

Washington VIP's Visit TMC Head Start Center

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San Antonio - Office of Head Start Director Channel Wilkins and Janet Murguia, President – National Council of La Raza visited the Texas Migrant Council, Inc. Head Start Center during their visit to San Antonio. Both individuals are in San Antonio to speak at the National Head Start Conference.

“It is an honor to have Mr. Wilkins and Ms. Murguia visit our Head Start Center. Mr. Wilkins and Ms. Murguia, through their organizations, are developing better methods of administering early childhood programs. Their presence at our center exemplifies the important role that TMC plays in the education of migrant children and look forward to providing them with positive education models that can be mirrored nationwide, stated Mary Capello - CEO.”

Background

Channel Wilkins is the Director of the Office of Head Start. He has had a distinguished career in both the public and private sectors where he has worked extensively in human services and helped underserved populations. Prior to coming to the Head Start Bureau, Mr. Wilkins served as the Executive Director of the New Jersey Community Action Association. He is also the past President of the Board of Trenton Head Start and has served as Senior Executive Services of New Jersey's Department of Human Services where he worked on new initiatives for child support programs and Juvenile Justice.

Ms. Murguía has emerged as a key figure among the next generation of leaders in the Latino community. Since January 1, 2005, she has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the U.S. In 2007, Murguía was named to *Poder* magazine's "The Poderosos 100," *Latino Leaders* magazine's "101 Top Leaders of the Hispanic Community," and *Hispanic* magazine's "Powerful Latinos 2007." In 2006, Murguía was named to *Washingtonian* magazine's "100 Most Powerful Women in Washington," *The NonProfit Times*' "Power and Influence Top 50" leaders, and *People En Español*'s "100 Most Influential Hispanics 2006." *Hispanic Business* magazine named Murguía as a finalist for its 2005 "Woman of the Year Award," and in 2004, *Hispanic* magazine chose her for its annual list of "100 Top Latinas" and *Hispanic Business* magazine selected her as one of the "100 Most Influential Hispanics."