

Education Service Center, Region 20

Tri-County Head Start Program

Summary of Changes - Community Assessment 2014-2015

This is an overview of the changes that occurred in the communities served by the Region 20 Head Start program in the Devine, Lytle, Natalia, Bandera, Hondo, and Medina Valley, school districts during the 2013-14 school year. This is in compliance with Federal Standard 1305.3 (e) which states, "In each of the two years following completion of the Community Assessment the grantee must conduct a review to determine whether there have been significant changes in the information described in paragraph (b) of this section. If so the community Assessment must be updated and the decisions described in paragraph (c) of this section must be reconsidered. "

The following changes were reviewed and presented to the Head Start Policy Council on January 15, 2015:

1. The ESC, Region 20 Tri-County Head Start Program met the disabilities standard for the 2014-2015 school year with 10% of the children receiving Special Education Services and continues to grow in the number of children qualifying for services.
2. Program continues to be fully enrolled and a waitlist is available.
3. Children continue to demonstrate progress in all of the five domains based on the School Readiness Plan which is required by federal standard 1307.5 which states that Head Start programs must be delivering a high-quality and comprehensive program in order to be considered for the five year renewal.
4. The Tri-County program received their letter from the Federal Government on January 14th, offering the program a five year renewal grant.

Changes were discussed and approved during the Policy Council meeting and considered to be of minimal impact. The Community Assessment continues to indicate the need for the ESC, Region 20, Tri-County Head Start program to operate and serve in the current school districts.