

Randolph County Board of Education Head Start

Annual Report Fiscal Year 2017

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In accordance with **Section 644** [42 U.S.C.9839] of the Head Start Act under **Administrative Requirements and Standards**, Randolph County Board of Education Head Start is providing the following to the public.

Randolph County Board of Education Head Start provides comprehensive child development services inclusive of School Readiness, Family Engagement, Health, Nutrition and Mental Health for Randolph children and families.

Mission Statement

To work cooperatively and collaboratively in providing quality health, social and emotional services to children and families we serve in helping them become productive citizens of the community.

School Readiness- Children and families are being prepared for kindergarten through cognitive screenings and assessment. We address individual learning needs and provide transition activities for families with the local elementary school.

Health- Families are assisted with securing Dental Screenings, Vision Screenings and Physicals for every child in the program annually.

Nutrition — We provide nutritious meals and snacks, trainings for parents on the importance of nutrition through monthly menu reviews, nutrition newsletters and weekly classroom nutrition activities.

Mental Health — Mental Health screenings are administered to each child annually and we provide follow-up services by mental health consultants for families when the screening results dictates a need.

Family Engagement- We assist families with family goal establishment and attainment and we provide trainings in various areas. Opportunities for families to engaged in their child's development at all levels is provided.

Board of Education Head Start Program receives funding to provide services to 125 children and families, with an average monthly enrollment of 99%. Percent of eligible children served 75%, 12.9 Homeless, 12 % Public assistance, .1% Foster, 2% over income, We are serving the federal requirement of 10% of children with disabilities. While 13% represents the program's withdrawal rate year-to-date staff has maintained funded enrollment throughout this process.

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) year to date 91%

100% of enrolled children received medical exam and dental exams.

Randolph County Board of Education Head Start receives funding from Bright from the Start Pre-K for one class (Blended Head Start/Pre-K) of 20 children and families, with an average monthly enrollment of 100%.

Funding

-) . \$865,368 Department of Health Family Services Administration for Children and Families Financial Assistance Award
-) . \$216,342 Non-Federal Share Match
-) . 61,257.96 Bright from The Start Pre-K

Budgetary Expenditures

\$865,368 — An explanation of budgetary expenditures and proposed budget for the fiscal year can be reviewed in the Head Start office.

Results of the most recent review CLASS by the Secretary of U.S Dept. of Health and Human Services—
See Head Start Director for review results.

Parent Engagement Activities

Randolph County Board of Education Head Start Program encourages parent participation in virtually every area of Head Start programming. There was a decrease in parent engagement this year. Parents are working and/or enrolled in school which has contributed to parent limited availability to volunteer at the center level. Parent engagement activities that occurred during the 2016-2017 program year included:

- ❖ Parent Training Workshop (e.g. Child Abuse & Neglect, Financial Literacy, Domestic Violence, Bus & Pedestrian Safety, Fire Safety)
- ❖ Parent trainings at the local, state and regional level
- ❖ Fatherhood activities (e.g. Dad's Cook Off)
- ❖ Monthly Male Empowerment meetings
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ Monthly parent meetings
- ❖ Home visits by teachers and family services staff
- ❖ Home-to-school activities
- ❖ Input into the Program Self Assessment
- ❖ Policy Council (51% consist of parents)
- ❖ Classroom volunteer
- ❖ Health Services Advisory Committee participation
- ❖ Educational field trips
- ❖ Father/Child Day
- ❖ Mother/Child Day
- ❖ Grandparent Day

Efforts to prepare children for Kindergarten

Throughout the program year, our teaching staff implements the researched-based early childhood curriculums, Learn Every Day The Preschool Curriculum -4yr. olds and W.I.N.G.S (Wonder, Interest, Needs, Goals, Skills)- 3yr. olds. These curricula promote school readiness in the areas of language, cognitive, social emotional, physical development, early reading and math skills, and approaches to learning. Both curricula are based on scientifically valid research and have standardized training procedures and curriculum materials to support implementation. These curricula align with the Head Start Early Childhood Learning Outcomes Framework (HSELOF), the Georgia Early Learning and Development Standards (GELDS) and School Readiness Goals . IStation was implemented (e-learning program to support students and educators)

Randolph County BOE Head Start program collaborates with the local education agency and outlines comprehensive transition policies and procedures that support the children's transiting from Head Start to Kindergarten. There is a written **Transition Plan** and training is provided for staff and parents about the plan and its implementation. The teaching staff and parents work together to participate with the children in "Transition Activities" that will provide valuable insights into the expectations of local educational agency and environment. The programs' School Readiness Plan and Head Start Outcome Report are available for viewing in the Head Start office.