

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the months of January and February 2015

Submitted to the School Board

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EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations were conducted during the month of January. The CLASS observation is used by Head Start in the audit reviews. There are two criteria for CLASS scores:
 1. Programs must make a specified score in each domain
 2. Programs must not fall in the lowest 10% in the nation

If programs do not meet both these criteria, they have to re-compete for their grant. Due to the importance of CLASS, training has been planned on CLASS domains and dimensions. Participants are developing strategies for implementation that can assist them in meeting the CLASS criteria.

Environmental Health and Safety

- We are in the process of writing our Five Year Grant Application. The first Service Area that will be audited and reviewed will be **Environmental Health and Safety (EnvHS)**. The Environmental Health and Safety review event will cover the following key areas of Health and Safety:
 1. **Safe and Clean Facilities:** The program ensures physical environments are safe for children, parents, and staff.
 2. **Healthy Learning Environments:** The program establishes and maintains healthy practices and routines.
 3. **Safe Learning Environments and Supervision:** The program ensures children's safety through thorough background checks and effective supervision practices.
 4. **Safe Transportation:** The program ensures children's safety through effective and safe transportation.
- Our monthly Fire Drills were conducted on January 28th and February 27th.
- We had 12 pre-k staff members recertify in CPR/AED/FIRST AID Certification on January 27th.
- The School Health Advisory Council met on January 14th and on February 18th.
- We conducted a Tornado Drill and a Shelter-In-Place Drill on February the 5th.

Health and Nutrition

- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office continued their monthly Nutrition Lessons at T. R. Jackson for our 3 and 4 year old Head Start students in January and February. They began Nutrition lessons with our 2 year old Early Head Start classes beginning in February.
- We completed the 2nd Growth Assessments and BMI calculations on all of the Early Head Start & Head Start students in January.

Dental

- Daily Dental Hygiene continues to be promoted both in the classroom and in conjunction with meals. We continue to track and monitor the dental treatment program for many of our students.
- On February the 20th, the T.R. Jackson Pre-K School Site was randomly selected to participate in a Statewide Dental Health Screening Project. This was in collaboration with the Florida Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and various other organizations that are concerned with the Oral Health of Florida's children. We had 72 Head Start children participate in the Oral Health Screenings. Out of the 72 students that were screened, none (0%) were found to have any serious oral health problems which would require immediate attention. 76% of the students were identified as having no obvious dental problems, and 24% were identified as having a tooth or teeth that needed to be evaluated by a dental provider. We were very pleased with these results!

- **School (TRJ) Clinic Totals**

	January	February	Yearly Total
Total Medications Administered	46	62	297
Minor Injuries	12	13	127
Major Injuries	0	0	0
Total First Aid Administered	12	13	127
Physical Complaints	93	121	644
Intentional Injuries	0	0	1
Chronic Conditions	46	62	289
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	79	15	277
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	8	3	28
Other	251	26	827
Medication Intake	5	3	51
Total Paraprofessional Visits	540	306	2,542
Dispositions			
• Returned to Class	504	269	2,279
• Sent Home	30	34	211
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	5	3	51
• Emergency Response (911)	1	0	1
Total Dispositions	540	306	2,542

PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

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

- The ERSEA Service Area kicked off the Annual County-Wide Recruitment Drive at Bagdad Elementary on Tuesday, February 10.
- Recruitment drives were also held at Berryhill Elementary, Central School, East Milton Elementary, Jay Elementary and West Navarre Intermediate.
- During the month of February, 81 applications were placed for the 2015-2016 school year.
- County –Wide Recruitment will continue at TR Jackson March 2-5. After March 5th, applications will continue to be taken but parents will be asked to make an appointment.

Attendance

- Attendance information reported to the Office of Head Start was as follows:
 - ✓ January 2015 – EHS 87% and HS 90%
 - ✓ February 2015 – EHS 87% and 90 %

Fiscal

- March 1, 2015 starts the new grant year.
- We are in the process of starting to write the new 5 year grant.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Parents were invited to attend a Parent Committee Meeting to discuss strategies for families becoming engaged in the program and having input in decision-making. As families become more engaged in the program, they become empowered to advocate for their children within the school and community.