



**Greater Opportunities of The Permian Basin Inc.**  
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**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
BETWEEN ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GOPB, INC.  
HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS ACADEMY**

*Head Start Revised Performance Standards 1302.53 – Community Partnerships*

*We believe (1) a child benefits most from a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program designed to meet the needs of the whole child, and (2) the child's entire family, and the community must be involved in meeting these needs if the program is to have a lasting impact upon the child's total development.*

This letter is to confirm the Partnership between G.O.P.B., Inc. Head Start School Readiness Academy and the Ector County Independent School District to identify teen fathers/mothers and address their needs and concerns, as well as engage and educate them. As addressed in our Community Assessment, teen pregnancy is a growing concern in our communities, and by forming this partnership, we can assist young parents in obtaining some of the necessary skills to become involved, nurturing parents of their children.

The 13-week curriculum-based workshops known as "**Parent Power**" will be formatted into a 6-month program designed to provide support, guidance and resources for young fathers and mothers facing the challenges of being young parents. This 6-month program is designed for the high school-age fathers and mothers in the ECISD program. The goal of the program is to assist fathers gain the skills and confidence to be responsible for their own families. The goal of the facilitator is to encourage the young fathers and mothers to join the Parent Power Program as part of the ECISD'S Teen Fatherhood Initiative program. The Parent Power program provides meals, child care, materials and a graduation ceremony for those who complete the program. The facilitator will present the 13-week session program on campus at our Chaffin Head Start School Readiness Academy center at 1000 S. Grant on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The "*Foundations of Fatherhood*" curriculum used in the program will cover the following topics:

Fatherhood Self-Assessment  
My Anger – Friend or Foe?  
My Child's Life – Part 2  
Traditions, Culture & Identity  
Fatherhood – The Next Level


Character of A Man  
Dealing with Guilt & Shame  
Improving Communication  
Developing Your Support System

Influence of Character  
My Child's Life – Part 1  
Healthy Relationships

Another curriculum titled "*Making Parenting a Pleasure*" is also utilized in working with the young mothers and fathers, as well.

The Graduation/Recognition Ceremony for all Parent Power program graduates will take place in early March in Odessa. The exact date, time and place will be given to all graduates toward the end of the program.

This partnership will be reviewed and renewed on a yearly basis by both parties involved.

  
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Catriva Webbs, Executive Director  
GOPB, Inc.  
Head Start/Early Head Start School Readiness Academy

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ECISD Representative

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