

Head Start Program Award

Stigler Health and Wellness Center, Inc. would like to announce that effective 09/01/2021, the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Region VI Office of Head Start Grants Management has awarded the local Head Start program to Stigler Health and Wellness Center's family of organizations.

"It is an honor to grow and enhance our organization to serve our communities through the addition of education services. It is my pleasure to announce our Head Start Program Director, Caleb Knowlton. Caleb holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from East Central University and has been with The Health and Wellness Center for over four years. Caleb has developed a strong knowledge of our programs and with his background and experience in education, we have an unprecedented opportunity to enhance both community programs by combining the array of services available to families. Caleb is an excellent leader and will be an asset in this position for all the communities we serve," said Teresa Huggins, Chief Executive Officer at Stigler Health and Wellness Center, Inc.

The Health and Wellness Center opened its doors in 2005 as a Community Health Center and has grown from a single location in Haskell County. Today HWC contains eleven facilities: seven clinic locations, three pharmacies, one residential substance use recovery facility, as well as a mobile dental unit that provides dental care throughout the entire service area. In 2020, HWC provided medical, dental, optometry, behavioral health, psychiatry, counseling, and substance use disorder treatment to nearly 30,000 patients. "The heart of The Health and Wellness Center has always been providing quality care to our patients and our communities, and we know that one of the most impactful ways to serve a community is by taking care of its children," says Caleb Knowlton, Program Director. "The Head Start program in this region has a long-standing history of commitment and dedication to meet children where they are in their educational journey, while also providing children and their families the resources they need to thrive each day. The Health and Wellness Center is thrilled for the opportunity to carry on the tradition through this mission!

Twenty sites consisting of forty-three classrooms will serve a total of six hundred eighty-one children. Center sites will be operating in the counties and townships of: Haskell County-McCurtain and Stigler; Latimer County-Wilburton; McIntosh County-Checotah and Ryal; Pittsburg County-Hartshorne, McAlester and Quinton; Sequoyah County-Muldrow, Roland, Sallisaw and Vian; Adair County-Westville; Cherokee County-Briggs, Grandview, Tahlequah, Tenkiller and Woodall.

We are thrilled for this opportunity and look forward to starting school in our communities soon! Let the HWC Adventure begin!"



Sincerely,
Caleb Knowlton, M.ED
HWC Adventure Head Start Program Director