



2024 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 HAD A SLIGHT DECREASE
	146,135 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SERVICE AREA
	62.33% OF SERVICE AREA IS RURAL AND 37.66% IS URBAN
	12.46% POPULATION IS HISPANIC (OVER .44% INCREASE)
	5.92% OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE (.24 Decrease)
	46.6 IS THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE SERVICE AREA (5 year increase)

3.00%
5+ Population with Limited English Proficiency

50.83%
Service Area Female Population

5.41%
of Population Foreign Born

26.5
Median Age of Hispanic Population

30.06%
Service Area Households w/Children

83.31%
Households w/ Access to High Speed Internet

Fast Fact
CSNT Service Area Population Density
Estimated at 62 persons per square mile (less than Texas at 110 and the United States at 93 persons)



2024 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 2



HOMELESSNESS

Key Priority Area Two

2-1 Homelessness

SUMMARY

-  In 2022, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME, TEXAS HAD 18,579 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS
-  AN ESTIMATED 5,853 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2021
-  8 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS DURING 2022
-  799 ESTIMATED HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
-  1,226 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS
-  4,812 ESTIMATED HOMELESS VETERANS IN TEXAS

40.5% Increase in Homeless Individuals
2.52% Region 8 ESC Students Experienced Homelessness
7.4% Head Start Children Experienced Homelessness
5.6% Homeless Children in Service Area 2022
Homelessness in Texas rose after COVID 2022
1,711 People in Texas Chronically Homelessness
Fast Fact On a Single Night in 2022, an estimated 582,462 people in the United States were experiencing homelessness (3 in 10 were families)



2024 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 3



Foster Care Information

Key Priority Area Three

3-1 Children In Service Area

SUMMARY

➔ 29 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE IN FOSTER CARE

➔ 722 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD PARENTS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY

➔ 73% OF THE CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE CONSIDERED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

➔ 2,214 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE DYSLEXIC IN THE SERVICE AREA

➔ 3,692 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY

➔ 92.99% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ELIGIBLE UNDER TITLE 1

29
Children in Foster Care
Camp & Cass Counties

465
Bowie County Military
Families

5,434
Children in Cass County
Eligible Under Title 1

167
Morris County English
Language Learners

1,707
Children in Service Area
Gifted & Talented

Region 8 Had 110
Children in Foster Care
In the Service Area

Fast Fact
According to the Texas
Education Agency the State of
Texas had 12,265 Children In
the Foster Care System in the
2022- 2023 School Year.



2024 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 4



Children With Disabilities

Key Priority Area Four

4-1 Children with Disabilities

SUMMARY



10.7% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CSNT
HAD A DISABILITY 2022-2023



14.8% SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
WITH A DISABILITY 2021-2022



17.7% OF THE POPULATION
IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD A DISABILITY



5.3% OF THE POPULATION IN THE
SERVICE AREA UNDER 18 HAD A DISABILITY



4.4% OF CHILDREN UNDER 18
IN TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY



11.5% OF POPULATION IN
TEXAS HAD A DISABILITY

3,692 Students In
Service Area Diagnosed
with a Disability

2,734 Students
Diagnosed With a
Learning Disability

1,699 Students
Diagnosed With a
Speech Impairment

944 Students
Diagnosed With
Autism

388 Students
Diagnosed With
Emotional Disturbance

923 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.



2024 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

	11.5% OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
	104 DIRECT CARE PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA
	25% OF ADULTS REPORTED FAIR OR POOR HEALTH
	27% OF POPULATION IN SERVICE AREA HAS TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID
	21% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA SMOKED
	19% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DRANK EXCESSIVELY

12.6% SNAP Recipients in the Service Area
59.8% Students Eligible For Free Lunches
70.4% of Children Under 18 Receiving Medicaid
19.0% of Head Start Children Were Obese
9.1% Low-Birth Weights In Service Area
9.6% Population Under 18 With No Health Insurance
Fast Fact 23.5% of population under age 18 in the service area are living at or below the Federal Poverty Level.



2024 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 6



Other Child Care Providers

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
	3,243 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE
	3,322 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE
	2,240 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL PROGRAM
	2,174 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM
	3,322 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA BIRTH TO 4 YEARS Not Enrolled in Child Care

7
ISD Partnerships

1
Early Head Start Program

448
Students Enrolled in ISD Partnerships

2%
Single-parent Male Households

4,791
Children Enrolled in Center-based Child Care

46.2%
Students Considered At-Risk by ISDs

Fast Fact
CSNT Service Area has 23 Independent School Districts (7 are in partnership with CSNT Head Start).



