



# HEAD START

2024-2025 Board Report

Venetia L. Peacock | Senior Director | April 2025





# Leadership

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**Venetia L. Peacock – Senior Director**

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**James Stancill – Asst Director of Education and Operations**

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**Armando Rodriguez – Community Partnerships Manager**

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**Gino Kamaya – Compliance Manager**

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**Courtney Johnson – Education & Special Services Manager**

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**Jasmine Imo – Health & Family Services Manager**

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**Taiwan Williams – Operations Manager**

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**Suzanne Cates – Operations Manager**



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**Who We Are**

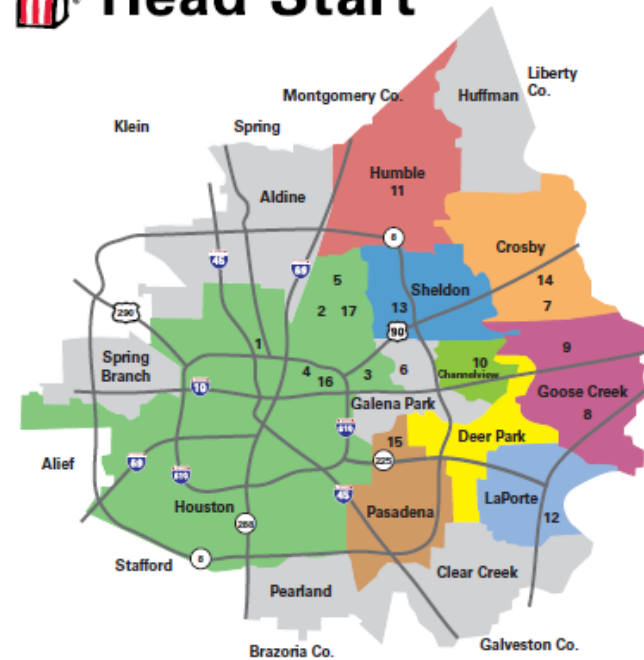
**We Educate  
To  
Change  
the World !**

