



Nasra, 4

Race/Ethnicity	Somali
Family:	Nasra lives with her father, mother and 3 siblings. Nasra is the youngest child. Nasra's father works full time. Nasra's mother Amina cares for the home and the children. Amina walks Nasra to school every day. Nasra's siblings attend the local elementary school.
Family Income:	The family's income is based solely on the income from Nasra's father.
Family Status in Country	Nasra and her family are recent immigrants to the United States - moving to the South King County area just 3 months before the start of the Head Start program year.
Health:	Nasra diet, based on religious/cultural practice, does not include pork. Nasra was also recently diagnosed with an allergy to peanuts. Staff at Head Start have been trained on the use of her medication should she be exposed.
Home:	Nasra and her family live in a rented two-bedroom apartment 10 blocks from the Head Start center. Nasra's family has one car that her father uses to go to and from work. Nasra's mother relies on bus transportation and/or rides from friends.
Religion:	Sunni Muslim
Language:	Nasra speaks only Somali at this time Both Nasra's parents are enrolled in ESL classes



Petra, 5

Race/Ethnicity	Ukrainian/American
Family:	Petra lives with her mother and (maternal) grandmother. Petra is an only child. Petra's father is not involved. Petra's mother attends school and hopes to become a registered nurse. She currently works part time as a home health aide. Petra's grandmother
Family Income:	The family receives assistance through DSHS.
Family Status in Country	Petra is the second generation of her family to be born in the United States. Petra's grandparents immigrated to the US 35 years ago.
Health:	Petra is a developmentally healthy 5 year old. She has regular annual physicals and is scheduled for a dental appointment to fill 2 cavities.
Home:	Petra receives before and after school care from her grandmother. Petra's grandmother has severe arthritis so they rarely leave the home. The home is visited regularly by close family members and community friends.
Religion:	Catholic
Language:	Petra is bilingual, speaking both Ukrainian and English. Petra's mother is also bilingual; however, Petra's grandmother speaks only Ukrainian.



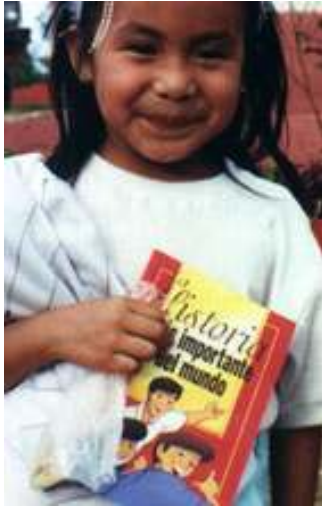
Hassan, 5

Race/Ethnicity	Arabic/Iraqi
Family:	Hassan is the oldest of 3 children and lives with his mother Jasim
Family Income:	None Hassan's mother was a high school level teacher in Iraq. Her education and teaching credentials were destroyed. She is having difficulty finding work in the US.
Family Status in Country	Hassan and his family has recently immigrated to the United States after their community in Iraq was destroyed. Hassan's father was killed during a suicide bombing at his office. The family is hoping locate distant family members living in the Tacoma area but is having little success.
Health:	Hassan is underweight for his age and his mother is concerned about his eating habits. Hassan's teachers note that he has a hard time transitioning to school and often shies away from interaction with other children. Hassan does not eat pork as part of his religious/cultural practice
Home:	The family is currently homeless but staying with a family in from a church community. The family has limited transportation options and often walks or uses the bus.
Religion:	Muslim
Language:	Hassan speaks both Arabic and Kurdish and a little English Hassan's mother is fluent in Arabic, Kurdish, and English



Trevor, 3

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian/American
Family:	Trevor is the middle child of 3. Trevor's brother Sean also attended Head Start and is now in the 1 st grade. Stephanie is the youngest in the family and is 9 months old.
Family Income:	Trevor's father works full time at nights. Trevor's mother works part time in the neighborhood elementary school as a kitchen aide.
Family Status in Country	Trevor's family has lived in the US for several generations.
Health:	Trevor is a healthy 3 year old. Mom is deaf. She can read lips but requests an interpreter for formal meetings.
Home:	Trevor lives with his siblings and mother and father in a home they inherited from his (paternal) grandparents. Each parent has a car.
Religion:	Jehovah's Witness - does not recognize or celebrate mainstream holidays or birthdays
Language:	Trevor and his family speak English only.



