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NCCAA To Cease Operations of the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program Effective December 31, 2024

Nueces County Community Action Agency (NCCAA) is a private, non-profit organization created with the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, to lead the battle of President Lyndon Johnson's "War on Poverty". Community Action Agencies (CAA's) were created to provide a wide range of human service programs to help individuals build self-sufficiency and rise out of poverty. As a result of this initiative, NCCAA through grants provided by the Office of Head Start, has operated the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program in Nueces County since 1965.

NCCAA has received notification from the Office of Head Start (OHS) regarding the upcoming 5-year grant beginning in January 2025. The grant has been awarded to another entity. NCCAA has received a 4-month grant to operate the program until December 31, 2024. During this time, we will work closely with the Office of Head Start and the new grantee Upbring to successfully transition the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program operations. Even though, NCCAA will no longer be operating the Birth-to-Five Head Start Program after December 31, 2024, Head Start services will still be offered within our community. Our hope is that with a smooth transition, our children and families should not experience an interruption in services. For more information regarding Upbring, please contact Darrell Cox, Ed.D., Executive Director of Education at Upbring (512) 706-7517 or by email HeadStart@upbring.org.

NCCAA will continue as an agency after the transition of the Head Start Program. The agency will continue to operate the Community Services Program. NCCAA will continue to serve Nueces County residents with utility assistance, heating and cooling, weatherization, housing and emergency services.

We would like to thank the community, Head Start staff of NCCAA and the Office of Head Start for their support during the last 59 years that Nueces County Community Action Agency operated the Head Start grant.

Kind Regards

inda Carrillo, NCRI, CCAP Chief Executive Officer





