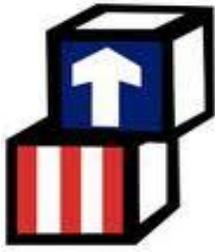


**Justification**  
**2021 Community Assessment Update**  
**Grantee 06CH011282/02**

Date	Description
10/27/2020	2020 Head Start Community Assessment Update
CSNT has updated the Community Assessment and has put the data into info graphs and an Executive Summary.	
The following documents contain data from the 2021 CA Update.	



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 1



## Demographics

### Key Priority Area One

- 1-1 Geographic Locations
- 1-2 Racial/Ethnic Composition
- 1-3 Estimated Numbers
- 1-4 Estimated Languages Spoken

### SUMMARY

	POPULATION HAS STAYED CONSISTENT
	149,182 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SERVICE AREA
	49.27% OF SERVICE AREA IS RURAL AND 50.73% IS URBAN
	8.55% POPULATION IS HISPANIC (SMALL INCREASE)
	6.4% OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE
	40.2 IS THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE SERVICE AREA

1.17%  
5+ Population with Limited English Proficiency

50.82%  
Service Area Female Population

67.1%  
of Households had Broadband

25  
Median Age of Hispanic Population

2.57  
Persons Per Household in Service Area

1,609  
Foreign-Born Population in Service Area

**Fast Fact**  
**CSNT Service Area Population Density Estimated at 63 persons per square mile (less than Texas at 107 and the United States at 91 persons)**



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 2



## HOMELESSNESS

### Key Priority Area Two

### 2-1 Homelessness

### SUMMARY

-  In 2019, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME, TEXAS HAD 25,310 INDIVIDUALS HOMELESS
-  AN ESTIMATED 6,237 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2019
-  9.1 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS DURING 2019
-  1,355 ESTIMATED HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
-  3,338 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS
-  1,806 ESTIMATED HOMELESS VETERANS IN TEXAS

1.42%  
Texas School-Aged  
Children Experienced  
Homelessness

1.24%  
Region 8 ESC Students  
Experienced Homelessness

1.76%  
Head Start Children  
Experienced Homelessness

5.0%  
Homeless Children  
in Service Area

2.1%  
Increase in Homeless  
Individuals in Texas

56.6%  
Homeless People in Texas  
Who Found Shelter

**Fast Fact**  
On a Single Night in January 2019, an estimated 567,715 people in the United States were experiencing homelessness (1 in 17 People)



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 3



## Foster Care Information

### Key Priority Area Three

### 3-1 Children In Service Area

### SUMMARY

-  65 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE IN FOSTER CARE
-  272 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD PARENTS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY
-  70% OF THE CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE CONSIDERED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
-  1,786 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE DYSLEXIC IN THE SERVICE AREA
-  3,390 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY
-  53 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA WERE IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

20  
Children in Foster Care  
In Bowie County

11  
Children In Foster Care  
In Camp County

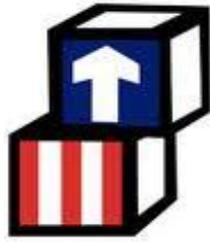
18  
Children In Foster Care  
In Cass County

25  
Median Age of  
Hispanic Population

4  
Children in Foster Care  
In Morris County

Region 4 Had The Most  
Children in Foster Care  
In the Service Area

**Fast Fact**  
According to the Texas  
Department of Family &  
Protective Services the State  
of Texas had 15,936 Children In  
the Foster Care System in July  
2020.



