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**REGION 7 HEAD START ANNOUNCES BACK-TO-SCHOOL HEALTH TRAINING CARNIVAL**

KILGORE-- Region 7 Head Start/Early Head Start employees have devoted the summer months to preparing for school's start in August and servicing the approximate 2300 students and families that utilize their services. To better prepare these family service workers and advocates, Region 7 Head Start will hold a pre-service health carnival, Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at Region 7 ESC, from 12:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

This carnival themed health training will include games, prizes, and fun as the family service workers and advocates travel from booth to booth to brush up on their knowledge of hand washing techniques, bloodborne pathogens, and other health requirements.

While learning more effective ways to provide services to Head Start/Early Head Start children and their families, the participants will fill their bags with community resources and support materials. After requirements for health training are completed at the booths, grand prize drawings will be held.

Donations were received by area merchants who support the program. Merchants have generously provided meals, gift certificates, clothing, and enough items for each of the participants. This exciting event is an opportunity for participant to experience the joys of learning about health training as we begin the 2010-2011 Region 7 ESC Head Start/Early Head Start program year.

All components of the Region 7 Head Start/Early Head Start program coordinate and prepare to update, motivate, and inspire Head Start employees. The Region 7 Head Start/Early Head Start program serves districts in 12 East Texas counties. Head Start/Early Head Start is a federal program for children ages 0-5 from low-income families. Services are also offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities as well as pregnant women.

The Region 7 ESC Head Start/Early Head Start program is multi-faceted and strives to meet the needs of children and their families in the areas of health, nutrition, education, disabilities, mental health, parent involvement, family-community partnerships, and bilingual services.

For more information on the Head Start program, please visit [www.esc7.net](http://www.esc7.net).