

# **Region 14 Education Service Center**

## **Head Start**



**2008–2009**

## **Annual Report to the Public**

***Region 14 ESC***

***1850 Highway 351***

***Abilene, Texas***





**EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER**

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# **Region 14 ESC Mission Statement**

**Region XIV Education Service Center  
Supports**

**The Educational Community  
Through Quality Services that Assure  
Excellence, Equity, and Efficiency.**



# Head Start Philosophy

REGION 14 Education Service Center 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 interaction with peers and their environments.
- ❖ Children develop at their own rates, and Region XIV ESC Head Start programs provide children with learning center environments that promote cognitive and motor development, based on the children's interests and ability levels.
- ❖ Children need multi-sensory opportunities to explore their environments and want children to develop to their greatest potentials.

## Region 14 Education Service Center



# Head Start Vision

### REGION 14 Education Service Center Head Start values:

- ❖ Assistance to families in accessing all necessary resources for providing safe, healthy, positive parenting experiences for their children in the homes.
- ❖ Establishment of successful home-based and center-based (school district) Early Head Start and Head Start programs, strengthening social-emotional, cognitive, physical, language and communication development in birth to five-year olds.
- ❖ Commitment to partnering with school districts in providing quality services to our children and families, completely satisfying Head Start Performance Standards.
- ❖ Demonstration of continuous improvement in program quality, efficiency, and excellence throughout the Region 14 service area.

REGION 14 Education Service Center Head Start is committed to expanding the number of Head Start children and families served, as needs are identified in the Community Assessment. Expansion opportunities would include more classrooms added to our currently-served programs, addition of Early Head Starts, or addition of school districts serving Head Start children and families.

# **Region 14 Education Service Center**

## **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:**

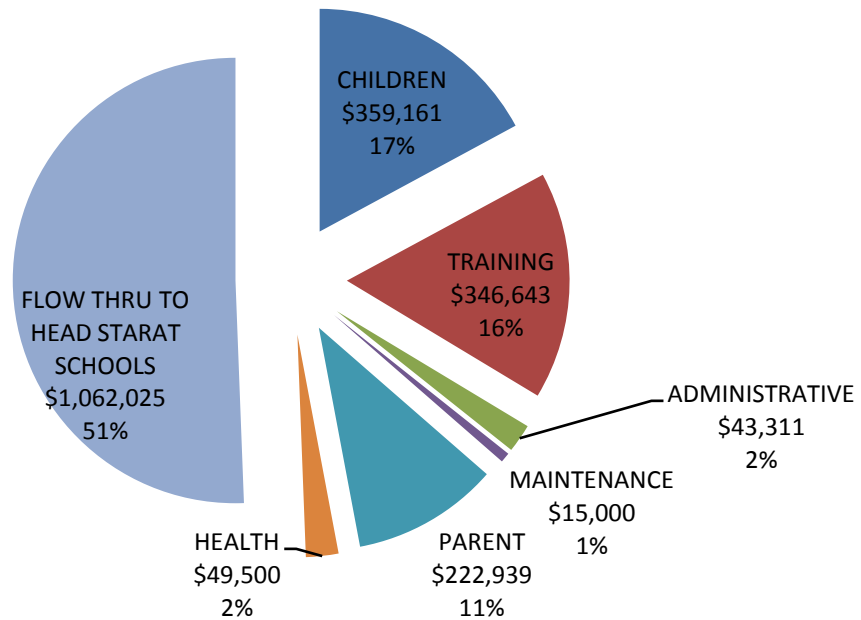
1. assist school districts in improving student performance in each region of the system;
2. enable school districts to operate more efficiently and economically; and
3. implement initiatives assigned by the legislature or the commissioner.

