

# Pasco County Head Start Policy Council Meeting Newsletter February 2017

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January Fast Facts	
Head Start Enrollment	701
Head Start Average Attendance	92%
Early Head Start Enrollment	129
Early Head Start Average Attendance	90%
Breakfasts Served	10,907
Lunches Served	10,412
Snacks Served	11,025
Children with diagnosed disabilities Head Start	16%
Children with diagnosed disabilities Early Head Start	12%
Expectant Mom	4



Reminder:  
Recruitment Kick-off  
in February

## Overview of Parent Educational Resources and Family Literacy Nights

Connection requires Four Critical Elements:

- Eye Contact-The eyes contain nerve projections that lead directly to key brain structures for empathy and matching emotions.
- Presence-Being present in the moment means your mind and body are in the same place.
- Touch-Is the only sense we cannot live without.
- Playfulness-Helps build bonds and create biochemistry in the brain for dopamine.

### Self-Assessment

Results of the Self-Assessment were shared with the Policy Council. Some of the areas discussed were:

- Results for the areas of Child Development, ERSEA, Health and Safe Environments, Mental Health Disabilities and Parent, Family and Community Engagement.
- Promoting positive, intentional and real-world interactions between children and adults.
- Results should be used to make connections for successful planning.

### Policy Council Officers

**Chairman: Victoria Gunther, FHES**  
**Co-Chairman: Anton Kerr, FHES-EHS**  
**Secretary: Stephani Bryant, NWES**  
**Alt. Secretary: Ashley Alicea, QHES**

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

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

