

# Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

## **Monthly Report for the months of August & September 2016**

Submitted to the School Board

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### **PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT (PDM)**

- On September 1, the Office of Head Start unveil the most complete revision and reorganization of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) since the program began in 1965. According to Dr. Blanca Enriquez the Director of the Office of Head Start, the new Head Start Performance Standards revision (Final Rule) do the following:
  - Reflect best practice and latest research on what works in early education to foster healthy child development and school readiness
  - Increase the length of the school day and school year to maximize child outcomes
  - Raise educational standards, curriculum requirements, child assessment, and teacher professional development
  - Increase the quality of comprehensive services for children and families
  - Affirm the role of parents in leadership roles and strengthen parent engagement services
- We are participating in webinars, trainings, and meetings to learn more about the new HSPPS and the roll-out dates for the implementation of the revisions. The HSPPS are being disseminated to the Governing Body, Policy Council, and staff.
- The Policy Council/School Advisory Council had its first meeting of the year on September 16. Kristen Barnes was elected at the 2016-17 Chair of the council.
- We held our Open House and All-American Family Picnic on September 15. It was a great success! Over 400 participants came out and engaged in the activities. This includes students, their family members, volunteers, community partners and staff. Several community partners set up booths to share information with our families.
- We began a school-wide implementation of “Conscious Discipline” which will aide in the de-escalation of problem behaviors. It also promotes a feeling of safety and a sense of family.

### **Fiscal**

- Head Start received the FY 2016 COLA Notice of Award of \$40,572. It will be used to increase the Programs’ base funding. The funds awarded in August will augment the cost of increases of salaries, and fringe benefits.
- Guidance on the requirements for submission of the Head Start Continuation Grant application has been received. Head Start is working on the Continuation Grant for period March 2017 through February 2018. The Transportation Waiver, Continuation Grant, and T/TA plan which is a section of the grant will be submitted for approval at the November Policy Council meeting and the November School Board Meeting.
- Seven schools in Santa Rosa County receive Head Start funds for Pre-K.

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

#### • Attendance

Attendance information reported to the Office of Head Start was as follows:

<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Early Head Start – 86%	Early Head Start – 89%
Head Start – 92%	Head Start – 92%
VPK – 94%	VPK – 94%

#### • Funded Enrollment

- EHS - 40
- HS - 240 (172 students are dual VPK/HS)
- VPK - 21 (standalone)

Total Enrollment of 301 students

## EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

### Education

- All students had to have developmental screenings within 45 days of entering the program. All four-year-old students were assessed with the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) assessment within 30 days of the first day of school. The VPK assessment measures print knowledge, phonological awareness, oral language / vocabulary, and mathematics.

Baseline data indicates the following percentages of students' meeting expectations:

- Print knowledge – 7%
- Phonological Awareness – 17%
- Oral Language/Vocabulary – 30%
- Mathematics – 7%

### Environmental Health and Safety

- All 7 Head Start Centers are in compliance with their School-Site Safety Reporting.
- All Head Start and Early Head students have received their vision, hearing, and growth assessment screening.
- All Head Start Staff received a Physical and TB screening on Wednesday, September 14.
- A CPR/AED/FIRST AID Certification class is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016.

### Nutrition

- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office began Nutrition Lessons with our 4 year old students.
- National School Lunch Week is October 10 -14 with various activities planned for our students and parents. Parents will be invited to eat lunch with their child on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Head Start wants everyone to **“SHOW THEIR SPIRIT FOR SCHOOL LUNCH!”**
- In September, we kicked off our weekly A to Z Fruit and Vegetable experience for our students.
- Lunch and Breakfast Recap and Reconciliation Totals

T.R. Jackson Pre-K	Total # Free	Total # Paid	GRAND TOTAL
<b>BREAKFAST</b>			
August	2,272	71	2,343
September	3,676	159	3,835
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>5,948</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>6,178</b>
<b>LUNCH</b>			
August	2,270	69	2,339
September	3,706	164	3,870
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>5,976</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>6,209</b>

### Dental

- Daily Dental Hygiene continues to be promoted both in the classroom and in conjunction with meals. All students do a minimum of one thorough tooth brushing daily.
- We have now completed dental exams/cleanings for all Early Head Start and Head Start students with the exception of 6 four year old Head Start classes. Our goal is to have those dental trips completed by the end of October.

### School (TRJ) Clinic Totals

	August	September	Yearly Total
<b>Total Medications Administered</b>	10	8	18
Minor Injuries	18	32	50
Major Injuries	1	0	1
<b>Total First Aid Administered</b>	19	32	51

Physical Complaints	64	68	132
Intentional Injuries	0	0	0
Chronic Conditions	13	6	19
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	43	45	88
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	5	9	14
Other	58	118	176
Medication Intake	19	2	21
<b>Total Paraprofessional Visits</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>519</b>
<b>Dispositions</b>			
• Returned to Class	186	253	439
• Sent Home	26	33	59
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	19	2	21
• Emergency Response (911)	0	0	0
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>519</b>

## Mental Health Services Report

- We have contracted again this year with Licensed School Psychologist, Gail Patterson, to provide Mental Health observations, consultations, limited counseling, and professional development for our students, staff, and their families. Currently she is serving three families from last school year, and six new referrals have been processed.
- Gail has visited all of our classrooms to complete an annual mental health observation of the classroom environment and student/teacher interactions. She has consulted with teachers about their classroom management plans and made recommendations related to early behavioral concerns in some of the classes.
- She will be continuing a monthly gathering for adult caregivers of pre-k children, Family Connection (previously Parent Talk) on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The first meeting was held Wednesday, September 28, with fourteen parents in attendance.
- She will also lead professional development with Head Start staff, Building Blocks (previously Gabbing with Gail), that will address various topics related to personal and professional mental wellness, particularly related to addressing the needs of students in our care.

## Disabilities

- Fourteen percent of students in EHS/HS have an IFSP or IEP.

## PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PFCE)

- Two Hundred Forty-Four families served by our Head Start Programs were asked to complete a PFCE Framework Outcomes Intake Survey the second week of school. The PFCE Framework outlines seven domains that work together to support family school readiness. The Office of Head Start requires all programs to identify the greatest needs of individual and groups of families so we might develop a process to engage those family's to give effort toward meeting goals, and to measure the effect of family progress on their child's school readiness.
- 85% of our families completed this year's survey which identified several key areas that we have targeted to develop services during the 2016-17 school year. The percentages below represent families identified as at risk or in crisis in that particular area.
  - 22.5% (55 families) Employment
  - 4.1% (10 families) Finances  
This appears to be a low number considering the employment percentage above.
  - 5.7% (14 families) Educational Expectations of their children.  
One parent indicated they did not expect their child to graduate from high school. Another parent has expressed the same to the child's teacher.
  - 41.8% (102 families) Requested consideration for Holiday Assistance.
- We are continuing our partnership with Santa Rosa Adult School to provide GED classes to our families at TR Jackson. This year we have fifty-six documented adults living in the homes of our students that have not completed their high school education. Seven of these adults are under the age of twenty-four. We are partnering with Santa Rosa Career Connects to engage them to complete their education and look forward to vocational goals that will benefit their children and family educationally as well as financially.