## **Funding**

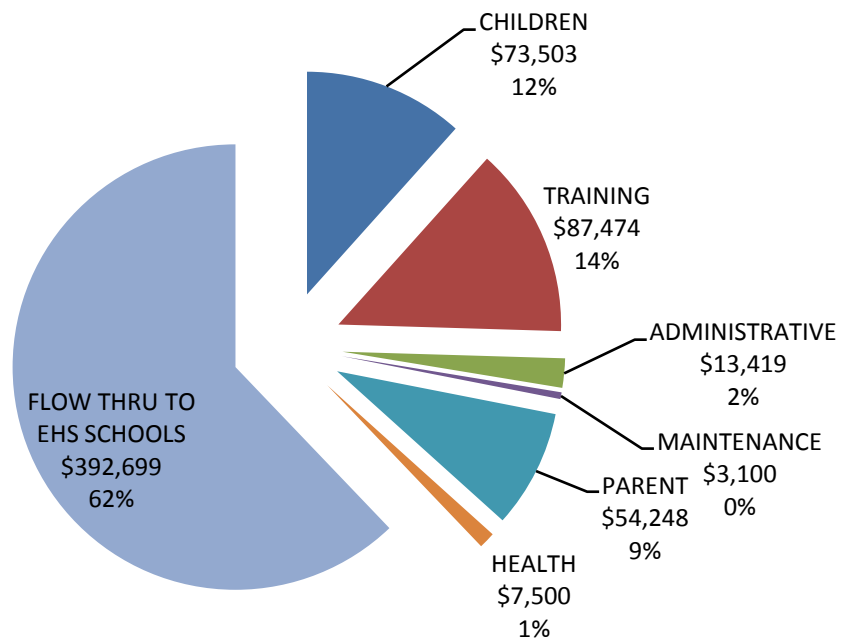
ESCs do not possess tax levying or bonding authority and rely on grants and contracts for funding. Revenues are received from three primary sources. State funds provide approximately 26%; federal funds provide 40%; and contracts with school districts comprise 34%.

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## HEAD START BUDGET 2008-2009



## EARLY HEAD START BUDGET 2008-2009

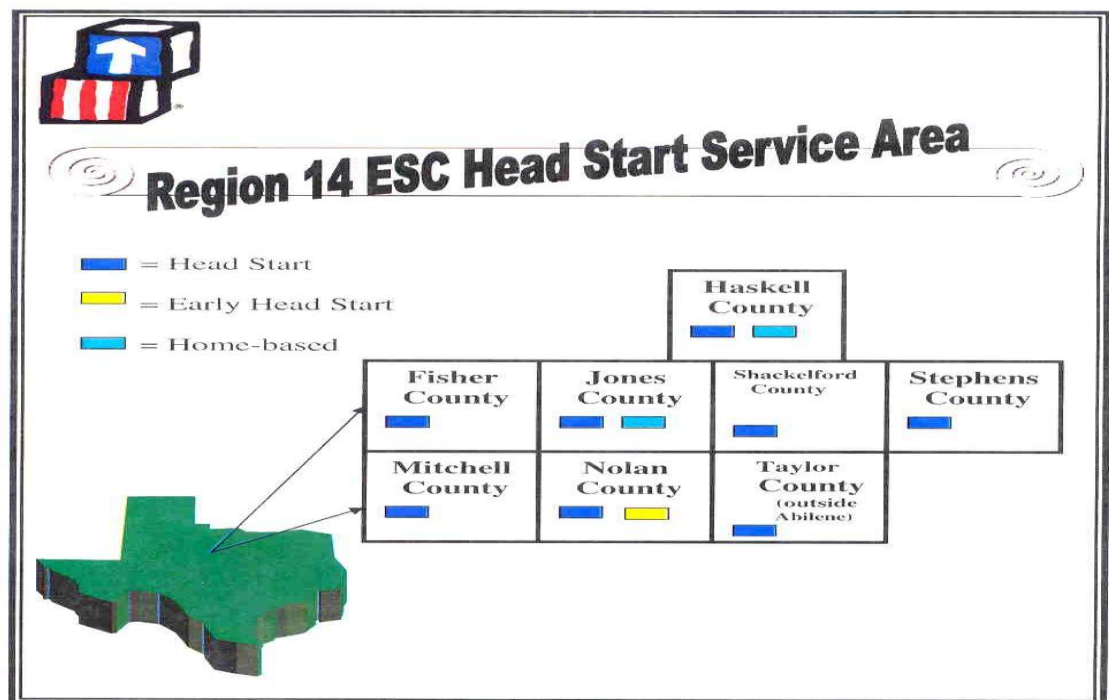


## Head Start/Early Head Start Is...

A federal 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.