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## Head Start



### HEAD START CAMPUSES

#### HOUSTON

1. HCDE Main Offices
2. Compton
3. Coolwood EHS & HS
4. Dogan
5. Fonwood

#### GOOSE CREEK

8. Baytown EHS & HS
9. JD Walker

#### CHANNELVIEW

10. Channelview

#### GALENA PARK

6. Sheffield

#### HUMBLE

11. Humble EHS & HS

#### CROSBY

7. Barrett Station EHS & HS

#### LA PORTE

12. La Porte EHS & HS

#### SHELDON

13. Tidwell EHS & HS

### EARLY HEAD START CHILDCARE PARTNERS

#### CROSBY

14. John G. Jones

#### HOUSTON

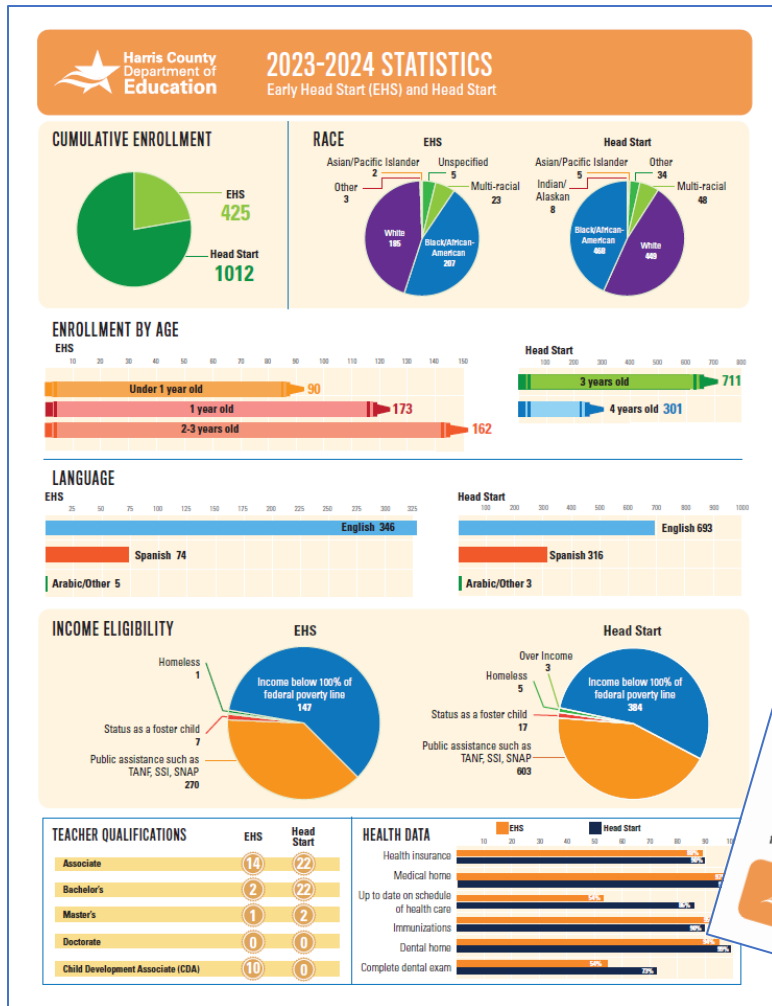
#### PASADENA

15. Pasadena Learning Center

16. Community Partners Early Childhood Development Center
17. Successful Starters Learning Academy II



# 2023-2024 Statistics



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# Service Model

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**Head Start Campuses**

**12**

**Child Care Partnership Sites**

**4**

**HCDE Head Start Staff**

**302**

**Child Care Partnership Staff**

**41**



# 2025-26 Student Enrollment Kickoff

## START EARLY. GET AHEAD.





### SUCCESS BEGINS WITH AN EARLY HEAD START.

Enroll your child in a Head Start preschool today. Head Start creates a productive learning environment that benefits both the student and their family. The program is free to income-eligible families in Eastern Harris County. Families can expect:

- Highly trained teachers
- Academic and social-emotional development
- Nutritious meals each day
- Support and honoring of the family as the child's first teacher


Invest in your child's future today!  
Now enrolling 3 to 4-year-old students.





**Apply Now**

VISIT [WWW.HODE-TEXAS.ORG/HEAD-START](http://WWW.HODE-TEXAS.ORG/HEAD-START) TO ENROLL OR CALL 713-675-9353.

## START EARLY. GET AHEAD.






### SUCCESS BEGINS WITH AN EARLY HEAD START.

Enroll your child in a Early Head Start infant/toddler program today. Head Start creates a productive environment that benefits both the student and their family. The program is free to income-eligible families in Eastern Harris County. Families can expect:

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- Nutritious meals each day
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Invest in your child's future today! Now enrolling 1 month to 35 month old students.



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# Student Enrollment

Head Start is Fully Enrolled

EHS Head Start - 204

Head Start - 864

Total - 1068





# Staff Recruitment

- HCDE Head Start is actively recruiting energetic, enthusiastic, qualified staff to join our team!
- Upcoming job fairs scheduled at the HCDE Conference Center
  - April 25
  - May 10
  - June 5
  - June 19



**SEEKING PARENTS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HEAD START AIDE!**  
Caring individuals, apply today!

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Love working with children
- Be patient, kind and nurturing
- No experience? No problem —we provide training!
- Want to make a difference in children's lives

**WHAT WE OFFER:**

- 20 hours per week
- Flexible schedule that follows the school calendar
- Time off when your child is off
- Free professional development opportunities

  
SCAN TO APPLY

**INTERESTED? HERE'S HOW TO APPLY:**

- Apply online at [www.hcde-texas.org](http://www.hcde-texas.org)
- Upload your resume with your application

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, SPEAK WITH A MEMBER OF YOUR CAMPUS LEADERSHIP TEAM.**  
Harris County Department of Education  
6300 Irvington Blvd. Houston, TX 77022  
713-694-6300 | [www.hcde-texas.org](http://www.hcde-texas.org)

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# Head Start Love Campaign

Celebrating the heart of Head Start! This initiative honors staff who create loving, safe, and supportive environments for children and families.

