

**Region 14 Education Service Center**  
**Head Start**



**2009-2010**  
***Annual Report to the Public***

***Region 14 ESC***  
***1850 Highway 351***  
***Abilene, Texas***

# Mission Statement

The Mission of **Region 14 Educational Service Center** is to support the educational community through quality services that assure excellence, equity, and efficiency.



The mission statement of **Region 14 Educational Service Center Head Start** is to support schools and collaborate with schools and communities to promote and support high quality Head Start Programs.

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# Philosophy

Region 14 Head Start recognizes that children are not meant to: be quiet learners, stay clean at all times, spend lengthy periods of time standing in lines, or stay seated with their hands in their laps. Children learn and develop language and communication abilities through active play during interactions with peers and their environments. Children develop at their own rates, and Region 14 Head Start programs provide children with learning center environments that promote cognitive and motor development, based on children's interests and ability levels. We recognize that children need multi-sensor opportunities to explore their environments and want children to develop to their potentials.





# Head Start Vision

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# ESC HISTORY

In 1967, the Texas Legislature directed that the State Board of Education provide, by rules and regulations, for the establishment and operation of regional education service centers. Twenty regional service centers provide services to school districts. The centers are service organizations, not regulatory arms of the Texas Education Agency, and participation by schools in services of the centers is voluntary.

Each education service center is governed by a seven member board who are elected by members of local school districts. In addition, education service centers are directly accountable to the Texas Commissioner of Education.

## **Statutory Purposes Regional Education Service Centers shall:**

1. assist school districts in improving student performance in each region of the system;
2. enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and
3. implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner.





# Head Start HISTORY

## 1999:

ESC 14 Head Start funded to serve 128 Head Start children and families in **four counties** (7 center-based sites in 7 school districts and 1 home-based program).

## 2002-2003:

ESC 14 Head Start funded to serve 144 Head Start children and families in **five counties** (8 center-based sites in 8 school districts and 1 home-based program) with the addition of Taylor County outside of Abilene.

## 2004-2006:

ESC 14 Head Start funded to serve 341 Head Start children and families through acquiring **three more counties** (i.e. Fisher, Mitchell and Nolan counties) serving 197 Head Start children and families and 40 Early Head Start children and families (Birth to 3). Head Start children and families are now served in 18 Head Start classrooms in 11 school districts and 1 home-based program, and Early Head Start children and families are now served in 5 Early Head Start classrooms in 1 school district.

## 2009:

ESC14 Early Head Start funded to serve 16 additional children and families (Birth to 3). Early Head Start children and families are now served in 7 Early Head Start classrooms in 1 school district. Head Start children and families are now served in 18 Head Start classrooms in 11 school districts and 1 home-based program.  
Total Early Head Start children funded= 56  
Total Head Start children funded= 301

## COUNTIES SERVED

### Fisher County

Rotan

### Haskell County

Haskell

Haskell(Home-based)

Rochester (Home-based)

Rule (Home-based)

### Nolan County

Sweetwater(Early Head Start)

Sweetwater(Head Start)

