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Lafourche Parish Head Start Receives Certificate of Excellence

Lafourche Parish's Head Start Program was recently presented with a Certificate of Excellence after an intensive on-site monitoring. "The Head Start Program has about 1,700 regulations and polices that we have to follow," said Head Start Director Martha Babin, "and I am extremely proud to say that we are in compliance with every one of them."

From February 25-March 2, 2007, the Administration for Children and Families conducted an on-site monitoring review of Lafourche Parish Council Head Start. Based on the information gathered during the review it was established that this Head Start program had no areas of noncompliance and was therefore recognized as in full compliance with all applicable Head Start Program Performance Standards, laws, regulations, and policy requirements. A Certificate of Excellence was presented to the program from Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Mr. Channell Wilkins, Director of the Office of Head Start.

Head Start is a federal preschool program designed to give children ages 3 and 4 from low-income families, activities that help them grow mentally, socially, emotionally, and physically. Children turning 4 years old at any time during the year are eligible for our program during the current year. Parents may submit an application for their 2 year old child at any time to be put on a waiting list so that when they are nearing their 3 year old birthday they could be selected for enrollment for the current year. Children with disabilities are accepted. Bus transportation and all supplies are provided. Our children score at or above the national average for preschoolers on the National Rating System.

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