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Head Start/Early Head Start Annual Report

2019

**HCCAA Head Start/EHS
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**Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.
Head Start/Early Head Start Program
Annual Report
2019**

Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc. administers the Head Start/EHS Program in Central and North Central Texas in the following counties: Bosque, Coryell, Freestone, Hamilton, Hill, Lampasas, Limestone, Llano, Mason, Milam, and San Saba.

Children in Head Start/EHS experience an optimal learning environment that offers cognitive growth opportunities focused on the acquisition of school readiness skills, while supporting the child's appropriate social and emotional development. Special needs children receive a full range of Head Start developmental services. Head Start/EHS provides a range of individualized services in the areas of education and early childhood development; medical, dental, and mental health; nutrition; parent involvement and family support. In addition, the entire range of Head Start services is responsive and appropriate to each child and family's developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience. Families have access to comprehensive services including health and dental services, mental health services, parent involvement, family (social) services, disabilities services, nutrition services, speech therapy, occupational or physical therapy, family literacy and G.E.D. classes and transition services. These support services are designed to assist families in reaching self-sufficiency.

In 2019, the program operated 37 classrooms serving 548 children seven hours a day/five days a week in a part-year/full-year setting. Our Early Head Start program is made up of 72 children that range from ages 6 weeks to 3 years old. Head Start served 476 children ages 3 – 5. All children receive three meals a day and all the required health screenings.

The Central Administrative Office is located at:
2905 W. Wallace St., San Saba, TX 76877
325/372-5167



Directory of Hill Country Head Start Centers

Copperas Cove Park I & II 1202 W. Ave. B. Copperas Cove TX 76522 254/547-4465	Cameron Head Start I & II 1402 N. Austin Cameron, TX 76520 254/697-4240
Copperas Cove HS/EHS 1008 N. Drive Copperas Cove, TX 76522 254/547-1771	Rockdale Head Start I & II 233 Mill St. Rockdale, TX 76567 512/446-5000
Copperas Cove Sunshine I & II 1105 Leonhard St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522 254/547-0769	San Saba Head Start 901 W. Storey St. San Saba, TX 76877 325/372-3181
Gatesville Head Start I & II & III 1105 Saunders, Gatesville, TX 76528 254/865-5423	Meridian Head Start 201 North 2 nd St., Meridian, TX 76665 254/435-2168
Hamilton Early Head Start 400 S. College, Hamilton, TX 76531 254/386-8931	Fairfield Head Start I – III 920 S. Bateman St., Fairfield, TX 75840 903/389-2022
Lampasas Head Start/Early Head Start 500 E. 8th St., Lampasas, TX 76550 512/556-2555	Ft. Hood Head Start 48812, Evans Dr., Ft. Hood, TX 76544 254/628-1935
Llano Head Start 104 E. Lampasas, Llano, TX 78643 325/247-4644	Hillsboro Head Start I – III 804 B Thomas St., Hillsboro, TX 76645 254/582-8611
Kingsland Head Start 1008 Venus, Kingsland, TX 78639 325/388-9326	Mexia Head Start/Early Head Start I - III 1023 E. Main St., Mexia, TX 76667 254/562-2610
Mason Head Start/Early Head Start 911 College, Mason, TX 76856 325/347-5852	Mexia Head Start IV-V 105 N. Brooks St., Mexia, TX 76667 254/472-0114
San Saba Early Head Start 1608 W Commerce St San Saba, Tx 76877 325/372-3183	

Federal Head Start Budget 2019

Line Item	Budget
Personnel and Fringe	\$4,076,642
Travel - Conference	\$17,280
Contractual	\$93,228
Equipment	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$178,438
Other Costs	\$658,690
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$5,024,278
TOTAL NON-FEDERAL	\$1,192,338
TOTAL BUDGET	\$6,216,616

Federal Early Head Start Budget 2019

Line Item	Budget
Personnel and Fringe	\$918,830
Travel - Conference	\$0
Contractual	\$10,815
Materials & Supplies	\$46,100
Other Costs	\$175,189
TOTAL FEDERAL BUDGET	\$1,153,516

Other Funding Sources:

USDA Child Care Food Program: \$ 453,210

Enrollment

Because the program maintains a waiting list of income eligible children, the program does not enroll more than 10% of over income children unless they have a diagnosed disability.