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 4



## Children With Disabilities

### Key Priority Area Four

#### 4-1 Children with Disabilities

### SUMMARY



10.1% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CSNT  
HAD A DISABILITY 2019-2020



12.7% SCHOOL ENROLLMENT  
WITH A DISABILITY 2019-2020



16.3% OF THE POPULATION  
IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DISABILITY



3.6% OF THE POPULATION IN THE  
SERVICE AREA UNDER 18 HAD A DISABILITY



4.1% OF CHILDREN UNDER 18  
IN TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY



11.5% OF POPULATION IN  
TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY

3,390 Students In  
Service Area Diagnosed  
with a Disability

2,431 Students  
Diagnosed With a  
Learning Disability

1,417 Students  
Diagnosed With a  
Speech Impairment

709 Students  
Diagnosed With  
Autism

322 Students  
Diagnosed With  
Emotional Disturbance

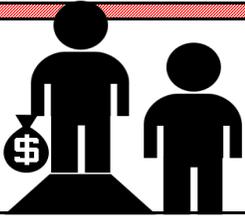
855 Students  
Diagnosed With  
Intellectual Disability

#### **Fast Fact**

**CSNT Head Start works with  
Local Education Agencies in  
the Service Area to provide  
Disability Services to Head  
Start Children.**



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 5



## Socio-Economic Factors

### Key Priority Area Five

- 5-1 Education Levels
- 5-2 Health Statistics
- 5-3 Nutrition Information
- 5-4 Social Service Needs

### SUMMARY

	13.4% OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
	63 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA
	25.2% OF ADULTS REPORTED FAIR OR POOR HEALTH
	25.2% OF ADULTS REPORTED POOR DENTAL HEALTH
	16% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA SMOKED
	17% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DRANK EXCESSIVELY

13.9% SNAP Recipients in the Service Area
57.4% Students Eligible For Free Lunches
42.7% of Children Under 18 Receiving Medicaid
19.7% of Head Start Children Were Obese
8.9% Low-Birth Weights In Service Area
8.8% Population Under 18 With No Health Insurance
<b>Fast Fact</b> <b>27.5% of population under age 18 in the service area are living at or below the Federal Poverty Level.</b>



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 6



## Other Child Care Providers

8

ISD Partnerships

1

Early Head Start Program

435

Students Enrolled in ISD Partnerships

34%

Single-Parent Households

713

Children Enrolled in Subsidized Child Care

43.6%

Students Considered At-Risk by ISDs

## Key Priority Area Six

6-1 Private Child Care Providers

6-2 Publicly Funded Pre-K

## SUMMARY



40 LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS IN THE SERVICE AREA



1,243 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE



2,550 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE



2,347 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL PROGRAM



1,542 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM



9,204 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA BIRTH TO 4 YEARS

### **Fast Fact**

**CSNT Service Area has 23 Independent School Districts (8 are in partnership with CSNT Head Start).**



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 7



## Housing Needs

### Key Priority Area Seven

### 1-1 Housing Resources

### SUMMARY

	66,982 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	17.2% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA ARE VACANT
	\$697 MEDIAN RENT IN THE SERVICE AREA
	27.0% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN SERVICE AREA WERE SUBSTANDARD
	41.7% OF RENTAL PAYMENTS AT OR ABOVE 30% TOTAL INCOME
	411 SECTION 8 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA

17.2%  
of Housing Units Vacant  
in Service Area

17,403  
Households Renting  
in Service Area

1,165  
Public Housing Authority  
Units in Service Area

15,595  
Housing Units Are  
Substandard

227  
Housing Units Lacking  
Complete Plumbing

5,293  
Housing Units Lacking  
A Complete Kitchen

**Fast Fact**  
20.31% of Housing Units in  
the Service Area were built  
before 1960



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 8



## General Information

23  
School Districts  
in the Service Area

CSNT Head Start  
Partners With  
Region 8 ESC

Texas Public Schools  
Implement the  
STAAR Assessment

51 Linden HS Slots  
Converted to 16  
Hughes Springs EHS Slots

CSNT Head Start is  
Monitoring Effects of  
Pandemic on Families

23 Minutes  
Average Commute Time

## Key Priority Area Eight

- 8-1 Transportation
- 8-2 Preferred Services
- 8-3 Program Schedule
- 8-4 Barriers to Participation
- 8-5 School Readiness