Yesenia, 5

Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic/ Mexican
Family:	Yesenia is oldest of three children; she is the older sister to twin infant brothers. Yesenia's family includes her parents, and maternal aunt and her two children.
Family Income:	Yesenia's father works full time as a contract laborer. Yesenia's mother has quit her job to care for the twins.
Family Status in Country	Yesenia and her brothers were born in the US. Her parents however, do not have legal resident status. Yesenia's parents have been in the US for 10 years.
Health:	Yesenia was born with sickle cell anemia and has been to the hospital three times this year for treatment. The family does not have a primary care provider and often uses the emergency room when Yesenia becomes ill.
Home:	Yesenia's family lives in a small home with her aunt and two small children. A total of 3 adults and 5 children share a 3 bedroom house. The family car is unreliable and often is in need of repair.
Religion:	Catholic
Language:	Yesenia has become the most bilingual member of her family. Her English skills have improved greatly after 2+ years in Head Start. She is often the informal interpreter for her parents who speak only a little English.



Jiang Li, 4

Race/Ethnicity	Asian/Chinese
Family:	Jiang Li is an only child. Jiang Li was adopted by her father Eric and his partner Tom when she was 6 months old.
Family Income:	Jiang Li's parents both work part time. Eric and Tom also volunteer in the classroom when their work schedules permit.
Family Status in Country	Jiang Li was born in China and was legally adopted by Eric. Eric and Tom are US citizens have been for several generations of their families.
Health:	Jiang Li is a healthy 4 -year-old. She receives regular medical and dental treatment. By her parents preference Jiang Li is a vegetarian and does not include processed sugar in the form of candy, cakes, or cookies in her diet.
Home:	Jiang Li lives in a 2 bedroom home with her parents.
Religion:	Buddhist
Language:	Jiang Li and her family speak only English.



Kali and Meka, 5 and 3

Race/Ethnicity	Pacific Islander/Samoan
Family:	Kali and Meka are the sons of Milea, a single mom of 3 children (including a daughter, age 8). Their extended family includes maternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.
Family Income:	Milea is a full time student. Family income is based on the work of Milea's parents.
Family Status in Country	The family has lived on the mainland US for over 30 years. As a territory of the US, Samoans are US citizens.
Health:	Kali (5) and Meka (3) have both been diagnosed with asthma. Their asthma is exercise induced and allergies to pollen and grass. The boys are medicated daily at home and at school with a nebulizer.
Home:	Kali and Meka live in the home of their grandparents with their mother.
Religion:	Mormon
Language:	Kali and Meka speak English as their primary language. Milea and her parents are bilingual, speaking English and Samoan.



Damyrin, 9 months

Race/Ethnicity	Bicultural/Caucasian & African American
Family:	Damyrin is the only child of Tanyalynn age 17.
Family Income:	None. Tanyalynn is a full time high school student
Family Status in Country	The family has lived in the US for several generations. Both Damyrin's parents are US citizens.
Health:	Damyrin is a healthy 9 month old.
Home:	Damyrin and his mother live in the home of his grandparents (maternal).
Religion:	Christian
Language:	Damyrin's family speaks English as their first language.



Jessica, 4

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian/Unknown
Family:	Jessica is the foster child of Annette who has 2 of her own children in the home as well (these children are high school age girls)
Family Income:	Annette works full time as a receptionist at a local hospital. Jessica has medical/dental coverage through DSHS.
Family Status in Country	Jessica was born in the US. Annette and her family have lived in the US for several generations.
Health:	Jessica is a healthy 4 year old. Follow up is being considered as Jessica has failed to vision screenings and she may need glasses.
Home:	Jessica lives in a home with her foster siblings and Annette. Annette and her children are African-American
Religion:	Christian
Language:	Jessica and her family speak English as their first language.