For the program year 2019-20 the program served a total of 476 Head Start children and 72 Early Head Start children.

Total number of families served: 595

Total number of Volunteers: 1324

Percentage of eligible children served: 89%

Annual Financial Audit:

An agency-wide single audit is conducted on an annual basis. The last audit was conducted by Saunders and Associates, PLLC, Certified Public Accountants, June 1-5, 2020 for the Fiscal Year ending on December 31, 2019. The 2019 audit had no financial statement findings or questioned costs and no Federal award findings. The full audit report will be available in the HCCAA administrative office for review by interested parties.

Self-Assessment:

The annual self-assessment was canceled this year due to the COVID-19.

Governance:

The Head Start program employs a shared governance system in which parents and a governing board share policy making decisions. A Parent Policy Council is elected annually and works with program and grantee staff to develop, review and approve policies, plans, grant applications, etc. as required by Federal regulations. Policy Council decisions are then forwarded to the governing board for further action.

Parent, Family and Community Engagement:

Developing effective partnerships and goal-directed relationships with families is a critical part of supporting family well-being and children's school readiness. Research shows that children have better outcomes when parents have adequate resources, live in safe home environments that support learning and development, and provide active and intentional learning experiences. These conditions result in children who are more likely to perform better upon entry into kindergarten and show resilience throughout childhood and adolescence ¹. (Masten, Best, & Garmezy, 1990). Parent volunteers are invaluable to the program and parents are encouraged to volunteer as often as possible. Parent training sessions are offered once a month at the center on a wide variety of topics of their choice. Other services such as family literacy, G.E.D., E.S.L. classes, fatherhood activities, and other family building activities are coordinated locally within the communities. Many family friendly activities are planned throughout the year to offer families opportunities for fun and growth.

Head Start– Preparing Children for School:

The Head Start program prepares children for academic success by providing a rich learning environment in which critical social-emotional and academic skills can be effectively developed. Head Start is expected to develop and implement a child development and early learning program. The Head Start Act of 2007 introduced a Framework that guides our program in aligning program goals and school readiness goals for children.

The curricula used by the program is the Creative Curriculum, Teaching Strategies GOLD Online Assessment system, and various supplemental resources are also available to staff. The management staff effectively uses the CAP60 web-based software to manage services for children and families. Health services are provided for most children through Texas Healthy Steps. The program has generally been at full enrollment.

School Readiness Goals

- Physical well-being and motor development do not hinder child’s ability to learn;
- Children establish and sustain positive relationship with adults and peers;
- Children will recognize and regulate emotions and behavior;
- Children will engage in conversations and expand vocabulary;
- Children will interact during read aloud and book conversations;
- Children will learn to count, quantify, and connect numerals with their quantities;
- Increased pride in the child's home language and culture and demonstrate progress in speaking English;
- Provide a safe and secure learning environment as children engage in exploring their environment;

- An opportunity to develop the concrete reasoning skills so important for the 3 to 5 year old by exposure to hands-on learning experiences, field trips, and age appropriate activities;
- Prepare children for Kindergarten;
- Encourage parents to be advocates for their children;

Due to COVID-19 only one CLASS observation was completed this year. The average scores from the Fall Checkpoint CLASS reviews conducted during the 2019-20 year were as follows:

Twenty-one classrooms were observed during the Fall checkpoint period. Compared to the OHS 2018 CLASS National Grantee-Level scores, HCCAA scored lower than the National Mean Average and the Minimum Required Score (lowest 10%) in **one of the three domains** - Classroom Organization.

