



DECAL Grant (Department of Early Care and Learning) Family Engagement Community Grant June 2016 – May 2017

SUMMARY REPORT

Grant Committee Partners

Houston County Family Connection, Houston County Library System, Phoenix Center, and Rainbow House Children’s Resource Center - FERST Foundation.

Goals of the DECAL Grant

To inform Houston County Residents with children birth to age 8 about programs and resources.

How we met this goal: The grant funds were used to create and distribute 2000 pocket sized cards with the library story times and the WR Transit bus schedules on them. Posters were also distributed throughout Houston County.

To increase the participation at literacy and library activities at Houston County Libraries.

How we met this goal: We provided staff to offer one Spanish story time at each of the three Houston County Libraries each week in August 2016 through May 2017.

Classes Offered: 104 Participants: 1226

To reduce Barriers for participation in programs and activities for families with children birth to age 8.

How we met this goal: The grant funds were used to purchase 800 passes on the WR Transit. Bus passes allowed parents and children access health services, participate in Library activities, attend supervised visits, and to access needed resources. Partnerships were created with 17 agencies to help distribute the WR Transit passes to individuals with children under 8 living in Houston County. A Spanish interpreter was also funded assisted Spanish speaking families to access library resources and services. Funding was provided 1,678 books through the FERST Foundation for Childhood Literacy in Houston County.

Budget and Spending

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| Supplies | \$1,239.24 |
| Travel | \$800.00 |
| Other | \$7959.93 |
| Total Budget | \$9,999.17 |

