

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 2020-2021

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.

Throughout the year, the program served a total of 216 children and families from the four school districts located in Lamar County during the 2020-2021 school year. The average daily attendance for 2020-2021 school year was 90.48%. Students below the Federal Poverty Guidelines was 61.57% (133); 14.81% (32) were between 100 and 130% of the Guidelines; 9.26% (20) were over income and qualified for other reasons. There were 8.33% (18) students that were Foster children; 5.09% (11) received Public Assistance and .94% (2) were classified as homeless.

One hundred percent of enrolled children received health and dental screenings within forty five days of enrollment. Social & Emotional Behavior screening and developmental screenings (Brigance, vision, hearing, growth assessment and blood pressure) were completed within forty five days of enrollment. Follow up assistance was provided as needed for all students.

We maintained fifty community partnership service agreements with local agencies, schools, churches and businesses. Two Community Partnership Networking meetings were held during the program year.

Typical Empowering parent workshops during the year include Educational Opportunities with Paris Junior College and Parenting Classes with Paris Pregnancy Center.

Sixty three virtual workshops, meetings and family activity events for Head Start families were provided during the program year.

Head Start adopted a new Father engagement curriculum called "WATCH D.O.G.S. Dads of Great Students." With this curriculum we encourage our Head Start fathers and father-figures to make a positive impact on our students by volunteering hours at Head Start through this amazing one-of-a-kind program. We began accomplishing this task by encouraging our fathers to be involved in their child's education. A couple of videos that were submitted by our dads were: Cooking with Dad and Daddy-Daughter/Son Day video's of them and their children which we showcased on Facebook, and our school webpage.

Family Involvement Starts Here (F.I.S.H.) workshop series continued which involved families in learning developmentally appropriate activities to promote school readiness skills.

TEA Accountability Rating : Met Standard

2020-2021 Enrollment (Funded for 208 Students)

177 Paris ISD 32 North Lamar ISD
4 Chisum ISD 3 Prairiland

Total number of students served throughout the year: 216

**Approximate Expenditure Per student:
(208 Students) \$9,099.09**

Students per Teacher: 17.3

Frog Street STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) workshop provided parents with tools to expand knowledge in these areas.

EOY Summer Busy bags were provided for parents that RSVP with Ms. Ellis. Students received 12 bags of activities and supplies to keep them fresh on skills needed for Kindergarten.

Staff participated in one hundred eight training events in the area of early childhood education, health services, social services, technology and administration.

School Readiness

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

- ◆ Employed 11 Texas Education Agency Early Childhood Certified Teachers.
- ◆ Employed 12 Teacher Assistants with national Child Development Associate certifications.
- ◆ Used the CLI Engage assessment system to track student progress.
- ◆ Integrated 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.
- ◆ Developed an individual "School Readiness Plan" of instruction for each child.
- ◆ Collaborated with Paris ISD Special Services Department 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 2020-2021:

Federal Dollars

Instructional Staff and instruction-related items:
\$737,169.91

Campus leadership: \$262,920.46

Social Work Services: \$210,721.03

Construction of Pavilion: \$123,200.66

Building Maintenance/Operation: \$49,645.50

Transportation: \$10,651.92

Health Services: \$115,661.47

Nutrition Services : \$11,405.97

Community and parent involvement: \$76,844.40

Funding

Department of Health
and Human Services

Administration for
Children and Families
\$1,598,221.32

Minimum Required
American Rescue Plan
311,474.00

In-Kind (Local Support)
\$378,695.00

Ethnic Distribution

African American	41 %
White	24 %
Hispanic	18 %
Multi-Racial	14 %
Native American	2 %
Asian	1 %