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Head Start and Early Head Start Services to Continue in Tyler

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The Office of Head Start, through the Designation Renewal System (DRS) has named Greater East Texas Community Action Program to provide services within Smith County, Tyler. Therefore, on July 1, 2020 the administration of the Head Start & Early Head Start program will be the responsibility of Greater East Texas Community Action Program (GETCAP). Coordination of services will continue with Tyler ISD for preschool children.

GETCAP-Head Start has been providing Head Start services since 1968. Currently the program serves children in Walker, Trinity, Houston, San Jacinto and Nacogdoches counties. Weldon T Beard, Head Start Director for GETCAP commented “ We are very excited about this opportunity to serve the children and families in Smith County. We are especially pleased to bring Early Head Start services allowing us to serve children birth to age 4 .”

GETCAP provides Energy Assistance, Case Management and Weatherization in Smith County. The agency is based in Nacogdoches and provides multiple services in 20 counties in rural east Texas. According to Executive Director, Karen Swenson “GETCAP has served low income households in Smith County since 1998. Head Start and Early Head Start services will allow us to serve young children and families in a comprehensive manner. We are truly delighted for this opportunity”.