



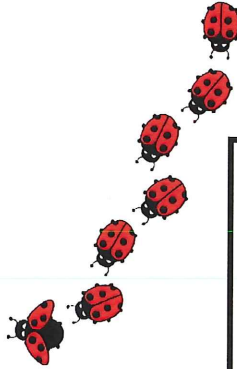
Pasco County Head Start October 2017 Policy Council



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September Fast Facts



Head Start Enrollment	663
Head Start Average Attendance	92%
Early Head Start Enrollment	128
Early Head Start Average Attendance	89%
Breakfasts Served	9,118
Lunches Served	8,897
Snacks Served	9,025
Children with diagnosed disabilities Head Start	11.4%
Children with diagnosed disabilities Early Head Start	8.7%

Community Assessment

The Community Assessment process was discussed at length. The process examines needs in the community and the demographic trends that should be used for planning the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (ERSEA) process. The program looks at overall population, population growth, children under 5 years, unemployment rates, homelessness, foster care and other needs. The Community Assessment data is used as a primary "building block" for program planning. The Community Assessment Family Input survey was shared with parents and will be collected in November/December.

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The Head Start program began as a summer program in 1964. In 1965, it became a full day program. Pasco County received the Head Start grant in 1968. Early Head Start began under President Bill Clinton in 1995. Pasco County was awarded the grant in 2003. In 2007, President Bush approved the School Readiness initiative. Thirty Million children are served by Head Start nationwide.

New Officers

Chairman: Jessica Garcia, PVES

Co-Chairman: Ma'lisa Butler, RBCES EHS

Secretary: Jessica Brandes, CWTES

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Serving families so that all children can learn and grow in a healthy, nurturing environment.

Program Governance Mission: To work in collaboration with the Grantee and Governing Boards to ensure the program is in compliance with all of the Federal and State requirements in order to continue to provide comprehensive services to expectant mother/children and families

