

News Release – San Antonio and Bexar County Head Start Pre-Service Professional Development Day Held

The San Antonio and Bexar County Head Start Program hosted a professional development day in preparation for the 2011 – 2012 school year on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX.

Head Start provides eligible children 3 to 5 years old, and their families with high quality educational, nutritional, medical, disability, dental, mental health and other services. To qualify for services children must live within Bexar County and income eligible. The program also gives priority placement to children who are homeless, and/or have a disability. The City collaborates with five educational service providers and three supportive providers to offer these services. The Head Start Providers include: AVANCE, Edgewood ISD, Education Services Center – Region 20, Family Service Association, San Antonio ISD, The Center for Health Care Services, San Antonio Metro Health District and University Health System. Currently, the program operates 89 Head Start education centers throughout the City and County and serves 6,789 children in 12 school districts.

Over 1,200 program staff from the City of San Antonio and its eight Head Start providers attended the training. The Honorable Mayor Julian Castro delivered the keynote address at the pre-service luncheon. For more information about Head Start services, please call (210) 206-5500 or visit the Head Start website at www.saheadstart.org.

