



# City of San Antonio

## Agenda Memorandum

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**In Control:** Neighborhoods and Livability Committee

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**DEPARTMENT:** Human Services

**DEPARTMENT HEAD:** Melody Woosley

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** Citywide

### **SUBJECT:**

Head Start Briefing Program and Fiscal Update

### **SUMMARY:**

This item provides a briefing on Head Start and Early Head Start program and fiscal activities for the month of April 2016.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) requires that recipients of Head Start Grants provide monthly briefings on program and fiscal activities and ongoing training throughout the program year to their governing bodies. The City's Neighborhood and Livability Committee and the Head Start Policy Council provide governance oversight of City's Head Start Grants.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City's Head Start and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership grant programs are federally funded programs administered by HHS. The programs provide early childhood education, family support, and comprehensive support services to eligible children between the ages of six weeks and five years, and their families.

**The Head Start Program** serves children at or below the federal poverty line and prioritizes the most vulnerable, including those with disabilities, experiencing homelessness, and children in the foster care system. The program serves a total of 3,020 children: 777 children in the Edgewood Independent School District (EISD) and 2,243 children in the San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD). As the program grantee,

the City's Department of Human Services (DHS) provides direct program management, oversight, technical assistance, governance, family support and mental wellness services and contracts with EISD and SAISD for the provision of educational services, the Metropolitan Health District for dental services, and University Health System for health services.

**The Early Head Start - Child Care Partnership grant** provides early childhood education and development for low-income families with infants and toddlers (ages 6 weeks to 35 months). DHS partners with five non-profit child care centers to expand access to high-quality, comprehensive services for 216 low-income infants and toddlers and their families.

**ISSUE:**

This item is for briefing purposes only. Provided is a monthly program and fiscal update for April 2016, which includes a status of enrollment, meals served, family and community support, health, education, and fiscal indicators.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

This item is for briefing purposes only.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

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