

**GREATER OPPORTUNITIES OF THE PERMIAN BASIN, INC.
HEAD START SCHOOL READINESS ACADEMY**

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Head Start Revised Performance Standards [1304.41(a)(2)(vii)] 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 12-week curriculum-based workshop known as "Parent Power" will be formatted into an eight-month program designed to provide support, guidance and resources for young men and women facing the challenges of being young parents. This 8-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 futures, with an emphasis on developing strong, nurturing relationships with their children and families. The goal of the facilitator is to encourage the 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, workbooks and a graduation recognition ceremony for those who complete the program.

The facilitator will present the once-a-month 8-session program on campus at Odessa High School, Permian High School or a designated site by ECISD. The Foundations of Fatherhood curriculum used in the program will cover the following topics:

Fatherhood Self-Assessment	Character of a Man	Influence of Character
My Anger – Friend or Foe	Dealing with Guilt & Shame	My Child's Life –Part I
My Child's Life – Part II	Improving Communication	Healthy Relationships
Traditions, Culture & Identity	Developing Your Support System	
Fatherhood , The Next Level		

The Graduation/Recognition Ceremony for all Parent Power program graduates takes place in early March at GOPB, Inc.'s Staff Training/Recognition Conference held annually in Odessa.

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

Executive Director
GOPB, Inc. –
Head Start School Readiness Academy

ECISD Representative

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