

Review of Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Program (EHS-CCP) Temporary Program Design Modification





Department of Human Services
Early Head Start Program
Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership
Program Design Changes

The City of San Antonio, Department of Human Services, Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership Program (heretofore, DHS EHS-CCP or DHS EHS-CCP Program) provides updates to the current program design for the period of August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. DHS EHS-CCP continues program services in six non-profit agencies offering child care services located within two of the 19 school districts within Bexar County: Edgewood Independent School District (EISD) and San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). Located in the central area of Bexar County and in the central part of the City of San Antonio, the geographic areas of the two school districts collectively have the highest demonstrated need for program services based on the program's community assessment.

During the past program year, DHS EHS-CCP staff worked closely with the child care centers to institute added safety protocols, provide additional education, materials, and resources for staff and families on preventive measures to combat COVID-19. The Center for Disease Control (CDC), Office of Head Start, and local guidance was used to determine how to reopen and operate safely for in-person services. Not only were added safety protocols put in place, supplies and personal protection equipment were provided to support the needs of the centers and families.

Recognizing COVID-19 has had lasting impacts in the San Antonio community, the need

to analyze the program’s under enrollment status was foremost in the priorities of the work going into the 2021-2022 program year. DHS EHS-CCP staff focused on the determinates of how best to reach full enrollment by January 1, 2022, the timeline established by the Office of Head Start (OHS). Understanding the importance and value of working within the existing EHS-CCP child care service providers it became necessary to work with two agencies to redistribute eight slots. Redistributing the eight slots would then help the DHS EHS-CCP program meet funded enrollment as expected by OHS but also support the EHS-CCP child care service providers be successful in meeting contract performance-based deliverables meeting full enrollment. Table one reflects the 2020-2021 program design and the current 2021-2022 program design.

Table 1.

EHS-CCP Service Providers	2020-2021 Funded Enrollment	2021-2022 Funded Enrollment
Blessed Sacrament Academy	36	44
Ella Austin	48	48
Healy Murphy	64	64
Inman Christian	28	28
Seton Home	20	12
YWCA –Olga Madrid	20	20
Total	216	216

DHS EHS-CCP understands with the ongoing improvements in the community response to the pandemic there is the possibility to redistribute slots moving into the 2022-2023 program year. As with each program year, staff will continue to monitor the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 and base decision-making on the data presented to best support serving the central part of the City of San Antonio and providing quality services to the children and families enrolled.