### Jones County

Anson

Hamlin

Stamford

### Mitchell County

Colorado City

### Shackelford County

Albany

Moran

### Taylor County

Merkel-Tye

### Stephens County

Breckenridge

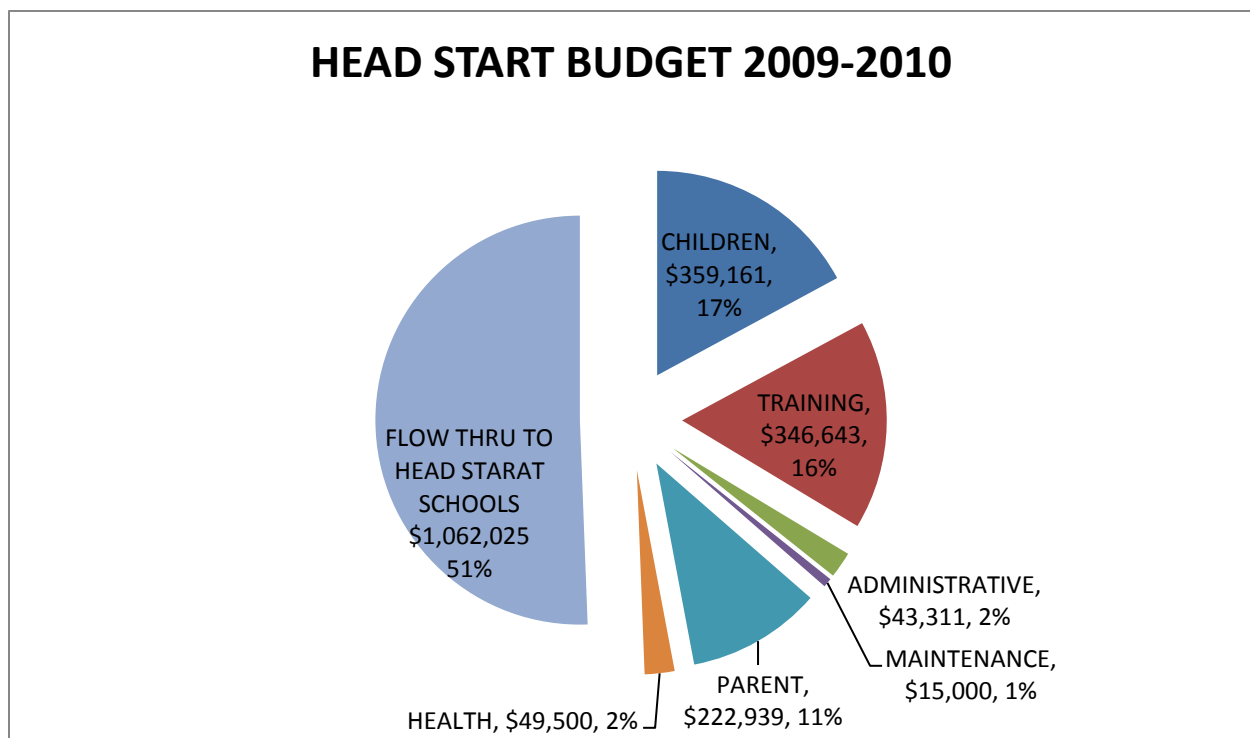
# Funding

ESCs do not possess tax levying or bonding authority and rely on grants and contracts for funding. Revenues are received from three primary sources. State funds provide approximately 26%; federal funds provide 40%; and contracts with school districts comprise 34%.

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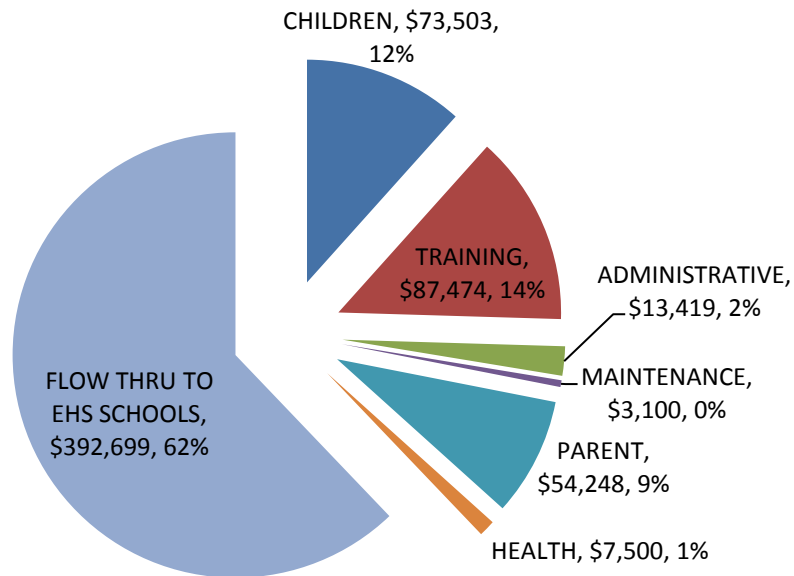
## Head Start/Early Head Start Is...

A federal funded program serving economically disadvantaged three through five-year-old children and families. Early Head Start serves children from birth through three. Head Start/Early Head Start is a comprehensive child development program designed to enhance children's educational experiences, social-emotional development, physical development, language and communication abilities, and overall successful life experience.



