

Calcasieu Parish School Board **Head Start Annual Report** **2016-2017**

" Providing High Quality Early Childhood Education for All Families"



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Calcasieu Parish School Board Members

Member	District
Aaron Natail	1
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Calcasieu Head Start Policy Council Members

Name	Head Start Site	Position
Lakisha Stringfellow	Brenda Hunter	Representative
Marcquetta Brown	Brenda Hunter	Representative
JaQuetta LeDet	Brenda Hunter	Representative
Kimberly Thompson	Brenda Hunter	Representative
Nelkika "Nell" Colquitt	J.D. Clifton Elementary	Representative
Amanda Jenkins	J.D. Clifton Elementary	Representative
Rae Coe	DeQuincy Primary	Representative
Rebecca Finn	Jake Drost	Representative
Julie Fontenot	J.I. Watson Elementary	Representative
Michelle Meche	Community Representative	Representative
Nolia Bernard	Community Representative	Representative
Mack Dellafosse	School Board Member	Representative
Adrianna White	Brenda Hunter	Alternate
Keiوشي Prater	Brenda Hunter	Alternate
Kizzy Henderson	Brenda Hunter	Alternate
Courtlin Young	Brenda Hunter	Alternate
Gary Grays	J.D. Clifton Elementary	Alternate
Alexis Praylor	J.D. Clifton Elementary	Alternate
Cassandra Pousson	DeQuincy Primary	Alternate
Brittany Myers	Jake Drost	Alternate
Temeka Taylor	J.I. Watson Elementary	Alternate

Federal Head Start Grant Funds
\$3,764,065.00

Public and Private Funds
\$941,017.00

Budget Expenditures

Category	Budget
Salaries	\$2,448,566.00
Benefits	\$846,380.57
Contractual	\$21,000.00
Purchased Property	\$650.00
Other Purchase	\$48,668.00
Supplies	\$354,221.43
Equipment	\$0.00
Other	4,550.00
T & TA	\$40,029.00
TOTAL	\$3,764,065.00

Proposed Budget

Category	Budget
Salaries	\$2,459,434.38
Benefits	\$844,363.18
Contractual	\$19,183.76
Purchased Property	\$650.00
Other Purchase	\$19,769.21
Supplies	\$374,950.41
Equipment	\$0.00
Other	\$5,685.06
T & TA	\$40,029.00
TOTAL	\$3,764,065.00

Financial Audit
100%

Grantee 2017 Federal Review
100%

Total Number of Children and Families

Funded Enrollment	450
Total Number of Children Served	477
Total Number of Families Served	458
Total Number of Eligible Children	442
Total Number of Over-income Children	35

Monthly Enrollment and Daily Attendance

Month	Funded Enrollment	Enrollment	Percentage
August 2016	450	436	97%
September 2016	450	455	101%
October 2016	450	456	101%
November 2016	450	450	100%
December 2016	450	450	100%
January 2017	450	452	100%
February 2017	450	450	100%
March 2017	450	454	100%
April 2017	450	446	99%
May 2017	450	443	98%

Parental Involvement

Parent Training

Center Activities

Literacy - Choosing good books,
Promoting Early Language and Literacy
Development, Financial Literacy, Reading

Classroom Volunteer Opportunities:
Curriculum, Parent-Teacher Confer-
ences, Home Visits

Health: Parent Engagement in Maternal
Health, Nutrition and
Physical Activity: Healthy Eating, Active
Play, Tips for Pregnant Moms

Field Trips, Center Projects

Child Growth and Development:
Social-Emotional Development, Dealing
with Temper Tantrums

Center Parent Committee Meetings,
Parent-Child Activities

Policy Council Training

Quarterly Policy Council Meetings

Potty Training

Health Services Advisory Committee
Meetings

Tax Preparation

Head Start Transition Meetings

Health and Nutrition, Mental Health and
Stress

Head Start School Readiness Goals

Health Literacy: Key to Understanding
and Using Health Information: Injury
Prevention, Healthy Eating, Prenatal

Family Partnership and Goal Setting
Parent Interviews

Parenting Partners Workshop (8 sessions)

Family Partnership and Goal Setting
Parent Interviews

Stages of Child Development, Child

Well-Child Health Parent Interviews

Parenthood, Domestic Violence

Family Literacy Night

Mommy and Me Safe Baby Sleep

Male/Father Engagement

Job Search/Job Training Skills

Christmas BINGO/Parent Training

Health and Oral Health

Breast Cancer Awareness

School Readiness

Health Summary

Student Health Summary	Student Percentage
Medical Examinations completed	100%
Dental Examinations completed	100%
Immunizations up-to-date	100%
Dental Treatment Needed	9% (43)
Children with Asthma	8% (36)
Iron Deficiency Anemia	3% (13)
Vision Referrals	9% (41)
Families receiving Medicaid	99% (474)
Families with private benefits	3
Families receiving military benefits	0

Positive Outcomes can be attributed to the following:

- Early Intervention health screening
- Individualized Health Plan
- Parent Interviews (Exit interviews after screening in May/June and Well-child Health Care Conference in August)
- Medical and Dental Partnerships with community agencies to establish medical and dental homes for Head Start families
- Positive relationships with community providers and Head Start Health Services Staff

Transitions to Pre-Kindergarten

The Head Start Approach to School Readiness means that children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children." The Calcasieu Parish Head Start program provides a comprehensive focus on physical, cognitive, and social and emotional development, all of which are essential to children becoming ready for kindergarten.

The Calcasieu Parish Head Start program has an integrated curriculum in place that addresses the essential domains of school readiness in the Head Start and Early Learning Framework. Child level assessment data is collected and entered three times a year through the use of the assessment tool Teaching Strategies Gold. The information collected is shared with the parents twice a year. Parental partnerships are encouraged that promotes an understanding of the child's progress, provide support, and encourage learning. There is also ongoing communication with the local schools to exchange information about the children and programs and to align services for early learning, health, and family engagement.

Calcasieu Parish Head Start students and parents were provided several opportunities to learn about and prepare for the upcoming school year. The Head Start program strives to make an effort to prepare students for Kindergarten by conducting transition meetings which were held during the end of February and the beginning of March. The goal of these meetings was to inform parents of the necessary requirements for enrolling in Pre-kindergarten. Several meetings were scheduled to allow all parents an opportunity to attend and prepare for the transition.

Families of students that enroll in Head Start are provided with a packet of information about the Head Start program, including a copy of the parent handbook. In addition, parents also attended orientation, open house, parent conferences, and home visits. Families were given the opportunity to visit the classrooms, meet administrators, the family engagement specialists, and other staff involved with the students to ask questions about the program and curriculum. The Head Start program is the beginning for many students on their journey to Kindergarten Readiness.

