cut in FY 2007</li> <li>Waiting list - 85</li> </ul>	\$322,000
SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore one parenting class</li> <li>Waiting list - 20</li> </ul>	\$9,800
COR (Child Observation Record) Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore new and refresher training for Head Start staff in the use of the COR assessment tool</li> </ul>	\$5,000
Child Day Care Fee System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund the costs of the current waiting list for all of FY 2008, assuming no rate increases</li> </ul>	\$1,111,656



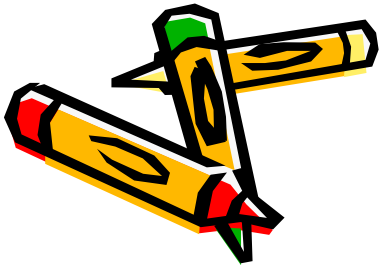
# CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK CENTERS

- ❑ Serves 158 children at six sites
- ❑ All sites accredited by NAEYC
- ❑ Provides comprehensive services to families and children, including family support, health, family literacy, ESL
- ❑ Matched \$1.6 million in funding from foundations, contributions, fundraisers and other sources
- ❑ Per family cost - \$10,500
- ❑ Per child cost - \$9,500



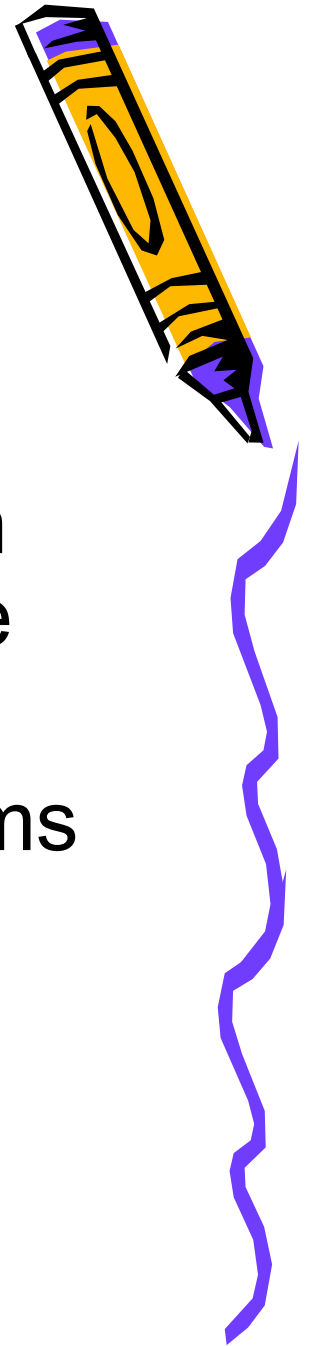
# HEALTHY FAMILIES ALEXANDRIA

- Provides intensive, voluntary home-visiting services to vulnerable first-time parents to promote positive parenting, improve child health and development and prevent child abuse and neglect.
- Served 212 families in FY 2006
- Matched \$452,159 in funds from foundations, contributions etc.
- Per family cost - \$3,580



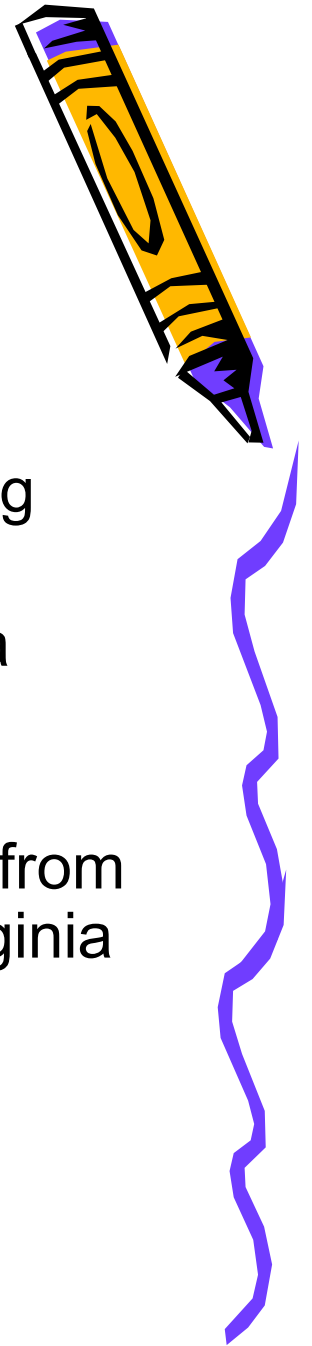
# FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT

- Provides supportive services to families of at-risk children enrolled in participating child care centers in the City
- Served 261 families at four programs at 10 sites
- Cost per family - \$1,257



# RESOURCE MOTHERS

- ❑ Mentoring, advocacy, home visitation and case management for first time pregnant and parenting teens
- ❑ Goals of the program are primarily the birth of a healthy baby and the prevention of unplanned second pregnancies
- ❑ Drew down an additional \$456,000 in FY 2006 from other funding streams, including the State of Virginia and foundations.
- ❑ Per client cost - \$1,572



# Preschool Prevention Team (CSB)

- ❑ Services include social skills training, individual sessions for children and/or their parents, classroom observations and assessments, parent training and support groups and staff training and consultations.
- ❑ Draws down approximately \$75,000 from the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation and receives more than \$100,000 in in-kind professional and administrative support from MH/MR/SA.
- ❑ Served a total of 500 children and 1500 caregivers (parents and teachers) children and families at a per child cost of \$538. (\$223 per person – 2006)
- ❑ Provides mental health prevention and early intervention services to at-risk preschool children and their families



# PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (SCAN)



- ❑ These funds help pay for two English-language and one Spanish-language parenting class.
- ❑ In FY 2006 forty-five parents were recruited. Forty-two parents completed *The ABCs of Parenting*.
- ❑ Cost per two-parent family - \$1,360



# The Westat Report – 1996

## Success of At Risk Preschool Age Children in Alexandria

### Selected Findings

- ❑ Students who had center-based care had higher test scores
- ❑ For low-income families, full-day care was related to higher test scores than half-day
- ❑ Children in center based care appeared to have academic advantage
- ❑ Children in accredited programs improved by 0.8 points on diagnostic tests over time, from the beginning to the end of the academic year

