

# Ready, Set, Grow!

**Reed Head Start Center & Tulsa Newcomer School  
November 29, 2004**

11:45	Welcome & Introductions	Susan Neal, JumpStart / Emcee
▶	Musical Presentation	Reed Head Start Students
▶	Head Start, State of the Art... The Reed/Disney Story	Steven Dow, Executive Director Community Action Project of Tulsa County
▶	Head Start's Role in TPS' Commitment to School Readiness	Dr. David Sawyer Superintendent, Tulsa Public Schools
▶	Tulsa's Early Childhood Success Its Policy Implications	Dr. William Gormley Georgetown University
▶	Tulsa's Head Start...The Benefit of Quality & Collaboration	Sandy Garrett State Superintendent of Schools
▶	Early Childhood's Link to Tulsa's Future	Mayor Bill LaFortune
▶	Spreading Tulsa's Good News	U.S. Congressman John Sullivan
▶	JumpStart Honors Tulsa's Early Childhood Construction Team	Susan Neal, JumpStart / City Council Jim Mautino, City Council

## **The Builders**

City of Tulsa  
Tulsa Public Schools  
The Harmon Foundation  
Bank of Oklahoma / George Kaiser Family Foundation  
Arvest Bank

## **The Investors**

Oklahoma Department of Human Services  
Tulsa Area United Way  
Oklahoma State Department of Education  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Region VI  
Oklahoma State Department of Commerce

## **The Architect**

Community Action Project of Tulsa County

▶	Closing Remarks	Susan Neal
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“Ninety percent of the physical growth of the brain takes place by the time a child is 3 years old. That doesn’t mean it’s 90% functional. It’s a little bit like building a skyscraper. You’re taking 90% of your budget, spending 90% of your time, 90% of your effort and you put in the foundation, the super structure and the wiring and the plumbing and nobody is occupying the building. It’s not functional. But, everything you did in that first 90% of your effort determines whether the electricity works right or the plumbing works right in that building.”

Dr. Bruce Perry, child psychiatrist & nationally regarded authority  
on early childhood brain development

