

Education Service Center, Region 20

Bexar 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 ESC-20 Head Start program in the following Independent School Districts: Southwest, Southside, Somerset, East Central, and Alamo Heights. 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 20, 2015:

1. The 2013 – 14 Program Information Report (PIR) reports a cumulative enrollment of 513 children. Of those 513 children 57 are three-year-olds and 456 are four-year-olds.
2. 2013-2014 child ethnicity data included 460 Hispanic children and 53 Non-Hispanic children. 164 of these children speak Spanish as their primary language which shows the need for continued bilingual programming.
3. The median household and per capita income of families living in Bexar County is 17% and it is also 17% in the state of Texas.
4. The 2013 – 14 PIR report indicates the program only has 5% of over-income families enrolled and 9% of families with incomes between 100% and 130% of the federal poverty line.
5. The economically disadvantaged population had a slight increase in Alamo Heights and Southwest from 2011 data. Attendance rates remained stable in all five school districts.
6. During the 2013 - 14 school year, the Education Service Center, Region 20 (ESC-20) Bexar County Head Start Program, has provided disabilities services to children, which is 13.9% of the cumulative enrollment at this point in time.
7. Health needs of the children reported in 2013-14 indicate that Asthma has growing cases; overweight cases are on the rise, with 74% of children being overweight or obese.
8. Employment needs throughout 2013-14 program 74% of the families have a working parent or working parents while 26% of the families remain unemployed.
9. Health Insurance Needs, data collected through Community Assessment has been very encouraging that more children are covered under health insurance.

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-20, Bexar County Head Start program to operate and serve in the current school districts.