

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 2014-2015

## 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 222 children and families from the five school districts located in Lamar County during the 2014-2015 School Year. The average daily attendance for 2014-2015 School Year was 94%. 74% (163) of students were below Federal Poverty Guidelines. 11.1% (25) were between 100 and 130% of the Guidelines. .09% (2) of students were over income and qualified for other reasons. 1.7% (4) students were Foster children and 12.3% (28) received Public Assistance.

Parents and community members logged 5,462 volunteer hours with 328 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/dental, 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 fifty one local agencies, schools, churches and businesses.

Held three Community Partnership 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.

Participated in 3 of 5 scheduled Federal review events. Results revealed compliance in all areas.

Provided 92 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 each Tuesday, September through May.

Provided a series of workshops to address the Head Start 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 to promote school readiness skills.

Staff participated in 190 training events in the areas, of early childhood education, health services, social services, technology and administration.

### TEA Accountability Rating

*Not Rated*

#### 2014-2015 Enrollment (Funded for 208 Students)

160	Paris ISD	41	North Lamar ISD
5	Chisum ISD	1	Roxton ISD
1	Prairiland ISD		

**Total number of students served**  
222

**Approximate Expenditure Per student (208 Students)**  
\$8,488.47

**Students per Teacher**  
17.3

Eight Parent Policy Council members and one School Board member represented the program at the 31st. Annual Head Start Parent Conference in New Orleans Louisiana in December 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 10 Teacher Assistants with national Child Development Associate certifications.
- ◆ Used the GOLD Online assessment system to track student progress.
- ◆ Integration of technology in classroom activities to support student achievement.
- ◆ 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 2014-2015:

#### Federal Dollars

Instructional Staff and instruction-related items:

\$676,533.83

Campus leadership: \$235,869.94

Social Work Services: 146,954.69

Facility maintenance and transportation : \$117,867.75

Health Services: \$108,449.66

Nutrition Services : \$33,438.20

Community and parent involvement: \$93,366.93

#### Local In-kind Funds:

Instructional Staff and related expenses: 310,300.45.

Campus Support (maintenance, transportation, business office, administrative support and other routines services): \$32,931.72.

Community donations of monies, goods and services: \$13,169.00.

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

### Funding

**Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families**  
\$1,412,481

**In kind (Local Support)**  
\$356,401.17

### Ethnic Distribution

African American	37.84 %
Hispanic	22.98 %
White	24.77 %
Multi-Racial	13.96 %
Native American	0.45 %
Asian Pacific Islander	0.0 %