2024-2025 Honorees:

- 📖 Teacher: Lydia Hill, Baytown HS
- 👩 Cook: Rifat Ferdows, Baytown HS
- 🍎 Teacher Assistant: Quina Jones, Dogan HS
- 🏫 Asst. Campus Manager: Annette Barnes, Fonwood HS
- 👨 Family Services Provider: Chelsea Evans, La Porte
- 🎓 Campus Manager: Sherry Eagleton, Sheffield HS
- 🧼 Custodian: Donna Reese, Tidwell HS

Follow HCDE for social media spotlights! 📣  
#HeadStartLove



Harris County Department of Educa... · 4d ...  
Donna Reese strives to keep Tidwell Head Start clean and ready to receive students, stepping in where needed and doing it with a smile. Her hard work never goes unnoticed, and students look forward to seeing her every day. Thanks for making our schools shine! ❤️

#HeadStartLove,



Harris County Department of Ed... · 3/4/25 ...  
Lydia Hill starts every morning with a smile, spreading positivity to staff, children and families. Her kindness in the classroom is vital in the social-emotional development of students. Thank you, Ms. Hill, for your dedication and heart! ❤️ #HeadStartLove



Harris County Department of Educ... · 14h ...  
Kindness and support come naturally to Rifat Ferdows! Whether it's ensuring students have a well-cooked meal or offering a helping hand, she always puts Head Start first. Her bright smile makes every day better for students and staff alike. Thank you! ❤️ #HeadStartLove

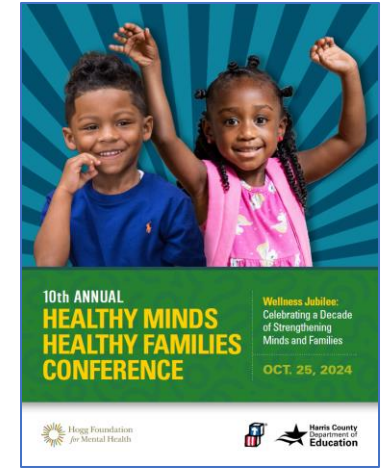


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# Healthy Minds Healthy Families Conference

- The 10th annual event was sponsored by the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health,
- The Conference aimed to educate and raise awareness about mental health among early childhood educators and community partners.
- The conference featured expert-led workshops and presentations on mental health, parenting, child development, and community engagement, providing valuable insights and practical strategies for families and educators.



# Houston Children's Charity

- Houston Children's Charity generously gifted toys to 400 HCDE Head Start students and their siblings during the 2024 holiday season.
- Families collected their donations at the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. The partnership between Head Start and Houston Children's Charity dates back to 2016.





# Boosting Literacy at Home

HCDE Head Start promotes literacy through the HCDE Head Start's REAL SuperMENTors Read Program, launching annually in October, dads and male volunteers read to a class once a month.

We received grants awards to support the program:

- Houston CPAs - \$5,000
- TXCPA Houston Foundation -15,948





# Boosting Literacy at Home

- Thanks to an \$8,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Family Connection Read and Rise program is empowering parents with tools to build their child's literacy skills at home.
- This initiative provides resources, workshops, and activities to create a literacy-rich environment and strengthen parent-child bonds through shared reading.







## HCDE Head Start: 25 Years of Impact!

On Oct. 29, 300+ attendees celebrated 25 years of HCDE Head Start! The event featured inspiring testimonials, guest speakers, and the unveiling of the new Coolwood campus. Vendors, including Lakeshore Learning and Kaplan, joined in to support early education.

Since 1999, HCDE Head Start has served 20,000+ children and families across 12 campuses in Northeast Harris County