Emotional Support: 5.87; Classroom Organization: 5.11; Instructional Support: 3.29

OHS CLASS® Descriptive Statistics, 2018 National Grantee-Level Scores by Dimension					
Domain	Dimension	Mean	Standard Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
Emotional Support	Positive Climate	6.01	0.38	4.83	7.00
	Negative Climate	1.07	0.11	1.00	2.00
	Teacher Sensitivity	5.88	0.44	4.00	7.00
	Regard for Student Perspectives	5.45	0.49	4.00	6.86
Classroom Organization	Behavior Management	6.00	0.44	3.50	6.92
	Productivity	6.14	0.41	4.90	6.93
	Instructional Learning Formats	5.35	0.48	4.00	6.50
Instructional Support	Concept Development	2.49	0.55	1.25	4.55
	Quality of Feedback	2.99	0.63	1.38	5.38
	Language Modeling	3.51	0.56	2.00	5.15



Community Capacity Building and Partnerships:

Hill Country Head Start collaborates with many community businesses, schools, agencies and other non-profits to better serve children and families. Our collaborators include:

Dr. Johnny M. Clark, DDS
Family Dollar
TX Health & Human Service Commission
Cefco
Hamilton Public Library
United Care
Hamilton ISD
Blessings From God F.P.
Milam County Health Dept.
HCCAA Energy
Dr. Daniel Smith, DDS
Family Medical Clinic
HCCAA RSVP
Salvation Army
Cove Thai
Larry's Bike Shop
A-Stop
Copperas Cove Library
7-11 Convenience Store
Heidi's German Bakery
Copperas Cove ISD
Cooks Mini Mart
Dr. Brandt, DDS
Dollar General
WIC
Fin's & Feathers
My Brothers House
Michelle's Floral & Gifts
Mel's Burger
Fairfield ISD
Workforce Solution Central Texas
Mary Moody N.M. Library
Fort Hood DENTAC
Fort Hood ACS
Wal-Mart Vision Center
Iduma Elementary
Willow Springs Elementary
Casey Memorial Library
Early Childhood Intervention
Gatesville Public Library
Rockdale Chamber of Commerce
Rylander Memorial Library
DOVE Project
San Saba ISD

Bond Family Health Clinic
Housing Authority
Maffet Memorial Library
Central TX College
Frontera Healthcare
Bell Co Human Services
Ladies of Charity
Goodwill
Food Care Center
Foster Grandparent
Senior Experience Worker
Cameron Medical Clinic
Seton Lampasas Healthcare Center
Providence Family Medical Clinic
Coryell Medical Clinic
Kidsafe at Hillcrest
DSHS Region 7
Heart of Texas Council on
Alcoholism and Drug Abuse
Little River Clinic
Advocacy Center
Child Care Services
Limestone Medical Center
Parkview Hospital
Bookfriends
Tx AgriLife Extension
Myer's Cedar Yard
Lampasas ISD
Lampasas Police Dept
Lampasas Fire Dept
Highland Lakes Family
Crisis Center
Rockdale Family Care Center
HEB
CPS
Patriot Guard
Llano County Library
Rockdale Police Dept
Rockdale Library
Dr. Leavell, DDS
Family Practice Rural Health
San Saba VFD
St. Luke Episcopal Church
HCCAA CSBG

HCCAA Weatherization

Urgent Care

Seton Kingsland Healthcare Center

West Oak Medical Clinic

Burleson-Milam CO-OP

Freestone-Navarro Bi-County Special Education Service

Central Texas Shared Services

Hillsboro ISD

Mason ISD

Klaras Children's Center ECI

Hill Country Transit District

San Saba Co. Ministerial Alliance

Cove Medical Clinic

Clifton Medical Center

Region VII ESC

Darnell Hospital

Heart of Texas Education CO-OP

Killeen ISD

Llano ISD

Bosque Co CO-OP

Bosque County Transit

Heart of Tx Medicine

Scott & White Clinic

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¹ Masten A., Best, K., & Garnezy, N. (1990) "Resilience and development: Contributions from the study of children who overcome adversity." *Development and Psychopathology*, 2, 425-444.