

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 2015-2016

## Lamar County Head Start

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

The program served 230 children and families from the five school districts located in Lamar County during the 2015-2016 School Year. The average daily attendance for 2015-2016 School Year was 94%. Students below the Federal Poverty Guidelines was 77.4% (178); 10% (23) were between 100 and 130% of the Guidelines; 1.7% (4) of students were over income and qualified for other reasons. There were 3.0% (7) students that were Foster children; 7.0% (16) received Public Assistance and .09% (2) were classified as homeless.

Parents and community members logged 6,828 volunteer hours with 281 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.

We maintained 52 community partnership service agreements with local agencies, schools, churches and businesses. Three Community Partnership Networking meetings were held.

In October we provided our annual "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 the final 2 of 5 Federal review events. Results revealed compliance in all areas.

Provided 118 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.

Family Involvement Starts Here (FISH 101) series; continues which involves families in learning developmentally appropriate activities to promote school readiness skills.

Staff participated in 196 training events in the areas, of early childhood education, health services, social services, technology and administration.

Five Parent Policy Council/Parent Committee members and one School Board member represented the program at the thirty-second annual Head Start Parent Conference in San Diego California in December 2015.

### 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 6 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 2015-2016:

#### Federal Dollars

Instructional Staff and instruction-related items:

\$632,813.45

Campus leadership: \$251,172.91

Social Work Services: \$168,888.95

Facility maintenance and transportation : \$102,682.11

Health Services: \$129,605.25

Nutrition Services : \$44,238.09

Community and parent involvement: \$83,080.24

#### Local In-kind Funds:

Instructional Staff and related expenses: \$279,206.55

Campus Support (maintenance, transportation, business office, administrative support and other routines services): \$60,745.45

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

### TEA Accountability Rating

Not Rated

### 2015-2016 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

230

### Approximate Expenditure Per student (208 Students)

\$8,492.94

### Students per Teacher

17.3

### Funding

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

\$1,412,481.00

In kind (Local Support)

\$353,121.00

### Ethnic Distribution

African American                      40 %

Hispanic                                      27 %

White    21 %

Multi-Racial                                      9 %

Native American                                      2 %

Asian Pacific Islander                                      1 %