## SUMMARY

-  LITTLE OR NO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE SERVICE AREA
-  58,404 PEOPLE 16+ YEARS OF AGE IN SERVICE AREA COMMUTE TO WORK
-  HEAD START SCHEDULES MIRROR THE PARTNERSHIP ISDs
-  PARENTS SURVEYED REQUESTED EARLY HEAD START SERVICES
-  RURAL LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGE CAN BE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
-  12 OUT OF 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD A DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT

**Fast Fact**  
**CSNT Applied For 76  
 Early Head Start Expansion  
 Slots (20 - Bowie County, 20  
 Camp County, 20 Cass County,  
 and 16 Morris County).**



# 2021 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 9



## Program Survey Information

### Key Priority Area Nine

- 9-1 Impacts To Service Area
- 9-2 Impacts To Children & Families

### SUMMARY

#### IMPACTS TO SERVICE AREA

- ➔ 33.33% EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON SERVICE AREA
- ➔ 24.07% LACK OF JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT
- ➔ 14.81% BUSINESSES CLOSING
- ➔ 11.11% LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- ➔ 3.70% LOW PAYING JOBS

#### HIGHLIGHTS IMPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

35.09%  
Results of  
COVID-19 Pandemic

19.30%  
Poor Parenting Skills/  
Young Parents

14.04%  
Substance Abuse/  
Incarcarated Parents

8.77%  
Grandparents Raising  
Grandchildren

7.02%  
Campus Closings/  
EHS Opening

#### Fast Fact

When removing the COVID-19 Pandemic, the top three or four impacts on the Service Area stayed consist with previous years.

## **Key Priority Area Nine:**

Program survey information

### **Priority Area 9-1 Events that have impacted the CSNT Head Start service area Identified by HS Survey**

- Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic (33.33%)
- Lack of Jobs/Unemployment (24.07%)
- Businesses Closing (14.81%)
- Lack of Affordable Housing (11.11%)
- Low Paying Jobs (3.70%)
- Substance Abuse (3.70%)
- New Employment Opportunities/New Businesses (3.70%)
- Lack of Transportation (1.85%)
- Population Aging (1.85%)
- Economic Instability (1.85%)

### **Priority Area 9-1 Events that have impacted the CSNT Head Start Children and Families Identified by HS Survey**

- Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic (35.09%)
- Poor Parenting Skills/Young Parents/Lack of Parent Involvement (19.30%)
- Substance Abuse/Parents Incarcerated/Mental Health Issues (14.04%)
- Children Raised by Grandparents/Family Members (8.77%)
- Campus Closures/EHS Opening (7.02%)
- Lack of Jobs/Unemployment/Economic Instability (5.26%)
- Changes/Lack of Affordable Health Care/Medicaid (3.51%)
- Incarcerated Parents (1.75%)
- Lack of Child Care (1.75%)
- Child Abuse (1.75%)
- Lack of Transportation (1.75%)

## **Key Priority Area Ten:**

Needs, Strategies, Conclusions

### **Priority Area 10-1 CSNT Head Start Identified Needs and Strategies Identified Needs**

- Need: Program that addresses the needs of children and their families (ages three and under)
  - Strategy: Request Early Head Start Grant/slots for CSNT Head Start service area including Camp, Cass, and Morris Counties
  - Strategy: Analyze program impact on transitioning designated slots from Head Start to Early Head Start
- Need: Availability of high-quality health and dental care providers that will accept Medicaid and CHIP
  - Strategy: Form partnerships with State and local programs to assist families in meeting the needs of the children
  - Strategy: Educate parents on resources available through the state including CHIP and Medicaid
  - Strategy: Be an advocate in the community to promote awareness of the health resources that are available to low-income families
- Need: Form partnerships with Health and Wellness Centers in the service area
  - Strategy: Form partnerships with fitness centers
  - Strategy: Inform wellness centers of the benefits of partnering with Head Start
  - Strategy: Educate parents and the community on the benefits of healthy families within the community
- Need: Hire staff that are bi-lingual
  - Strategy: Post job openings on electronic Websites (i.e., Indeed, Workforce Commission, Region VIII ESC, etc.) listing the need for applicants with bi-lingual skills
  - Strategy: Attend job fairs within the service area indicating the need for bi-lingual staff
  - Strategy: Utilize partnership school district staff that are bi-lingual to assist Head Start staff, when available
- Need: Provide activities within the Head Start Program that support best practices for parent