2024 CA Update Summary of Key Priority Area 7



Housing Needs

Key Priority Area Seven

1-1 Housing Resources

SUMMARY

	54,523 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA
	18.5% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA ARE VACANT
	\$751 MEDIAN RENT IN THE SERVICE AREA
	27% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN SERVICE AREA WERE SUBSTANDARD
	44.4% OF RENTAL PAYMENTS AT OR ABOVE 30% TOTAL INCOME
	14 SUBSIDIZED HOUSING LOCATIONS IN THE SERVICE AREA

17,304
Households Renting
in Service Area

\$1,146
Average Median
Rent In Texas

324
Housing Units with
no plumbing facilities

14,872
Housing Units Are
Substandard

1,324
Housing Units Lacking
Complete Kitchens

12,031
Vacant Rental Housing
Units in Service Area

Fast Fact
16.75% of Housing Units in
the Service Area were built
before 1960



2024 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

500 Fewer Students
Enrolled in Service Area
2021/2022

CSNT Follows CDC
Guidelines When
Encountering COVID

All CSNT Partner School
Districts Ranked at or
Above "B" Rating

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 NOT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE SERVICE AREA
- ➡ 3,507 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO MOTOR VEHICLE
- ➡ HEAD START SCHEDULES MIRROR THE PARTNERSHIP ISDs
- ➡ 66% PARENTS SURVEYED REQUESTED EARLY HEAD START SERVICES
- ➡ RURAL LOCATIONS AND LANGUAGE CAN BE BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION
- ➡ 7 OUT OF 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD A DECREASE IN ENROLLMENT

Fast Fact
CSNT IS Researching Ways to
Bring More Early Head Start
Slots To The Service Area in
the Future .



2024 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

-  44.71% LACK OF JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT
-  10.59% LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
-  10.59% COST OF LIVING/RISING PRICES
-  8.24% IMPACTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC
-  4.71% CHILDREN RAISED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN PARENT
-  4.71% LACK OF/CHANGES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

HIGHLIGHTS IMPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

32.95%
Poor Parenting Skills/
Young Parents

10.23%
Children Raised by Family
Members Other Than
Parents

9.39%
Substance Abuse/
Addictive Behaviors

7.95%
Child Behaviors /Children
Acting Out

6.82%
Substance
Abuse/Addictive
Behaviors

Fast Fact
COVID-19 Pandemic dropped to 4th on this year's Service Area impacts and did not show-up on impacts on children.

PROVIDER/ PARTNERSHIP SURVEY



HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

DESCRIPTION

- ✓ Health – 0%
- ✓ Dental – 21%
- ✓ School District/LEA - 37%
- ✓ PC Member – 16%
- ✓ GB Member – 26%

LOCATION:

- Atlanta - 37%
- Bloomburg – 42%
- D-LSISD – 37%
- Hughes Springs – 47%
- Naples – 32%
- New Boston – 26%
- Pittsburg – 42%
- Texarkana – 47%

PROVIDE INFORMATION TIMELY

- Always – 79%
- Usually – 21%
- Sometimes – 0%
- Rarely – 0%
- Never – 0%

STAFF OFFER HELP

- Extremely Helpful – 53%
- Very Helpful – 47%
- Somewhat Helpful – 0%
- Not so Helpful – 0%
- Not at all Helpful – 0%

STAFF ARE POLITE

- Always – 84%
- Usually – 16%
- Sometimes – 0%
- Rarely – 0%
- Never – 0%

STAFF ARE FRIENDLY/CHEERFUL

- Extremely Friendly/Cheerful – 53%
- Very Friendly/Cheerful – 42%
- Somewhat Friendly/Cheerful – 5%
- Not so Helpful – 0%
- Not at all Helpful – 0%

STAFF PROVIDE ANSWERS

- Always – 68%
- Usually – 32%
- Sometimes – 0%
- Rarely – 0%
- Never – 0%

STAFF ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE

- Extremely Knowledgeable – 63%
- Very Knowledgeable – 37%
- Somewhat Knowledgeable – 0%
- Not so Knowledgeable – 0%
- Not at all Helpful – 0%

OVERALL INTERACTIONS

- Excellent – 74%
- Good – 26%
- Average – 0%
- Fair – 0%
- Poor – 0%

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT WORKING WITH THE PROGRAM

- Kept abreast of how we are helping families and changing lives
- Seeing how passionate the staff is about the service. The staff take pride in their work
- EHS/HS is making a difference in early learner's jumpstart to kindergarten
- Compassion shows for education of children
- Providing young children an early start education
- The lives that are changed because of the HS Program
- It allows me to speak freely, be open-minded, and help grow the program
- Opportunity to educate at-risk children and give them their basic needs
- CSNT Staff always a pleasure work with, they appreciate our partnership
- They are cooperative with us on all things that crossover between district and HS
- The sustainability of the organization while working towards goals for children and the training received concerning policies and procedures helps make good decisions
- Helping prepare our students for kindergarten
- Great people
- The passion that the staff have for helping children and families.

