# 2022 CA Update Executive Summary

#### Service Area (Snapshot):

#### LOCATIONS:

#### Bowie County Two Campus (es) – 160 HS Slots

Texarkana Head Start, 2315 West 10th Street, Texarkana, TX 75503 (Slots 143)

New Boston Head Start, 117 Robertson St., New Boston, TX 75570 (Slots 17)

#### Camp County One Campus (es) – 49 HS Slots

Pittsburg Head Start, 404 Broach St., Pittsburg, TX 75686 (Slots 49)

#### Cass County Four Campus (es) – 199 HS Slots & 16 EHS Slots

Atlanta Head Start, 505 Rabbit Blvd., Atlanta, TX 75551 (Slots 108)

Bloomburg Pre-K Academy, 201 W. Cypress, Bloomburg, TX 75556 (Slots 17)

Hughes Springs Head Start, 903 E. 1 st., Hughes Sprigs, TX 75656 (HS Slots 74)

Hughes Springs Head Start, 903 E. 1 st., Hughes Sprigs, TX 75656 (EHS Slots 16)

#### Morris County Two Campus (es) – 57 HS Slots

Daingerfield/Lone Star (West Elementary School), 1305 W. Watson Blvd., Daingerfield, TX 75638 **(Slots 40)** 

Naples/Omaha Head Start, 412 WL Doc Dodson, Naples, TX 75568 (Slots 17)



Map 1: CSNT Head Start Service Area

CSNT Head Start Counties Bowie, Camp, Cass, and Morris Counties in Northeast Texas

#### 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 bilingual skills

Strategy: Attend job fairs within the service area indicating the need for bilingual 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 9,263 children (+60 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 multiple races)
- There was a -.58% decrease in the number of "Other Races" moving into the service area
- The Hispanic population increased by more than 3% from last year to 11.23% of the total population
- The Hispanic median age was 21 years younger than the average non-Hispanic median age of 46 years (this was no change from last year) (White 41 yrs., Black 34 yrs., and Hispanic 25 yrs., Other Races 32 yrs., and Multiple Races 15 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 3.42% of the population 5 years and older considered Linguistically Isolated (this was +2.25% increase from last year)
- 88.26% of the population were considered non-Hispanic or Latino (+3.18% increase from last year)
- 62.05% of households in the service area had high speed internet (this is less than the State of Texas at 93.44%)
- There were over 55,732 household in the service area (an increase of 472 households)
- The child homeless population was 1.07% for the State of Texas; 1.04% for Region VIII ESC and 1.76% in the CSNT Head Start service area; However, it was 6.1% for the Head Start Program
- Over 58.84% of the children in the CSNT service area are eligible for Free/Reduced lunches (there was a 1.44% increase from previous year)
- 57 students in the CSNT Head Start service area were in Foster Care compared to 65 the previous year
- Within the service area, there were 13.0% of school-aged children with a diagnosed disability; However, only 3.60% of the population in the service area under age 18 had a diagnosed disability

#### Location of eligible children:

- 33% of the birth to four-year-old children were not being served in a center-based early childhood education program
- 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 25 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 63 AISD students transported daily and an estimated 9 HSISD students
- Head Start will provide transportation to the children who do not receive transportation through the school district when needed (All Head Start Transportation services were shut down due to COVID-19 and the inability to social distance students while on the bus; however, some transportation services were provided in the Spring 2021 due to the ability to social distance)
- 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 area is unemployment/the lack of jobs
- With the lack of employment opportunities in most areas, it is beneficial when any new businesses open
- Unemployment (at 7.9% in the service area) has had over a 4.5% decrease within past year; However, with the increase in COVID-19 cases, the unemployment rate may increase again
- There are 278 direct care physicians in the service area
- There are 52 dentists within the service area
- 7.8% of the population within the service area tested positive for COVID-19 in the service area (these percentages may increase with the surge in positive cases in the service area)
- 13.1% of the population in the service area are hesitant of getting COVID vaccinations (this is higher than the state or national average)

