

Program Narrative 2014-15

West Orange-Cove CISD 06CH5405

The Head Start Program of the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Independent School District is designed to serve 239 three and four year olds. The program is located at North Early Learning Center, 801 Cordrey, Orange, TX . We have been serving eight four year old classes and five three year old classes in full day sessions. Next year we will serve 137 four-year olds and 102 three year olds. Testing has shown that children in full day classes made larger gains than the children in half-day classes.

Our personnel includes a Director, an Education Manager, a Family Services Manager, four Family Services staff (Parental Involvement Case workers, whom along with the Family Services Manager, also enter their own information into the Head Start student management system ChildPlus.net), a Mental Health / Disabilities Manager, a Health / Safety Manager (RN), a Secretary / Financial Specialist, a part time / contracted retired financial specialist training the new financial specialist, an attendance clerk, one part-time assistant who helps in the cooking room, a part time assistant who maintains resource materials in a library setting. We have added four bus aides which were previously paid under contract with STS Bus services. West Orange-Cove CISD now has it's own transportation department and no longer contract bus services.

Additionally we have had thirteen teachers, and thirteen teacher assistants. We will reinstate the two staff member cut due to sequestration of funds for 2013. We will have fourteen teachers and fourteen teacher assistants going forward.

The Head Start disabilities program collaborates with the Special Services Department of West Orange-Cove C.I.S.D. A Speech Pathologist, housed on campus for those children identified as speech impaired is currently serving nineteen children in speech therapy; three children are being served that likely will be diagnosed as Intellectually Disabled, and one is Other Health Impaired. We have two Head Start classes and Special Education classes that work together to make two full inclusion classes for children with disabilities. Each inclusion class is comprised of a Head Start teacher and assistant and a Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities (PPCD) teacher and assistant. Students with disabilities are also mainstreamed in other Head Start classes as well.