



Pasco County Head Start February 2013 Policy Council



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January Fast Facts	
Head Start Enrollment	696
Head Start Average Attendance	91%
Early Head Start Enrollment	128
Early Head Start Average Attendance	89%
Expectant Mothers Served	2
Breakfasts Served	11,829
Lunches Served	12,064
Snacks Served	11,920

2012-2013 Self-Assessment

Successful programs always take time to reflect on their practices and determine areas for improvement. Every year, Early Childhood Programs (ECP) completes a Self-Assessment of the Head Start and Early Head Start programs to do just that. Each year, ECP staff, parents, community members and district administrators are invited to participate on Self-Assessment teams. Self-Assessment teams go out to selected sites and collect information based on the Head Start Performance Standards. The Self-Assessment results are then used by ECP administration and management staff to develop program improvement goals, desired outcomes, and action plans. After Self-Assessment is complete, a Self-Assessment action plan is created and shared with Policy Council. Based on the results of this year's Self-Assessment, ECP has highlighted several areas for improvement including: updating the Disabilities Service Plan/Intervention & Referral Procedures for the 2013-2014 school year, continuing the use of ongoing observations to determine how to meet the needs of individual children, continued documentation of follow-up for medical and dental needs of children and post-partum mothers, consistency of hand washing for a 20-30 second duration, and adding additional mulch to playgrounds. These are just some of the areas we plan on strengthening during the upcoming months.

Community Needs Assessment

One of the goals of Head Start/Early Head Start is to help address the needs of the community. Policy council representatives recently completed a community needs assessment at each school site. Then, we compiled a list of needs identified across the district. Some of the areas identified included: additional access to pediatric medical and dental specialists, safe playgrounds for families, additional community bus stops and later bus routes, difficulty finding child size clothes at many charities, and food banks having limited supplies.

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

