

# Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

## Monthly Report for the months of November 2014

### Submitted to the School Board

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## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

### Education

- On November 6, 2014, Santa Rosa County School District (SRCSD) Head Start Program hosted the Florida Education Leadership Forum for the second year. The forum focus was on health and safety, which is the area that Head Start Review teams will monitor first as part of the five year grant. Program directors and specialists attended from the Florida Panhandle. Mrs. Lilli Copp, Florida Head Start Collaboration Director, provided a status report on programs' progress in meeting these mandates. This forum provides an opportunity for programs to network and share success and challenges that are specific to Northwest Florida.

### Child Health and Safety

#### Student and Family Services (Health, Nutrition, Dental, & Safety)

#### HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- On November 18, 2014, our students were offered the FluMist Vaccine with no costs to the parents. We had approximately 25% of our students receive the vaccine. This will hopefully help improve attendance totals throughout the Flu Season.
- We are now tracking and monitoring any students that received a vision or hearing referral and making sure there is follow-up with a specialist.
- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office continued their monthly Nutrition Lessons for our 4 year old Head Start students. They will begin Nutrition lessons with our 3 year old Head Start classes and Early Head Start classes in January.
- We have a "Make It & Take It" workshop scheduled for our parents on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The workshop is already filled to capacity with 60+ parents signed up to participate. The "Make it and Take it" workshop will be hosted by the Santa Rosa County Extension Office and will include a Cooking Demonstration, Arts & Crafts, and **LUNCH!** The ladies will be giving our parents some healthy cooking ideas and various activities that they can enjoy doing with their family just in time for the holiday!!
- School (TRJ) Clinic Totals**

	November	Yearly Total
<b>Total Medications Administered</b>	35	157
Minor Injuries	28	85
Major Injuries	0	0
<b>Total First Aid Administered</b>	28	85
Physical Complaints	85	359
Intentional Injuries	0	1
Chronic Conditions	29	149
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	42	142
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	6	13
Other	63	526
Medication Intake	3	35
<b>Total Paraprofessional Visits</b>	291	1,467
<b>Dispositions</b>		
• Returned to Class	260	1,308
• Sent Home	28	124
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	3	35
• Emergency Response (911)	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	291	1,467

- ✓ (The AED is checked and documented weekly by our Registered Nurse.)

### **DENTAL**

- Daily Dental Hygiene continues to be promoted both in the classroom and in conjunction with meals.

### **SAFETY**

- Our monthly Fire Drill was conducted on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITIES**

- Ms. Gail Patterson, Licensed Mental Health Consultant for SRCSD Head Start program, has been in Pre-K classrooms throughout the county making observations. Ms. Patterson has been working together with families and staff to help children overcome behavioral challenges.
- Ms. Gail Patterson has begun a series for staff members called “Gabbing With Gail”. These are voluntary sessions that are an open forum for staff members to discuss any personal or work related concerns or issues.
- Since the beginning of the school year thirty, (30) referrals have been made for students with developmental concerns. Prompt identification of developmental concerns will assist in providing needed services to students prior to entering Kindergarten.

### **FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Watch D.O.G.S. is a fatherhood engagement initiative utilized by Santa Rosa County School District Head Start to increase volunteer involvement of fathers and father-figures on the school campuses of which their children attend. Our goal is to engage dads as volunteers by having them commit to serve as a volunteer for at least one full day during the school year on their child’s school campus.
- The Head Start Program hosted a Dad and Kids Pizza Night launch event on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A total of fifty-seven (57) dads representing seventy (70) students attended. Following the Watch D.O.G.S. presentation, twelve (12) dads signed up to volunteer a total of thirteen (13) full school days during the months of November and December.

### **PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Fiscal**

- The Head Start Grant was approved at the November Policy Council Meeting and Santa Rosa County School Board Meeting and electrically uploaded to the Regional Office on November 25, 2014. We expect to receive the award letter February 2015.

#### **Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA)**

### **ENROLLMENT**

- There have been nine (9) student withdrawals during the month of November for Head Start, six (6) of the vacancies were filled in November with eligible participants. The remaining three (3) vacancies will be filled during the first week of December.
- There were no withdrawals during the month of November for Early Head Start.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Average monthly attendance for **November 2014**:

- \*Early Head Start – 92%
- Head Start 88%

### **VOLUNTARY PRE-K PROGRAM (VPK)**

- Current VPK enrollment is only at TR Jackson and is as follows:

Room 6	Room 9	Room 13	Room 17
19	17	18	18