



**Greater Opportunities of The Permian Basin, Inc.**  
**Head Start/Early Head Start**  
**School Readiness Academy**

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**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP**

**BETWEEN ECTOR COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND GOPB, INC.**  
**HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS ACADEMY**

*Head Start Revised Performance Standards 1302.53 (b)(1) - 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. The role and responsibility of the ECISD will be to help identify teen fathers/mothers, and refer them to the Parent Power Program to help them address their needs and concerns, as well as engage and educate them. As addressed in GOPB, Inc.'s 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 10-week curriculum-based workshop known as "Parent Power" will be formatted into a 5-month program designed to provide support, guidance and resources for young fathers and mothers facing the challenges of being young parents. This 5-month program is designed to assist high school-age fathers and mothers in the ECISD program and the community. The goal of the program is to assist fathers and mothers gain the skills and confidence to be responsible for their own futures, with an emphasis on developing strong, nurturing relationships with their children and families. The goal of the facilitator(s) is to provide the sessions/classes, information, skills and support for the fathers and mothers in the Parent Power Program, and also encourage them to be a part of ECISD's Teen Fatherhood Initiative program.

The Parent Power program will provide meals, child care, handouts/binders, and a graduation recognition ceremony for those who complete the program. The facilitator(s) will present the 10-week session program on campus at Hollingsworth Head Start School Readiness Academy (900 S. Grant) on Tuesday evenings from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The first session will begin Tuesday, September 26, 2023, and the last session/graduation will be January 16, 2024 (with January 23, serving as a make-up day in case of bad weather).

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 II  
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 I  
Healthy Relationships

The Graduation/Recognition Ceremony for all Parent Power program graduates will take place January 16, 2024 at the Hollingsworth Head Start/Early Head Start Center.

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

This partnership will be in effect from August, 2023 through July, 2024.

  
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Catriva Webb, Executive Director  
GOPB, Inc.  
*Head Start School Readiness Academy*

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ECISD Representative

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