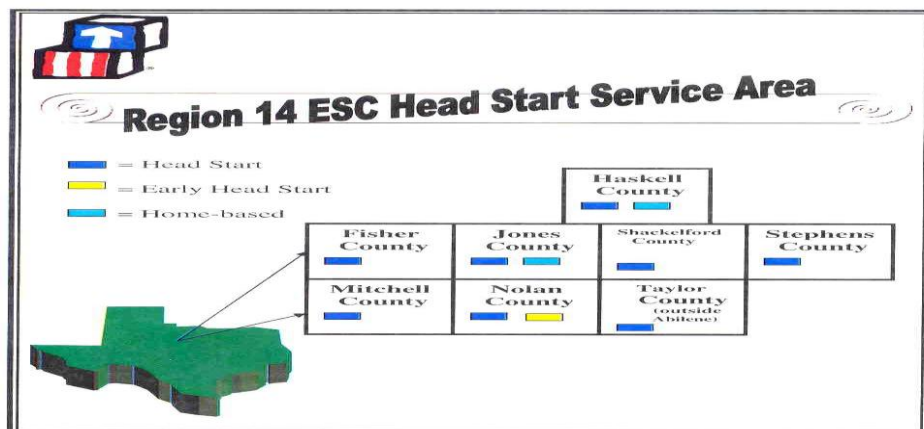


## EARLY HEAD START BUDGET 2009-2010



### Location:

The Region 14 Education Service Center, located in Abilene, Texas, provides technical assistance and consulting services to Central Texas area school districts to help improve student performance and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local school operations. Region 14 ESC assists in implementing initiatives assigned by the legislature or the Texas Commissioner of Education.





### **Region 14 ESC:**

- Includes 42 school districts and 2 charter schools
- Covers 12,155 square miles and 13 counties
- Provides service to over 42,144 students on 165 campuses.

### **Region 14 ESC Head Start:**

Serves 11 School Districts

Total Funded Enrollment

Albany ISD	16
Anson ISD	16
Breckenridge ISD	40
Colorado City ISD	37
Hamlin ISD	16
Merkel ISD – Tye Campus	16
Moran ISD	10
Rotan ISD	17
Stamford ISD	28
Sweetwater ISD (HS/EHS)	94/40
Sweetwater ISD EHS Expansion	16

Serves 12 families in our Home-Base Programs

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Haskell ISD  
Rochester ISD  
Rule ISD  
Stamford ISD

The Head Start Home-Base program provides services in the home for one and one-half hours weekly with the assistance of the parent. Two times a month children and parents are brought together for socialization opportunities.

### **Head Start Staff Includes:**

Head Start Teachers	17
Early Head Start Staff	12
Early Head Start Expansion	16
Para-professionals	20
ESC Consultants	19

## Region 14 Education Service Center



# Governance & Accountability

### **Governance**

Each education service center is governed by a seven-member lay board. Members of the Boards of Directors are elected by members of local district board of trustees located in each region.

These boards develop policies regarding center management and operation, programs and services to be offered, and financial support. Also, boards are empowered to employ and dismiss an executive director subject to the approval of the commissioner. The commissioner has broad responsibility and authority concerning the number and location of centers, regional boundaries, and the allocation of state and federal funds among centers.

### **Accountability**

In addition to evaluations performed by Regional Boards and Center clients, each ESC is evaluated annually by the commissioner. This evaluation includes:

1. an audit of the Center's finances.
2. a review of the Center's performance on standards and indicators established by the Texas Legislature and the Commissioner,
3. a review of client satisfaction regarding services provided, and
4. other factors deemed appropriate by the Commissioner.

ESCs found to be deficient based on these accountability measures are subject to sanctions by the Commissioner.



# Results of 2010 Federal Review

All Head Start programs undergo an on-site review every three years to see how well the program is complying with the Federal Head Start Performance Standards and other regulations.

Region 14 Education Service Center Head Start last on-site review was December 6-11, 2009 by the Administration for Children and Families.

Based on the information gathered it was established that Head Start and Early Head Start Programs were in compliance.



# Head Start Curriculum

## Creative Curriculum for Preschool

***Creative Curriculum for Preschool*** is used in the Head Start classrooms of Region 14 ESC. This program allows for an ongoing assessment and the ability to analyze the results with the cc.net component. Children are assessed on a total of fifty objectives in the four main goal areas of social/emotional, physical, cognitive, and language development.

Teachers can generate reports on individual children as well as class profiles. Creative Curriculum has been aligned with the Texas pre-school guidelines and meshes well with the state adopted curriculum chosen by an ISD.



# 2009-2010 Total Number of Children Served

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### Enrollment

Region 14 ESC Head Start is funded for 356 children.

Head Start partnerships with the Independent School Districts – any additional children are funded through the school district.

