

Webb County Head Start

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PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

The Educational Consultant will be available as a professional resource to the Webb County Commissioners' Court to assure that the delivery of educational services to Head Start/Early Head Start children and families is in compliance with federal, state and local laws and regulations. Through training and technical assistance and other forms of support, the Educational Consultant will assist with the design, implementation, and coordination of educational activity; the improvement of instructional operations and performance; and the development and realization of educational priorities and improvement initiatives.

It is the intent of this agreement to enable the Webb County Commissioners' Court to maintain the Head Start/Early Head Start Core Values (related to the education component) in governance activities. The Head Start/Early Head Start Core Values related to the education component include commitments to:

- Establish and maintain a supportive learning environment for children, parents, and staff, in which the process of enhancing awareness, refining skills, and increasing understanding are valued and promoted.
- Recognize that the members of the Head Start/Early Head Start communitychildren, families, and staff –have roots in many cultures. Head Start/Early Head Start families and staff, working together as a team, can effectively promote respectful, sensitive and proactive approaches to diversity issues.
- Understand that the empowerment of families occurs when program governance is a responsibility shared by families, governing bodies, and staff, and when ideas and opinions of families are heard and respected.
- Respect the importance of all aspects of an individual's development, including social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.
- Build a community in which each child and adult is treated as an individual while at the same time, a sense of belonging to the group is reinforced.
- Develop a continuum of care, education, and services that provide stable, uninterrupted support to families and children during and after their Head Start experience.

Term: September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016

Gloria C. Juarez Laredo Community College Child Development Dept. Chair Aliza F. Oliveros, Executive Head Start Director **COUNTY OF WEBB** Hon. Tano Tijerina Webb County Judge ATTEST: Margie Ramirez Ibarra Date Webb County Clerk

Marco Montemayor Webb County Attorney