Strategy: Seek a parent curriculum that teaches parenting skills

Strategy: Survey parents to narrow the scope of parenting skills needed

Strategy: Provide activities that parents enjoy doing with their children

Need: Implement School Readiness within the Head Start Service area

Strategy: Create Partnerships with local School Districts and Child Care Programs that focus on School Readiness skills for children

Strategy: Develop systems for parents to be a part of building School Readiness for their children

Strategy: Support highly qualified teaching staff that develop School Readiness skills within their classroom

Need: Create highly diverse classrooms that include dual-language learners

Strategy: Educate teachers on teaching strategies that benefit dual-language learners

Strategy: Educate teachers on strategies to utilize with families of dual-language learners

Strategy: Analyze/monitor data for success of dual-language learners in the program

**Priority Area 10-2 CSNT Community Assessment Update Conclusions Number of eligible Head Start Children:**

- 6.35% of the population within the service area were 0-4 years of age or 9,203 children (-329 population change from last year)
- The racial make-up of the service area did not have any significant changes (there was a slight increase in the number of other races and a slight decrease in multiple races)
- Over a ten-year period, there has been a steady increase in the number of “Other Races” moving into the service area
- The Hispanic population increased by less than .13% from last year to 8.55% of the total population
- The Hispanic median age was 21 years younger than the average non-Hispanic median age of 46 years (this was a 4-year increase from last year) (White 41 yrs., Black 34 yrs., and Hispanic 25 yrs.)
- Less than 1% of the population was considered Asian with more than 72% considered Caucasian (There was very little change from last year)

- English remains the dominant language spoken in the service area with only 1.17% of the population 5 years and older considered Linguistically Isolated
- 91.44% of the population were considered non-Hispanic or Latino (+.22% increase from last year)
- 67.1% of households in the service area had broadband internet and 77.9% had computers in the home
- There were over 55,260 household in the service area and an average of 2.57 persons per household
- The child homeless population was 1.42% for the State of Texas; 1.24% for Region VIII ESC and 1.76% in the CSNT Head Start service area; However, it was 5.0% for the Head Start Program
- Over 57.4% of the children in the CSNT service area are eligible for Free/Reduced lunches (there was a 3% decrease from previous year)
- 65 students in the CSNT Head Start service area were in Foster Care compared to 71 the previous year
- Within the service area, there were 12.7% of school-aged children with a diagnosed disability; However, only 3.60% of the population under age 18 had a diagnosed disability

***Location of eligible children:***

- While there are pockets of children birth to 4-yrs-old living in poverty throughout the four county CSNT Head Start service area, the bulk of the children are located within a few miles of the major towns and cities
- Most areas are within driving distance to any Head Start Campus
- Each of the eight Head Start and one Early Head Start locations are centrally positioned to serve the largest number of eligible children and families

***Access to Head Start:***

- Texarkana ISD Head Start is the largest campus in the CSNT service area serving 148 children and transporting over 50 children daily
- Atlanta ISD Head Start and the Hughes Springs Head Start are the second largest campuses with the second greatest need for transportation with an estimated 48 AISD students transported daily and an estimated 65 HSHS students (15 through the ISD and 50 through Head Start)

- Hughes Springs Campus provides transportation to the children who live outside of the Hughes Springs ISD service area including Avinger and Daingerfield/Lone Star
- Transportation is a part of the partnerships that are formed with the ISDs and accounts for a large amount of in-kind for the Head Start Program each year