Site	# Original Target Enrollment 2009-2010	# of Classes 2009-2010
Albany	15	1
Anson	15	1
Breckenridge	40	2
Colorado City	37	2
Hamlin	15	1
Haskell	13	1
Home Base	10	1
Moran	8	1
Rotan	15	1
Stamford	26	1
Sweetwater HS	91	5
Sweetwater EHS	40	5
Sweetwater EHS/Expansion	16	2
Tye/Merkel	15	1

### Child Demographics

	Total Number by Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino Origin	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
Early Head Start	58	44	14
Head Start	339	180	159

	Black	White	Native American	Pacific Islander	Asian	Other	Unspecified	Multi
Early Head Start	11	47	0	0	0	1	0	1
Head Start	50	285	1	1	1	6	0	1

### Languages Spoken by Children

	Total	English	Spanish	East Asian	European/Slavic	Other
Early Head Start	58	58	1	0	0	
Head Start	339	312	24	1	1	3

### Gender of Students

	Male	Female
Early Head Start	32	26
Head Start	166	173

### Early Head Start

Total	Percentage	Developmental Delay	Atypical Development	Speech Language
15		9	5	1

### Head Start Disabilities

Total Enrolled	Total with Disabilities	Percentage Served with Disabilities	Cerebral Palsy	NCEC	Autism	Orthopedic Impairment	Speech Language	Visual/ Blindness	Other Health Impaired
339	42	12%	1	2	2	1	37	2	2



### Early Head Start Disabilities

Total Enrolled	Total with Disabilities	Percentage Served with Disabilities	Developmental Delay	Atypical Development
50	13	26%	12	1

### Family Structure

#### Parental Status

	Number of Families	One Parent	Two Parents
Early Head Start	43	30	13
Head Start	314	183	131

### Employment

	Two Parent Households Two Parents Employed	Two Parent Households One Parent Employed	Two Parent Households Two Parents Unemployed	Two Parent Households One Parent Unemployed	One Parent Household One Parent Employed	One Parent Household One Parent Unemployed
Early Head Start	6	6	4	0	14	13
Head Start	45	77	28	0	119	59

### Education Level of Parents

	<HS Graduate	HS Graduate/ GED	Some College/ Associates	Bachelors' Degree	Number in Job Training or School
Early Head Start	10	20	13	0	10
Head Start	62	135	109	8	40

### Student Receiving Medical & Dental Services

	Medical	Percentage	Dental	Percentage
Early Head Start	58	100%	40	91%
Head Start	339	100%	330	97%

### Public Assistance

	Income Eligible for Head Start and Receiving Public Assistance	TANF/ Former TANF	SSI	WIC
Early Head Start		2	1	35
Head Start		6	16	155

### Children having Primary Health Coverage

	CHIP	Medicaid	Private	Other	None
Early Head Start	0	58	0	0	0
Head Start	13	293	19	0	14

### Family Goal Setting Process in 2008-2009

	Number of Families	Number Setting Goals	%
Early Head Start	43	38	88%
Head Start	328	268	82%

### Family Services during 2009-2010

Services	Early Head Start	Head Start
Emergency/Crisis Intervention	6	10
Housing Assistance (subsidies, utilities, repairs)	N/A	17
Transportation Assistance	N/A	N/A
Mental Health Services	N/A	7
English as a Second Language Training	N/A	13
Adult Education (GED, college selection)	1	41
Job Training	N/A	17
Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment	N/A	N/A
Child Abuse/Neglect Services	N/A	6
Domestic Violence Services	N/A	N/A
Child Support Assistance	N/A	5
Health Education (including prenatal)	N/A	9
Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals	N/A	1
Parenting Education	15	54
Marriage Education Services	4	1
Fatherhood	N/A	N/A
Number of Parent Meetings at HS Sites	N/A	N/A
Total Number of Families Receiving Services	26	139
Number of Homeless Families Served	4	22

### Head Start Teaching Staff

#### Demographics

	Total Teaching Staff by Race	Black	White	Native American	Pacific Islander	Asian	Other	Unspecified	Multi
Early Head Start	17	1	15	1	0	1	0	2	0
Head Start	55	1	36	0	0	0	2	9	0

	Total Teaching Staff by Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino Origin	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
Early Head Start	17	9	8
Head Start	39	14	25

### **Languages Spoken by Teaching Staff**

	Total	English	Spanish
Early Head Start	17	17	5
Head Start	39	39	12

### **Minimum Education of Head Start Teachers/Paraprofessionals**

	Number of Head Start Teachers/Paraprofessionals	Bachelor Degree	Masters Degree
Early Head Start	17	0	0
Head Start	17	17	3

### **Number of Staff that were Former/Current Head Start Parents**

	Head Start Staff	Contracted Staff
Early Head Start	8	0
Head Start	14	0

### **Volunteer Information**

	Total Number of Volunteers	Volunteers who are Former/ Current Parents
Early Head Start	22	17
Head Start	335	243

# **Region 14 Education Service Center**

## **Head Start & Early Head Start**

**Proudly**

**“Giving Children a  
Head Start on Life”**



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