

HITCHCOCK ISD

“Kids First” Head Start

Annual Report

FY 2012 - 2013



At “Kids First” Head Start

Our children come FIRST

In getting A HEAD START in education.



Hitchcock ISD
“Kids First”
Head Start Program



Mission Statement

The mission of Hitchcock I.S.D. “Kids First” Head Start is to provide low-income, disadvantaged preschool children and their families with tools that will empower them to develop fulfilling, productive and satisfying lives.

District Mission Statement

The mission of the district is to produce contributing citizens prepared for lifelong learning, believing in our country, themselves, and their fellow man in our ever-changing world by providing a personalized, yet diversified, quality education through varied learning experiences with pride, participation, and performance in partnership with our community.

Philosophy

The Head Start approach is based on the philosophy that a child benefits most from a comprehensive, interdisciplinary program which fosters development and remedy problems through a broad range of services and the child’s entire family’s as well as community involvement. This program maximizes the strengths and unique experiences of each child. The family is perceived as the principle influence on each child’s development and is a direct participant in the program. Local communities can develop creative program designs as long as the basic goals, objectives, and standards of a comprehensive program are adhered to.

“KIDS FIRST” HEAD START

Board of Directors

2012/2013 School Year

Dianne James, President

Monica Cantrell, Vice-President

Tom Ivey, Secretary

Tony Combs, Trustee

Edward Wilson, Trustee

Shirley Price, Trustee

Ted Robinson, Trustee



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Policy Council Members

2012/2013 School Year

Regina Grice, President/Community Rep.

Lee Mendoza, Vice President

Chantea Palmer, Secretary/Community Rep.

Dianne James, Board Liaison

Misty Walker, Parent

Donzetta Williams, Parent

Shannon Mayes, Parent

Amy Johnigan Mock, Parent-TC

Kendra Lewis, Parent



**“KIDS FIRST”
HEAD START
2012 – 2013
Proposed Budget**



Object Class Categories	Federal	/ TTA	Non-Federal	Total	COLA Funds
Personnel	930,913		176,409	1,107,322	7,104
Fringe Benefits	187,996			187,996	4,399
Travel	0	10,993	3,000	13,339	
Equipment	0		0	0	
Supplies	30,000		12,000	42,000	
Contractual	210,000	2,000	147,507	359,507	
Construction	0		0	0	
Other	185,796	9,000	76,604	271,400	2,876 NF
Total	1,544,705	21,339	415,520	1,981,564	14,379
Indirect Cost	94,727	1,309	0	96,036	
Totals	1,639,432	22,648	415,520	2,077,600	14,379

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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVED

“Kids First” Head Start is funded to provide services to a total of 220 children and families in our service delivery area. Service areas are Hitchcock, La Marque, Santa Fe, and Texas City. The information below will display the total number of children and families served, the average monthly enrollment, and the percentage of eligible children served.

Total Number of Children and Families Served



Three year old families –120

Four year old families –100

Total – 220



Total average monthly percentage of funded enrollment –90%

Total percentage of eligible children served – 100%

Students with Disabilities - 22

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RESULTS OF THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL MONITORING REVIEW

Hitchcock ISD “Kids First” and Texas City ISD “Calvin Vincent” Head Start programs are subject to an extensive on-site monitoring review every three years, as mandated by the Head Start Act. The last Federal review was conducted the week of January 24 – 29, 2010. Based on the report, Hitchcock (grantee) and Texas City (delegate) was found to have one deficiency and nine areas of non-compliances identified that as sited. The deficiency and non-compliances have been corrected.

Due to the recompletion mandated by the Office of Head Start, Hitchcock ISD “Kids First” Head Start program had to re-compete for their grant. Upon completing all the requirements for the grant, Hitchcock ISD “Kids First” Head Start program was awarded their grant for a five-year project period of 07/01/2013 – 06/30/2018 for the operation in the designated area.

Texas City ISD “Calvin Vincent” Head Start Program (delegate) decided to re-compete without Hitchcock ISD has their grantee.

HITCHCOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT RESULTS FY 2012/2013

The Financial Audit for the 2012/2013 school year for Hitchcock is currently being conducted and results are expected to be released early this fall. The Financial Audit for the 2011/2012 school year for Hitchcock found no areas of non-compliance with our district.

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THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN RECEIVING MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS



2012 – 2013 School Year



Dental at enrollment – August 2012

25 students did not have current dental exams

195 students – 88.6% had dental exams

Dental at the end of the school – May 2013

71 students did not have a current dental exam

149 students – 67.73% had a current dental exam that year

Physical at enrollment – August 2012

21 students did not have current physicals

199 students – 91% had current physicals

Physicals at the end of the year – May 2013

17 students did not have up-to-date physicals

203 students- 93% had physicals that were up-to-date



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PARENT INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES

“Kids First” Head Start encourages all parents to get involved with their child’s program. The parent is the child’s first and most important teacher in their lives. At Head Start, we reach out to the parents and make them feel included in activities and opportunities to better their lives. Here are some highlights of the parent involvement activities that occurred during the 2012 -2013 school year listed below:

August– Parent Orientation and Policy Council Meeting

September – Parent Community Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Grandparents Day, Fall/Class Picture Day and Library Card Sign-Up Night

October – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Homecoming Parade, Parent-Teacher Conferences, Red Ribbon Week and Fire Prevention Week

November – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Watch D.O.G.S. Launch Event, 50/50 Raffle and Thanksgiving Feast with the Families

December – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Parent Conference in Dallas, School Health Advisory Meeting and Holiday Program

January – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting and Policy Council/School Board Training

February – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Kool Smiles, Valentines Fundraiser and Black History Program

March – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Registration, Texas Public School Week and BBQ Fundraiser

April – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Earth Day, World Autism Awareness Day, Education Advisory Meeting, Graduation/Spring Pictures, Mobile Dentist and Dynamite Dad’s Dinner

May – Parent Committee Meeting, Policy Council Meeting, Cinco de Mayo Program, National Teacher Appreciation Day, Marsha’s Petting Zoo, Armand Bayou Center,

Day, Parent Involvement Awards Ceremony, 4 Y hcock Primary, Annual Field Day and Head Start



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PREPARING CHILDREN FOR KINDERGARTEN

“Kids First” Head Start begins preparing children for kindergarten the first day they begin school. At Head Start, kids come first in getting a valuable education in life.

Change is rarely easy for anyone. As adults, the concept of change often makes us feel many different feeling. Your child, on the other hand is just beginning to learn this skill. Moving from one school to another, one teacher to another or starting school for the first time, can be a major change for your child. It is very important for Head Start to help your child make this transition a smooth one.

Throughout the program year, our teaching staff implements the researched-based curriculum of The DLM Early Childhood Express and The Letter People. These curricula promote the following domains such as social and emotional goals, language and literacy, cognitive and general knowledge, approaches to learning, physical well being and motor development, which equal to School Readiness Goals that our teachers are promoting in school.

“Kids First” Head Start teaching staff monitor student progress three times a year by using, Teaching Strategies Gold Assessment to track child outcomes. This process helps the teachers follow the children’s progress, see where they are making gains, and the areas where each child can receive individual help in order to make the most of the Head Start experience.

Head Start Teaching Staff collaborates with the local school district teachers to facilitate the successful transition from Head Start to public schools. The transition planning team will assist with the development of effective transition practices and procedures including:

1. Coordinating record transfer with families, schools and agencies.

2. Supporting communication among Parents, Head Start Staff and Elementary Schools to facilities program continuity.
3. Convening meetings, which involve Parents, Kindergarten Teachers and Head Start Teachers.
4. Initiating joint transition-related training to school and Head Start Staff.

Our goal is to continue to strengthen the bond between “Kids First” Head Start program and the family life moving to the next stage in their child’s life. This means the families feel confident and successful using the tools that Head Start has provided for them. By providing this kind of opportunities for our families, this will increase their self confidence, independence, and ability to advocate for themselves and their children.