Jonathan, 5

Race/Ethnicity	Asian/Cambodian
Family:	Jonathan an only child.
Family Income:	Income is based on DSHS support and his grandmother's part time work.
Family Status in Country	Jonathan was born in the US as was Jonathan's mother Savorn.
Health:	Jonathan is allergic to milk products.
Home:	Jonathan lives with his paternal grandmother who is his legal guardian. Jonathan's mother is currently serving time in prison. The family does not own a car and rely on public transportation or rides from family/friends.
Religion:	Buddhist
Language:	Jonathan speaks English as his primary language. His grandmother speaks Khmer and needs an interpreter for formal meetings.



Cody, 4

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian/Italian & Irish
Family:	Cody is an only child of his biological mother Karen and her partner Suzette.
Family Income:	Cody's family is over-income by Head Start standards but was prioritized for a slot based on Cody's need for special education services.
Family Status in Country	Cody's family has lived in the US for several generations.
Health:	Cody has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) from the local school district for cognitive delays and social emotional concerns. He is receiving services from the district in his Head Start classroom. Cody has chronic ear infections and is often absent from school
Home:	Cody lives in a rented apartment with his parents. His parents often self-transport Cody to school because he has a difficult time on the bus.
Religion:	Agnostic
Language:	Cody and his family speak English as their primary language.



Scott, 4

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian/Swedish/German/English
Family:	Scott is the younger of two children. Scott lives with his biological father and stepmother and sister.
Family Income:	Scott's family is over-income by Head Start standards but was prioritized for a slot based on Scotts need for special education services.
Family Status in Country	Scott family has lived in the US for several generations.
Health:	Scott has an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) from the local school district for occupational therapy to help Scott become more independent and enhance his fine motor skills He is receiving services from the district in his Head Start classroom.
Home:	Scott needs a wheelchair to be mobile at home and at school. The family has only one car large enough to transport his wheel chair.
Religion:	Protestant
Language:	Scott and his family speak English as their primary language.

Magdalena, 18 months



Race/Ethnicity	Hispanic/Puerto Rican
Family:	Magdalena is the first child of Leticia age 19. Leticia is pregnant with her second child and is due to deliver mid-May.
Family Income:	Leticia had a part time job working at a local restaurant but had to take leave for health reasons. The family is supported financially by Leticia's boyfriend Raul who is the father of both children. The family also receives support through DSHS and WIC.
Family Status in Country	Magdalena and her parents were born in Puerto Rico, a territory of the US and are US citizens.
Health:	Magdalena is a healthy toddler.
Home:	The family rents a one-bedroom apartment. The building complex has several other Latino families in residence who have created a support network for one another. The family does not own a car and relies on friends or public transportation. Raul hopes to finish repairing a car given to him by a friend before the new baby arrives.
Religion:	Roman Catholic
Language:	The family is bilingual English/Spanish



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Brittani, 5

Race/Ethnicity	Caucasian/Unknown
Family:	Brittani is one of two children living with her maternal grandmother, Rhonda. Rhonda is caring for two of her grandchildren, each from different children. Brittani is currently enrolled in Head Start and will attend Kindergarten this fall. The second grandchild, Troy will enroll in Head Start in September. Troy's parents are in the military and both currently stationed overseas in Iraq. Brittani's mother is participating in a 6 month inpatient drug rehabilitation treatment program. Rhonda is the legal guardian of both children.
Family Income:	The family income is based on Rhonda's SSI and money sent by Troy's parents.
Family Status in Country	The family has lived in the US for several generations.
Health:	Brittani has type 1 diabetes and must have her blood glucose level check at meal times and before bed. Brittani has a strict diet from her physician and requires special meals be prepared for her at Head Start. Brittani often cannot eat foods made during cooking projects in class.
Home:	The family lives in a home owned by Rhonda and her late husband. The family has a reliable car but Rhonda prefers not to drive at night.
Religion:	Jewish
Language:	The primary language of the family is English