HOW COULD WE IMPROVE PARTNERSHIP

- Continue on course
- Maybe a quarterly report from a Campus staff on milestones/goals etc.
- No improvement is needed at this time
- Great job. Keep doing what you are doing
- Continue to allow me to be a part of building the future
- Doing great job. Keep up the good work
- We just need to have community outreach and involvement with help as needed
- Communicate timelier

A STAFF PERSON – COMMEND FOR THEIR JOB

- Alisha Oliver – FSW Atlanta HS Program (Always willing to go the extra mile)
- No one person – Each member has an important role to play
- Bridgette Parton – Program Manager (She is very knowledgeable and helpful)
- The Whole HS Family – They go above and beyond
- Kaye Nelms – Pittsburg CD/FSW (For her continued hard work and dedication to Pittsburg HS)
- Rhonda Shirley – Health Coordinator (She is always pleasant and has a passion for taking care of the children in the program)
- Bridgette Parton – Program Manager, Bernadette Harris – HS/EHS Director, Frances Evans, Curriculum Director, Misty VanHooser, Family Service Administrator (They are one of many dedicated staff members)



2024 PARENT SURVEY DATA

Total Parent Surveys Completed

94 Surveys Completed
Estimated 25% of Parents

Most Surveys Completed

Pittsburg Head Start
17% of Parents

Campus Related Questions

How I feel/my child feels at Campus

✓ 73%	My Child feels happy/safe at Campus
✓ 83%	I feel welcome at the Campus
✗ 14%	Staff not concerned about my child
✓ 51%	Staff are concerned about my child
✓ 100%	Received a Parent Orientation
✓ 85%	Staff greet me with a smile

Staff Helped Parents

✓ 58%	Access medical information
✓ 52%	Access dental information
✓ 87%	Create family goals
✓ 76%	Encouraged to volunteer
✓ 69%	Completed a Home Visit
✓ 91%	Participate in Parent Meetings

Child Has Made Progress

✓ 75%	Being more independent
✓ 85%	Being a part of a group
✓ 68%	Recognizing letter & sounds
✓ 69%	Recognizing numbers & counting
✓ 60%	Developing small motor skills
✓ 70%	Developing speech & vocabulary

...Campus Related Questions

Best Part of Day for My Child

Breakfast/Lunch	36%	✓
Learning Activities (Books, Circle Time, etc.)	79%	✓
Science Activities	79%	✓
Songs and Music	74%	✓
Toothbrushing	28%	✓
Other (Outside, Playground, Recess, etc.)	13%	✓

I Received Information About:

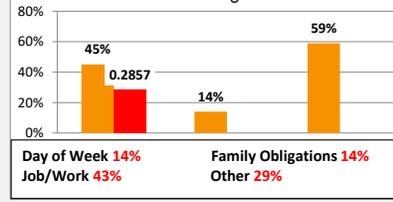
Classroom activities	85%	✓
Upcoming Program Activities	84%	✓
The Parent Handbook	86%	✓
Breakfast and lunch menus	77%	✓
Resources for parents/families	75%	✓
Child's educational progress	70%	✓

Parent Activities

Parent Engagement Activities

Activity	Percentage	How do I like to receive information:	
		Method	Percentage
Program Orientation	70%	Paper Document	46%
Home Visit w/Teacher	53%		
Home Visit w/FSW	36%	Text Message	42%
Setting Family Goals	53%		
Assisting in classrooms	15%		
Parent/Teacher Conferences	45%	Email Message	13%
Policy Council Meetings	14%		
Parent Meetings	59%		

Select the answer that best explains why you find it difficult to attend Parent Meetings:



Household Difficulties

You or a Family Member experienced:	How often:			Assistance Found:			Where:	
	Week	Month	Year	Found in County	Found outside County	Did not find assistance	Did not seek assistance	
Financial Assistance	7%	24%	18%	34%	2%	20%	43%	
Domestic Violence	1%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	50%	
Not Finding Employment	1%	5%	5%	44%	22%	33%	0%	
Parenting Issues	3%	4%	1%	33%	17%	33%	17%	
Drug/Alcohol Problems	0%	0%	1%	100%	0%	0%	0%	
College Tuition/Certification Courses	0%	0%	3%	0%	50%	0%	50%	
Legal Problems	0%	0%	1%	0%	100%	0%	0%	
Living Conditions/Homelessness	0%	0%	1%	100%	0%	0%	0%	
Finding Child Care	1%	6%	7%	20%	0%	50%	30%	
Providing Healthy Meals	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	80%	20%	
Mental Wellness Issues	3%	4%	3%	90%	14%	29%	14%	
Affordable Medical/Dental Ins.	1%	6%	10%	17%	42%	42%	0%	
Would you benefit from EHS Services:	Yes/no			Type of Service:				
Early Head Start Services	66%	34%		Center/Home-Based		100%	0%	