- 22% 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%
- 19.6% of the population were smokers (smoking on a regular basis); this was up over 3% from the previous year
- 16.7% of the total population were diagnosed with a disability, 13.0% of students, and 4.1% of children under age 18 (a slight increase from last year)
- 14% of low-income preschoolers were considered obese within the service area and 29% of adults (there was slight decrease from last year)
- 8.9% of all births were considered low-weight births and 4.5% of teen births ages
   15-19 (a slight decrease from previous year)
- 288 births were to mothers aged 15-19 within the service area (a decrease of 26 births)
- 3,169 households with children under 5 were receiving benefits from the (SNAP) in the service area Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (this was 1.30% lower than last year)
- 53.7% of the population under 18 years of age received Medicaid (This is 11% higher than last year)
- Only 9.0% of the population under 18 was w/o Medical Insurance (This was 6.30% lower than last year)
- 2.3% of the children under 19 years of age were receiving CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program) (This was 2.10% lower than last year)
- Average income per capita for the service area was \$23,897 (this was an average of \$839 higher than last year)
- 3.4% of the population under age 18 were receiving Supplemental Security Income (this was 1.4% higher than last year)
- 411 Section 8 Housing Units were available within the service area
- 38% of households in the service area had rental costs that were at least 35% or higher part of their total income

- 27% of the households in the service area had one or more substandard conditions
- 1.70% of households within the service area had public assistance income (This was slightly higher than last year)
- 26.2% of the population under Age 18 residing in the service area were considered living in poverty (this 1.30% lower than last year and .2% higher than the average in Texas)
- 85% of the households within the service drove to work alone and 23 minutes was the average commute time
- Only 6.98% 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.

#### References

Child Plus Data Base System for CSNT Head Start

US Census Bureau

USDA (CACFP)

Texas Education Agency (TEA)

Region VIII Education Service Center

Texas Department of Health (Center for Health Statistics)

Texas Department of Family and Protective Service

US Housing and Urban Development

Texas Department of Health and Human Services

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**Texas Education Agency** 

The National Center on Homelessness



## 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

148,863 PEOPLE LIVE IN THE SERVICE AREA

49.27% OF SERVICE AREA IS RURAL AND 50.73% IS URBAN

> 11.73% POPULATION IS HISPANIC (OVER 3% INCREASE)

6.23% OF THE POPULATION IS UNDER 4 YRS OF AGE

40.2 IS THE MEDIAN AGE IN THE SERVICE AREA 3.42% 5+ Population with Limited English Proficiency

> 50.49% Service Area Female Population

> > 4.97% of Population Foreign Born

25 Median Age of Hispanic Population

30.96% Service Area Households with Chdilren

62.05% Households w/ Access to High Speed Internet

Fast Fact CSNT Service Area Population Density Estimated at 63 persons per square mile (less than Texas at 108 and the United States at 92 persons)



## HOMELESSNESS

## Key Priority Area Two

## 2-1 Homelessness

#### **SUMMARY**

In 2020, AT ANY POINT-IN-TIME, TEXAS HAD 27,229 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS

AN ESTIMATED 6,114 FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS IN 2020

9.4 IN EVERY 10,000 PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS IN TEXAS DURING 2020

> 1,408 ESTIMATED HOMELESS UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

3,862 ESTIMATED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS IN TEXAS

1,948 ESTIMATED HOMELESS VETERANS IN TEXAS 1.07% Texas School-Aged Children Experienced Homelessness

1.04% Region 8 ESC Students Experienced Homelessness

4.54% Head Start Children Experienced Homelessness

> 5.0% Homeless Children in Service Area 2022

5.3% Increase in Homeless Individuals in Texas

51.5% Homeless People in Texas Who Found Shelter

#### Fast Fact

On a Single Night in January 2020, an estimated 580,466 people in the United States were experiencing homelessness (1 in 18 People)

# Foster Care

## **Key Priority Area Three**

## 3-1 Children In Service Area

## **SUMMARY**

57 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE IN FOSTER CARE

402 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD PARENTS CONNECTED TO THE MILITARY

> 71% OF THE CHILDREN IN SERVICE AREA WERE CONSIDERED ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED

1,862 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE DYSLEXIC IN THE SERVICE AREA

3,378 PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE SERIVCE AREA HAD A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY

92.13% OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE ELIGIBLE UNDER TITLE 1 28 Children in Foster Care In Bowie County

66 Camp County Military Families 5, 339 Children in Cass County Eligible Under Title 1

162 Morris County English Language Learners

1,661 Children in Service Area Gifted & Talented

Region 8 Had 186 Children in Foster Care In the Service Area

#### Fast Fact

According to the Texas Education Agency the State of Texas had 17,090 Children In the Foster Care System in the 2020- 2021 School Year.