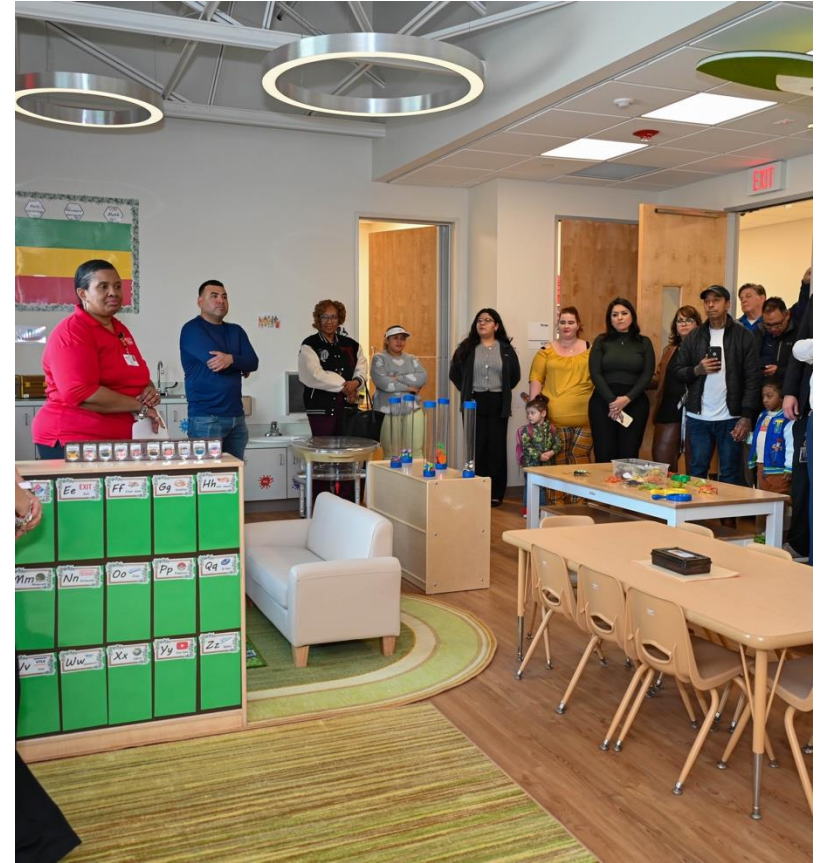
# National School Breakfast Week: Home to School Activities

March 3-7, 2025, students engaged in educational home activities, focused on healthy habits and sample new breakfast items on campus

- **Monday, 3/3** - Color the Breakfast Foods - Learn about nutritious breakfast choices.
- **Tuesday, 3/4** - Waffle fruit pizza. Parents were invited to have breakfast with students on this day.
- **Wednesday, 3/5** - Dot to Dot Detective - Connect the dots and discover the importance of breakfast.
- **Thursday, 3/6** - Build a bear pancake.
- **Friday, 3/7** - Fruit and nut butter pita pocket: Crack the Color Code - Solve a puzzle and explore global breakfast traditions.







# Coolwood Head Start Grand Opening















# Exciting New Partnership: Coolwood Head Start & The Lawson Academy

The Lawson Academy, launched the week of March 31, 2025.

This collaboration will provide dual enrollment for our students, enriching their educational experience.

This partnership expands opportunities for Coolwood Head Start families.





# Christmas Came Early for Two Head Start Families!

Through our 21- year partnership with Bates Collision Centers' Responsible Parenting Award, cars number 47 and 48 were awarded in December 2024

- Octavia Lafayette (Humble Head Start) was gifted a 2016 Nissan Versa
- Quantasia Williams (Baytown Head Start) received a 2015 Buick Encore

Along with their vehicles, families received six months of insurance, gas & oil change certificates, and gifts from their wish lists

The partnership continues to uplift families and provide reliable transportation for hardworking parents.

#HeadStartStrong #BatesGivesBack





# Week of the Young Child(WOYC) April 7-11, 2025

Head Start campuses celebrated the importance of early childhood education and community engagement. Families and stakeholders were invited to participate at campuses.

- Monday - Musical Monday
- Tuesday -Tone up Tuesday
- Wednesday - Artsy Wednesday
- Thursday - Work, Build, and Learn Together
- Friday - Family Friday





# Upcoming Head Start Events

- **SuperMENTor Celebration** - each classroom planning a special presentation will honor their SuperMENTors contributions during the month of May
- **Policy Council Celebration** – This special event honors members contributions, commitment and valuable support in shaping the program.
- **Student Bridging Ceremony** - Head Start families will participate in Bridging Ceremonies during May across all campuses mark students' educational milestones.
- **Staff End-of-Year Celebration** - Focusing on team building, reflection, and celebrating the school year's accomplishments.







# On The Horizon

Head Start Celebrates 60 Years

Arizona College of Nursing  
Partnership

San Jac Early College Partnership

San Jac Nursing Program  
Partnership





THANK YOU





**Questions?**