## 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 |
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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

- Serves 12 families in our Home-Base Programs

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
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.

## Region 14 Education Service Center



# Results of 2007 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 April 15-20, 2007 by the Administration for Children and Families.

Based on the information gathered during the review it was established that this program had no areas of noncompliance and is hereby recognized as in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements.

Region 14 ESC was awarded the Head Start Certificate of Excellence dated September 2007.



# 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.

## Region 14 Education Service Center



# 2008-2009 Total Number of Children Served

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#### Enrollment

**Region 14 ESC Head Start is funded for 341 children.**

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

Site	# Original Target Enrollment 2008-2009	# of Classes 2008-2009
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
Tye/Merkel	16	1

### Child Demographics

	Total Number by Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino Origin	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
Early Head Start	50	32	18
Head Start	344	170	174

	Black	White	Native American	Pacific Islander	Asian	Other	Unspecified	Multi
Early Head Start	6	42	0	0	0	1	0	1
Head Start	40	284	1	0	3	6	0	10

### Languages Spoken by Children

	Total	English	Spanish	East Asian	European/Slavic
Early Head Start	50	49	1	0	0
Head Start	344	321	20	1	1

### Gender of Students

	Male	Female
Early Head Start	26	14
Head Start	151	142

### Head Start Disabilities

Total Enrolled	Total with Disabilities	Percentage Served with Disabilities	Cerebral Palsy	Autism	Orthopedic Impairment	Speech Language	Visual/ Blindness	Other Health Impaired
344	39	12%	1	2	1	30	2	3

### 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	27	16
Head Start	328	178	150

#### 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	12	15	13	0	6
Head Start	49	115	118	35	18

### Student Receiving Medical & Dental Services

	Medical	Percentage	Dental	Percentage
Early Head Start	40	100%	36	91%
Head Start	329	96%	306	89%

### Public Assistance

	Income Eligible for Head Start and Receiving Public Assistance	TANF/ Former TANF	SSI	WIC
Early Head Start		2	1	26
Head Start		13	14	155

### Children having Primary Health Coverage

	CHIP	Medicaid	Private	Other	None
Early Head Start	0	38	3	0	0
Head Start	15	254	35	3	0

### 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 2008-2009

Services	Early Head Start	Head Start
Emergency/Crisis Intervention	6	12
Housing Assistance (subsidies, utilities, repairs)	N/A	9
Transportation Assistance	N/A	N/A
Mental Health Services	N/A	13
English as a Second Language Training	N/A	18
Adult Education (GED, college selection)	1	31
Job Training	N/A	34
Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment	N/A	N/A
Child Abuse/Neglect Services	N/A	N/A
Domestic Violence Services	N/A	N/A
Child Support Assistance	N/A	6
Health Education (including prenatal)	N/A	2
Assistance to Families of Incarcerated Individuals	N/A	N/A
Parenting Education	15	13
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	15	0	11	1	0	1	0	2	0
Head Start	55	1	40	0	0	0	0	9	0

	Total Teaching Staff by Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino Origin	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino
Early Head Start	15	10	5
Head Start	55	15	40

### Languages Spoken by Teaching Staff

	Total	English	Spanish
Early Head Start	15	15	6
Head Start	55	55	9

### Minimum Education of Head Start Teachers/Paraprofessionals

	Number of Head Start Teachers/Paraprofessionals	Bachelor Degree	Masters Degree
Early Head Start	10	0	0
Head Start	18	16	2

### 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	60	35
Head Start	370	286

# **Region 14 Education Service Center**

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

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



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