

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 2013-2014

Lamar County Head Start

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Head Start provides pre school education and family assistance services for age and income eligible residents of Lamar County.

The program served 221 children and families from the five school districts located in Lamar County during the 2013-2014 School Year. The average daily attendance for 2013-2014 School Year was 94%. 86.88% (192) of students were below Federal Poverty Guidelines. 11.76% (26) were between 100 and 130% of the Guidelines. 1.35% (3) of students were over income and qualified for other reasons.

Parents and community members logged 5,931 volunteer hours with 291 persons volunteering during the school year.

Dr. Keith Green and staff provided free dental screenings for all Head Start children.

Through partnerships with Dr. Keith Green and Primary Healthcare Associates, 100% of enrolled children received a health, mental health, and developmental screenings within 45 days of enrollment. Follow up assistance was provided as needed for all students.

Maintained community partnership services agreements with forty eight local agencies, schools, churches and businesses.

Held three Community Service Provider Networking meetings.

Provided our annual October "Big Wheels on Campus" Expo which brought in dozens of vehicles (and owners) from our community to show the students their big rigs, motor cycles, fire trucks, emergency vehicles and city street repair equipment to name only a few.

Received donations in the amount of \$18,841.00 in funds, goods and services from private citizens, businesses, local churches, national resources and civic organizations to assist Head Start Families.

Provided 107 hands on workshops, meetings and family activity events for Head Start families.

Provided a "Read With Me" Family Literacy program for all Head Start parents/guardians throughout the school year. Sessions were held every Tuesday, September through May.

Provided a series of workshops to address the fatherhood initiative entitled "Daddy Zone".

Retired Teachers Association continued to bring the "Books for Children" program to the Head Start campus.

Continued Family Involvement Starts Here (FISH 101) series which involves families in learning developmentally appropriate activities which enhances their child's physical and intellectual development.

Staff participated in 241 training events in the areas, of early childhood education, health services, social services, technology and administration.

Three Policy Council members represented the program at the 41st. National Head Start Annual Conference and Expo in Long Beach California in April/May 2014.

School Readiness

The Head Start Program engages in the following strategies to prepare pre-kindergarten students for Kindergarten:

- ◆ Employs 12 Texas Education Agency Early Childhood Certified Teachers
- ◆ Employs 8 Teacher Assistants with national Child Development Associate certifications.
- ◆ Utilizes a research based curriculum (Creative Curriculum For Preschool using the GOLD online assessment system.
- ◆ Integration of technology in classroom activities to support student achievement
- ◆ Engaged in on-going assessment and monitoring of student progress
- ◆ Addressed developmental skills for all children as outlined in the Head Start Child Development and Early Learning Framework and TEA prekindergarten guidelines.
- ◆ Aligned individualized student instruction with assessment data
- ◆ Collaborated with area elementary schools to align instruction with Kindergarten through 5th grade.
- ◆ Developed an individual "School Readiness Plan" of instruction for each child
- ◆ Collaborated with ISD Special Services Departments to provide individualized educational services for children with disabilities
- ◆ Provided on-going staff development for teachers thru participation in the "Texas School Ready Project" in partnership with Region 8 Education Service Center

Expenditures in 2013-2014:

Federal Dollars

Instructional Staff and instruction-related items:

\$694,106.52

Campus leadership: \$219,385.41

Social Work Services: \$147,327.71

Facility maintenance and transportation : \$67,753.30

Health Services: \$79,964.16

Nutrition Services : \$32,406.42

Community and parent involvement: \$81,372.48

Local In-kind Funds:

Instructional Staff and related expenses: \$220,768.00

Campus Support (maintenance, transportation, business office, administrative support and other routines services): \$116,717.00

Community donations of monies, goods and services: \$11,175.00

Program participated in a PISD annual audit in November 2014. There were no deficiencies for the Head Start program resulting from this process.

TEA Accountability Rating

Not Rated

2013-2014 Enrollment

191 Paris ISD

Program was one of two in

17 North Lamar ISD

Region VI Head Start (five state area) who received

Total number of students served

221

rankings among the top 10 percent in the Nation for

Expenditure Per student

\$8,381.25

classroom instructional

Students per Teacher

17.3

support as defined by the

Pre K Classroom Scoring

System

Funding

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

\$1,322,316

In kind (Local Support)

\$348,660

Ethnic Distribution

African American 31 %

Hispanic 18 %

White 27 %

Multi-Racial 24 %

Native American .1 %

Asian Pacific Islander 0.0 %