
Subject: Community Assessment

Source: Performance Standards 1304.51

Policy

Every three years North Texas Parent and Child Development, Inc. Early Head Start will conduct a community needs assessment to collect data about community strengths, needs and resources. North Texas Parent & Child Development, Inc. Early Head Start will use this data to make decisions about long and short term goals, selection criteria, the type of services provided for children and families and to determine collaboration possibilities with other agencies. Data will be updated each year as needed.

Procedure

1. Every three years Early Head Start will conduct a community needs assessment in accordance with Performance Standard 1304.51 that will include:
 1. Demographic make-up of Early Head Start eligible families in Wichita County, including number, geographic location, and racial/ethnic composition.
 2. Other child development and child care programs serving Early Head Start eligible children.
 3. Estimated number of children with disabilities zero to three.
 4. Data about education, health, nutrition and social service needs of Early Head Start eligible families.
 5. Resources in the community that could address these needs.

2. The annual grant planning and budget process will include a review and update of the strengths, needs and resources of the various communities throughout Wichita County.
3. Updated and reviewed information will utilize information from surveys to staff, community service providers and parents.
4. Analysis of the assessment information will be used in developing long and short term goals in the strategic and grant planning process, including locations of sites, program options, staffing patterns and identifying areas of need.