

Cen-Tex Family Services, Inc.

2008 Annual Report

Program Profile:

Cen-Tex Family Services, Inc. was incorporated in January 1992 exclusively to perform charitable and educational programs. The corporation operates under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The mission of Cen-Tex Family Services, Inc. is to promote school readiness and seek to improve the quality of life for the children and families we serve to empower them to become self-sufficient contributing members of society.

Cen-Tex Family Services, Inc is the grantee for the Head Start program in a four county region that includes the counties of Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette, and Lee. Cen-Tex serves 355 children, 3 & 4 years of age, within ten Head Start center locations: Mina, Lost Pines, Cedar Creek, Columbus, Eagle Lake, Elgin, Giddings, La Grange, Smithville, and Stoney Point.

The Cen-Tex Strategic Plan is used to help Cen-Tex do a better job – to focus its energy, to ensure that members of the organization are working towards the same goals, and to assess and adjust the organization’s direction in response to our changing environment.

Cen-Tex receives funding through the Department of Health and Human Services Administration For Children and Families and Texas Department of Agriculture, Food Nutrition Division in the amount of \$2,395,130. Personnel and Fringe are the largest budget line items totaling 83% of the total grant award.

Program Activities

Child Services

- 387 children were found to be up-to-date on a schedule of age–appropriate preventive and primary health care.
- 407 children received all required health services including developmental screenings.
- 345 children were determined to have an ongoing source of continuous and accessible, routine, preventive and acute dental care.
- 368 children completed a professional dental examination.

- 349 children were determined by a health care professional to be up-to-date on all immunizations appropriate for their age.
- 36 children were determined to have a diagnosed disability and received services.
- 387 Children completed sensory and behavioral screenings.
- 382 Head Start families served during the program year.

Family Services

- 332 families participated in the development of a family partnership agreement.
- 95 males participated in father/father figure activities.
- 41 families received referral services.

Community Involvement

- 7 collaboration agreements with local education agencies that support and coordinate services to children.
- 256 parent and community volunteers.
- Parents planned, organized, and implemented numerous parent activities.
- 13 members of the Health Services Advisory Committee provide a broad range of professional expertise with program issues and planning.

Child Outcomes (Education)

The critical developmental domains of literacy, mathematics, and science increased by over 50% from the beginning of the school year.

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance

- Full enrollment was maintained throughout the program year.
- Absenteeism was kept above the 85% program-wide requirement.