



Orange County Head Start Annual Governing Board Update

October 4, 2016



Presentation Overview

What's New In Head Start

- **Head Start Program Performance Standards**
- **Policy Council**
- **2016 Community Assessment**
- **Head Start Sites**
- **Comprehensive Services (Early Childhood Education & Development, Family Engagement and Childhood Health & Developmental services)**



Head Start Program Performance Standards

- **The Office of Head Start (OHS) completed the first comprehensive revision of the Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS) since their original release in 1975**
- **The bipartisan Head Start Act of 2007 called for a review and revision of the Head Start Performance Standards**



Head Start Program Performance Standards

- **The Administration for Children & Families issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making in June of 2015, and received 1000 comments on the proposed standards**
- **The new Head Start Program Performance Standards are effective as of November 7, 2016, which is 60 days after their publication**



Head Start Program Performance Standards

- To afford Head Start Programs a reasonable period of time to implement certain provisions, the final rule allows additional time to comply with these specific provisions
- Most of the provisions will be effective November 7, 2016, however, there are 15 standards that become effective between 2017-2021



Head Start Program Performance Standards

Promoting Effective Teaching & Learning in Head Start Classrooms

- Evidence-based system professional development
- Mentor Coaching
- Curricula and assessment must align to the new Head Start Early Learning Outcomes Framework : Birth to 3
- Clearly prohibit the expulsion of children from Head Start programs, and strict limits on the use of temporary suspension



Head Start Program Performance Standards

Expanding Time for Learning and Healthy Development

- Center-based programs to operate 50% of their slots for 1020 hours per year by August 1, 2019
- Center-based programs to operate 100% of their slots for 1020 hours per year by August 1, 2021
- Expand full school day and year offerings across programs at least 50% of their slots



Head Start Program Performance Standards

Maintaining & Strengthening Head Start's Comprehensive Services & Family Engagement

- Parents participate in evidence-based parenting curriculum
- Strengthen Mental Health services to support teachers with effective classroom management
- Serve Dual-language learners(DLL) with a research-based approach for bilingualism and provisions for interpreters
- Strengthen services to vulnerable populations such as homeless children, foster care children and children with disabilities



Head Start Policy Council

- In the new HSPPS, persons are now allowed to serve five years on the policy council, this change supports the five year grant cycle
- New Policy Council was elected September 2016
- Current Council has representation from the Board of County Commissioners, Orange County Public Schools & Workforce of Central Florida
- Six Community Representative positions remain vacant



Head Start Community Assessment

- **Increased growth in culturally diverse residents, specifically Hispanics. Head Start needs to develop a program to assist with acculturation process**
- **Increased number of single parents, particularly women not enrolled in job training or continuing education. Head Start needs a program that assists with parents being independent & successful**



Head Start Community Assessment

- Increased number of residents needing affordable housing in Orange County & Financial Education. Head Start needs to adopt a financial education program that includes housing preparation counseling





Head Start Sites

Opened two new sites 2016-2017 year

- **Dover Shores Head Start**
- **Ventura Head Start**

Decreased classroom size

- **Tangelo Head Start**
- **John H. Bridges**
- **East Orange**
- **Site Closing 2017-2018**
 - **Grand Avenue**





Head Start Comprehensive Services

Education & Early Childhood Development

- Nemours \$20,000 In-Kind Donation to start gardens at 20 sites
- Partnership with Cooperative Extension to assign a Master Gardener at 20 sites
- Mundo Didactico
- Uniforms





Head Start

Comprehensive Services

Parent, Family & Community Engagement

- **Getting Ahead, In a Just-Gettin'-By World**
Research based 15 week parent curriculum

- **MOU with the Urban League of Orlando**

Child Abuse & Sexual Predators

Affordable Housing workshops



Head Start Comprehensive Services

Childhood Health & Developmental Services

- Music Based learning Program

In-kind donation of \$15, 705 from First
Presbyterian Church of Orlando &
Musikgarten Foundation

- "Cooking Matters "Partnership
with Cooperative Extension





Head Start Comprehensive Services

THANK YOU!