***Service Needs:***

- Families living within the service area have experienced financial problems and over half did not find assistance
- Families living within the service area obtained assistance with medical insurance, food, and clothing during the past year
- CSNT Head Start partners with resources within the community to assist families in need of assistance
- The greatest impact in the service is unemployment and the lack of jobs
- With the lack of employment opportunities in most areas, it is beneficial when any new businesses open
- Unemployment (at 11.4% in the service area) has had over a 7.6% increase within past year due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- There are 84 primary care physicians practicing in the service area (a 14% decrease from the previous years)
- There are 67 dentists within the service area and 109 Mental Health providers in the service area
- 25.2% of the service area population reported fair or poor health which is higher than the average of 17.8% for the State of Texas and the US average of 15.7%
- 17.3% of the adults in the service area had poor dental health which is higher than Texas with 12.7% and the US at 15.7%
- 16% of the population were smokers (smoking on a regular basis); this was down 1% from the previous year
- 16.3% of the total population were diagnosed with a disability, 12.7% of students, and 3.6% of children under age 18 (a slight increase from last year)
- 19.7% of preschoolers were considered obese within the service area and 38% of adults (there was slight increase from last year)
- 8.9% of all births were considered low-weight births and 6.5% of teen births ages 15-19 (a slight decrease from previous year)
- 314 births were to mothers aged 15-19 within the service area

- 3,729 households with children under 5 were receiving benefits from the (SNAP) in the service area Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (this was 8% lower than last year)
- 42.7% of the population under 18 years of age received Medicaid (This is 29% lower than last year)
- Only 15.3% of the population under 18 was w/o Medical Insurance (This was 6.6% higher than last year)
- 4.4% of the children under 19 years of age were receiving CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) (This was about the same as last year)
- Average income per capita for the service area was \$23,058 (this was an average of \$660 higher than last year)
- 2.0% of the population under age 18 were receiving Supplemental Security Income (this was about the same as last year)
- 411 Section 8 Housing Units were available within the service area
- 1.7% of households within the service area had public assistance income (This was slightly higher than last year)
- 27.5% of the population under Age 18 residing in the service area were considered living in poverty (this .90% higher than last year and more than 5% higher than the average in Texas)
- 86% of the households within the service drove to work alone and 23 minutes was the average commute time
- Only 6.64% of the household within the service area reported that they did not own a motor vehicle (this was about the same as last year)
- According to STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Morris County and Bowie County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above all subjects rate at 71% of students and Camp County had the highest at 87%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Bowie County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above ELA/reading rate at 72% of students and Camp had the highest at 95%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above math rate at 73% of students and Camp had the highest at 90%

- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Morris County and Bowie County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above writing rate at 47% of students and Cass had the highest at 75%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of students at grade level or above science rate at 64% of students and Camp had the highest at 83%
- According to the STAAR (State of Texas Academic Assessment Report 2019) data Morris County had the lowest percentage of all students at grade level or above social studies rate of 49% of students and Camp had the highest at 83%
- Pittsburg ISD had the highest percentage of students meeting grade level or above in reading 95%; Pittsburg ISD had the highest percentage meeting grade level or above in math 90%; Linden-Kildare CISD had the highest number of students meeting grade level or above in writing 81%; Pittsburg ISD had the highest amount of students meeting grade level or above in science with 83%; Atlanta ISD had the highest number of students meeting grade level or above in social studies at 85%
- Atlanta ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 1 - Student Achievement at 88 (State Target = 60)
- Atlanta ISD scored the highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 2 – Student Progress at 90 (State Target = 60)
- Atlanta ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 3 – Closing Performance Gaps at 92 (State Target = 60)
- Atlanta ISD scored highest on the State of Texas Performance Index 4 – Postsecondary Readiness at 91 (State Target = 60)

• **\*All Districts and Schools Were Not Rated in 2020 Due to COVID-19\***

The results stated above were from the 2018-2019 School year.

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Texas Department of Health and Human Services

Community Commons

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Texas Education Agency

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