Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of December 2012 and January 2013 Submitted to the School Board From Dr. Bettie Bonner, Director of Pre-K Programs

PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

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• Seven schools in Santa Rosa School District receive Head Start funding for Pre-K to provide a quality program to serve children and families.

Safety

- Monthly Safety Reporting and required Safety Drills continue to be in compliance.
- First Aid Kits were inventoried on December 7th and items are being replenished as indicated through the inventory.
- On January 23rd, CPR/AED/FIRSTAID certification class was held at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School. Sixteen (16) Pre-K employees participated. Fifty-five (55) Head Start and Early Head Start Pre-K personnel are now certified in CPR, AED, and FIRST AID.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

• On Professional Development Day, Head Start and Early Head Start staff participated in Curriculum, Assessment, and Planning (CAP) Training. Sharrell Ethridge facilitated the training which focused on the implementation of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) and meeting readiness goals. Information was also shared from each Head Start Service Area.

Health/Dental/Nutrition

- On January 3, 2013 all faculty and staff at T. R. Jackson Pre-K received training on new two (2) way safety radios that were purchased and provided for every staff member. This will greatly enhance the communication on campus and make the campus a safer place for children to learn and grow.
- As Head Start and Early Head Start students enroll, they receive Vision and Hearing Screenings through Cynthia Fenaes (RN), and Mr. Gracey.
- All Nutrition Plans have now been updated and completed for all students with special dietary needs. Tracy Cooper, Registered Dietician, with Sodexo, has been actively involved in the writing of these important Nutrition Plans.

Social/Emotional Development (Mental Health)/ESE/Disabilities

 Conferences regarding behavioral concerns were held with teachers at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School, East Milton Elementary, Central High, Chumuckla Elementary and West Navarre Intermediate School by Gail Patterson, the Licensed Mental Health Professional in collaboration with the Social and Emotional Development Service Area. Ten (10) parent meetings were held regarding classroom behavior management and Mental Health referral needs for parents and students.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

• The Family Liaisons are currently assisting teachers and families with Parent/Teacher Conferences. Per the Head Start Performance Standards, these conferences are held 4 times per year. During these conferences, the Family Liaisons assist families with needs assessments, family goal setting/planning and serve as a connection between home, school and community.