

Education Services

All children need individualized, developmentally appropriate stimulation at every stage of growth if they are to have a chance of achieving their full educational potential. Children who fall significantly behind in language, and cognitive ability in early childhood are likely to remain behind for the rest of their lives.

The main goal of the education unit of the L.B.J. & C. Head Start Program is to provide a child development program that will help children gain the social competence, developmental skills, and confidence necessary to be prepared to succeed in their present environment and with later responsibilities in school and life. In order to accomplish this goal, our objectives are:

1. To provide children with a learning environment and the varied experiences, which will help them, develop socially, intellectually, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age and stage of development towards the overall goal of social competence.
2. To provide a program of on-going assessment that will collect data, track the children's progress and accomplishments and assist in planning and implementing activities to meet their individual needs in the following areas: language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts, social and emotional development, approaches toward learning and physical health and development.
3. To involve families in the educational activities of the program to enhance their role as the principle influence on the child's education and development.
4. To assist families to increase their knowledge, understanding, skills, and experience in child growth and development.
5. To partner with families, assisting them in identifying and reinforcing experiences that occur in the home that can be utilized as educational activities and increase the child's skills in language development, literacy, mathematics, science, creative arts, social and emotional development, approaches toward learning and physical health and development.
6. To assist each child in improving his/her literacy, numeracy, language, cognitive, gross and fine motor skills, social behavior and emotional well-being and positive attitudes towards learning.

L.B.J.& C. Head Start is increasing the quality and quantity of language and literacy expectations for the children we serve. Although many factors influence children's ability to succeed in school and later in life, among the most important are learning to read and write.

L.B.J.& C. Head Start's Effort to Improve Program Services

L.B.J.& C. Head Start uses child outcomes data to improve our program of services so that our children will make progress in our program and succeed in school. We have improved the content, quality, consistency, and credibility of our ongoing assessment of the children's progress and accomplishments. We analyze data collected to plan for and provide program improvement.

Head Start Screening Activities:

Brigance Preschool Screen is used to identify children who may have learning difficulties, handicapping conditions, or who may be at risk for developmental delays.

Fluharty Screen is used to identify children who have speech and language delays.

Head Start Diagnostic Assessment Instruments:

Learning Accomplishment Profile Diagnostic Edition (LAP-D) is administered if the child fails the Brigance Screen. The LAP-D identifies specific learning disorders in the domains of Fine Motor, Cognitive, Language, and Gross Motor so that decisions such as referrals and placement can be made.