

Family Services Department Head Start Division

East Orange Head Start Modular Buildings

Board of County Commissioners

Meeting

September 18, 2012



PRESENTATION OUTLINE



- **Background**
- **Current Situation**
- **Proposed Solution**
- **Action Requested**



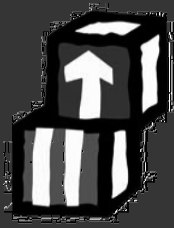
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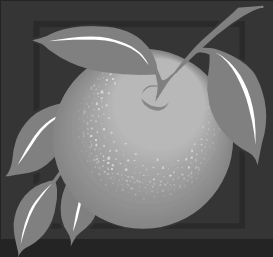
- **Head Start serves 19 Center-based sites:**
 - **9 within County-owned facilities**
 - **7 at school sites**
 - **2 within local municipalities and townships**
 - **1 with a faith-based community partner**



BACKGROUND



- **82 classrooms**
 - **57 on west side**
 - **15 on east side**
 - **Aloma-2/school site**
 - **Bithlo-3/County-owned**
 - **East Orange-6/County-owned**
 - **Engelwood-4/school site**



CURRENT SITUATION



- **2010, 2011, & 2012 Community Assessments note the need to equitably balance classroom space between east and west Orange County service areas.**
- **2012 Assessment identified 153 children on a waiting list for east Orange County service areas.**
- **The expansion of Head Start classrooms in east Orange County has been a focus for many years.**



CURRENT SITUATION



- **Challenges in East Orange**
 - **Existing site –**
 - **Limited classroom space (118)**
 - **Deteriorating condition of existing trailers**
 - **Difficulty in maintaining a safe and healthy environment**
 - **Lack of available OCPS sites**
 - **Inability to find suitable alternative sites**



PROPOSED SOLUTION



- **Utilize projected \$624,000 in unspent funding within the Head Start FY 2011-2012 budget**
 - **Unspent funding is the result of vacant positions and higher than anticipated revenue from the State Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) program.**

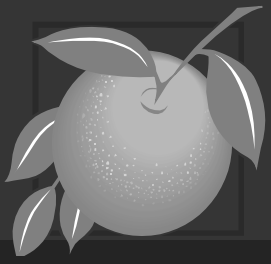
- **Remove 2 existing trailers (3 classrooms) and replace with 7 new modular units (7 classrooms)**
 - **Creates additional 80 slots on the east side**
 - **More cost effective to purchase vs. lease**
 - **Offsets on-going repairs to current trailers**



PROPOSED SOLUTION



- Modular classroom buildings are age-appropriately customized.
- For this project, the doors, counters, toilet and sink fixtures are constructed and installed at height level appropriate for elementary school children. Alleviates potential for added expense in modifying a standard modular building with fixture and door handle heights for adults.



PROPOSED SOLUTION



- Modular classroom sits on concrete leveling pads
- Classroom is “tied down” (i.e. anchored) and is engineered to meet 2010 Florida Building Code wind requirements.
- The modular is constructed of steel and concrete, not wood.
- Minimum 20 year life expectancy

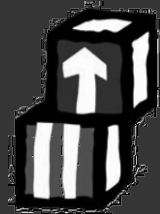


PROPOSED SOLUTION





Action Requested



Approval to purchase seven modular units, via a Suwannee County School Board contract, for the East Orange Head Start site and the approval of a sole source contract for their setup and installation in the total turnkey project amount of \$624,000 from the current Head Start budget.

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