# Children With Disabilities

## **Key Priority Area Four**

4-1 Children with Disabilities

#### **SUMMARY**

9.8% OF CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CSNT HAD A DISABILITY 2020-2021

13.0% SCHOOL ENROLLMENT WITH A DISABILITY 2020-2021

16.7% 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

3,378 Students In Service Area Diagnosed with a Disability

2,401 Students Diagnosed With a Learning Disability

1,467 Students Diagnosed With a Speech Impairment

743 Students Diagnosed With Autism

328 Students Diagnosed With Emotional Disturbance

862 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.



Socio-Economoic Factors

## **Key Priority Area Five**

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

#### **SUMMARY**

12.4% OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE SERVICE AREA HAD NO HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

> 304 DIRECT CARE PHYSICIANS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA

22% OF ADULTS REPORTED FAIR OR POOR HEALTH

25.2% OF ADULTS REPORTED POOR DENTAL HEALTH

19% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA SMOKED

18% OF ADULTS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA DRANK EXCESSIVELY 12.6% SNAP Recipients in the Service Area

58.9% Students Eligible For Free Lunches

53.7% of Children Under 18 Receiving Medicaid

31.2% of Head Start Children Were Obese

8.9% Low-Birth Weights In Service Area

9.0% Population Under 18 With No Health Insurance

Fast Fact

26.2% of population under age 18 in the service area are living at or below the Federal Poverty Level.

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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

4,150 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN CENTER-BASED CHILD CARE

2,316 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN CHILD CARE

2,123 CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SCHOOL PROGRAM

2,450 CHILDREN NOT ENROLLED IN A SCHOOL PROGRAM

6,947 CHILDREN IN THE SERVICE AREA BIRTH TO 3 YEARS 8 ISD Partnerships

Early Head Start Program

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435 Students Enrolled in ISD Partnerships

2% Single-parent Male Households

1,897 Children Enrolled in Subsidized Child Care

45.4% Students Considered At-Risk by ISDs

<u>Fast Fact</u> CSNT Service Area has 23 Independent School Districts (8 are in partnership with CSNT Head Start).



Housing Needs

## Key Priority Area Seven

## **1-1 Housing Resources**

#### **SUMMARY**

66,661 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA

16.8% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA ARE VACANT

\$671 MEDIAN RENT IN THE SERVICE AREA

27.0% OF THE HOUSING UNITS IN SERVICE AREA WERE SUBSTANDARD

38.0% OF RENTAL PAYMENTS AT OR ABOVE 35% TOTAL INCOME

411 SECTION 8 HOUSING UNITS IN THE SERVICE AREA 18,447 Households Renting in Service Area

\$840 Average Rent 3-BR In the Service Area

1,165 Public Housing Authority Units in Service Area

> 15,822 Housing Units Are Substandard

73 Housing Units Lacking Complete Plumbing

1,301 Housing Units Lacking A Complete Kitchen

Fast Fact 18.51% of Housing Units in the Service Area were built before 1960



General Information

## **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

58,148 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

10 OUT OF 23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAD AN INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT 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 Follows CDC Guidelines When Encountering COVID

23 Minutes Average Commute Time

#### **Fast Fact**

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



Program Survey Information

## **Key Priority Area Nine**

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

## **SUMMARY**

#### **IMPACTS TO SERVICE AREA**

33.89% EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON SERVICE AREA

31.48% LACK OF JOBS/UNEMPLOYMENT

8.02% LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

3.09% COST OF LIVING/RISING PRICES

2.47% CHANGES IN FAMILY UNITS

<u>HIGHLIGHTS</u> MPACTS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

36.97% Poor Parenting Skills/ Young Parents

29.70% Results of COVID-19 Pandemic

7.88% Substance Abuse/ Incarcarated Parents

6.67% Children Raised by Family Members Other Than Parents

> 7.02% Lack of Jobs /Umemployment

#### Fast Fact

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