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## BACKGROUND

:Between 1976 and 1979, Head Start, as part of its Strategy for Spanish-speaking children, funded four institutions in an experimental effort involving the develppment of four distinct bilingual bicultural preschool curriculum models for use with Spanish-speaking children. During the first year of development, each curriculum model was designed in consultation with parents and staff of cooperating Head Start centers. In the second year, a pilot implementation of each curriculum model took place at selected Head Start centers. . The present evaluation is based on the third year of curriculum development activities in which each of the four models was fully implemented at two Head Start centers. Hispanic and non-Hispanic children participated in the program since it was felt that these curricula could also be used among non-bilingual or non-Hispanic children.

The exaluation was based on a pre-post experimental design in which children were assigned to experimental and comparison groups. It also included an extensive classrom observation component. Child impact criteria included standardized measures of language acquisition, language comprehensfion, and concept development administered in Spanish and English. Observational data focused on language, cognitive and socioemotional behaviors encouraged by the models ${ }^{( }$Ner the Head Start year. In addition, observations were used to estimate the degree to which a curriculum model was implemented in individual classrooms at three points in time during the evaluation year. Interview and questionnaire data were also collected from parents and teachers. Both groups responded to questions related to their attitudes toward bilingual education in general and to their satisfaction with a particular curriculumi model.

## RESLLTS

- A. Child Impact. Analyses of variance (ANOVA) and covariançe (ANCOVA) were used to assess. differences between expefimental Head Start and comparison Head Start-ehildren. Relative frequencies were used to examine change over time in the behaviors of individual children in the classroom. All contrasts were made within language preference group * (Spanish-preferring or English-preferring).*.
- SPAIISAH-PREFERRING CHILDREN
- On .three out of four English language measures, thildren in the bilingual bicultural curricula;is a group performed significantly Getter than Head Start children not in the curricula, Thesethree measures assessed. a child,'s ability to use'English; a child's abjlity to think abstractly; a child's ability to coodrdinate eye. and hand movements.
*The terms "Spanish-preferring" and "English-preferrińg" were used in place of "Spanish-Dominant" and "English Dominant" "because they more accurately reflect language use among:young, bilingual children. Spanishpreferring children are those who used Spantsh in a majority of home and preschool activities at pretest. English-preferring children are those who used English in a majority of home and preschool activities iat. pretest.
- On the fourth English language measure children in the bilingual bicultural curricula, as a group performed significantly better than Head Start children not in the curricula. The difference, however, was not statistically significant. This measure assessed a child's ability to understand English,
- On two of five Spanish language measures, children in the bi-. lingual bicultural curricula, as a group performed significantly better than Head Start children not in the curricula. These measures assessed a child's ability to use Spanish, and to think. abstractly in Spanish.
- On the other three Spanish language measures children in the four bilingual bicultural curricula, as a group performed as well as Head Start children not in the curricula.
- Classroom observatjons supported these findings for Spanishpreferring children. On the whole, children in the bilingual bicultural curricula increased their English language use in the, classroom by $21 \%$ from Fall to Spring. This increase was accompanied by the use of gramatical forms which they had not used regularly early in the year.

ENGLISH-PREFEPRING CHILDREN.

- On all "English language meãsures, children"in the bilingual bicultural curricula, as a group performed as well as Head Start childrei not in the curricula. These results were consistent - with the classroom observations which. showed an improvement in the quality of the children's English.
- On all Spanish language meatsures, childrenıin the bilingual bicultural curricula performed as well as Head Start children not in the curricula.


## B. PARENT OUTCOMES

- Mothers of children in the four bilingual bicultural rurricula expressed highly positive attitudes toward bilingfal bicultural curriculum models, Head Start and bilingual education.


## C. TEACHER OUTCOMES

- Ninety-one percent of the classroom staff•had ability in both Spanish and English and eighty percent of these used Spanish regularly in the classroom.
- Classroom staff expressed uniformly positive attitudes toward the bilinguaf curriculum model with whict they worked,
$\pi, \quad \cdot \cdot$. EASE OF IMPLEMERITATION
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This final report' is based on the results of a 3-1/2 year evaluation effort which focused on the implementation of bilingual bicultural preschool curriculum models at. Head Start centers sérving Hispanic communities. The document synthesizes the results of the'evaluation of four different Head Start bilingual bicultural curriculum models implemented in eight sites throughout the United States. The report provides the findings on the programs' impact as reflected in pre- and posttesting of children; interviews with parents and Head Start teaching staffs, and systematic classroom observations, obtained over the course of the 1979-1980 Head Start year. In addition, the report summarizes the field procedures and analytic methods that were required for this multimethod evaluation and presents the conclusions and im- .. plications of the study findings.

## A. Background

Through such efforts as Project Head Start, the Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF) has historically endeavored to enrich the lives of chirdren, and families. Fundamentally, the Head Start. program is.based on the premise that all children have basic needs, which can be met, especially in the case of children from lowincome families; through the help of a comprehensive developmental. program. According to the Head Start philosophy:

- A child can benefit most from àn interdisciplinary prógram to foster development and remedy problems as expressed in a broad range of services.
- The overall goad of such a, program is tembing about a greater degree of social competence in, children of 10 w income families. Social compettence consists of the child's everyday effectivenoss in dealing with the present enviranment and later responsibilities in school and life.
- In order to best implement the Head Start program and to maximize 'the strengths and unique experiences of. each. child, the family, which is perceived as the principal.influence on the child's development, must be a direct participant in the program. Local communities are allowed latitude in dèveloping creative program designs so long as the basic goals, objectives, and standards of a comprehensive" program are adhered to.

Thus, the focus of Head Start includes the total family as well as the child. As- Zigler (1978) has notted, the long-term effects of Head Start depend on the continuity between the Head Start program and the child's home.

The various goals of Head Start and the specific standards for the operation of Head Start programs by grantees and their delegate agencies are described in the Head Start Program Performance Standards . (Fedaral Register, 1975). The four primary areas in, which the Head Start grantees are required to provide services are education, health (mental health, nutrition), social services, and parent involvement. The present evaluation is based on one aspect of the program development effort designed to improve Head Start's capacity to provide educational serviices to Spanish-speaking preschool populations.

## B. Head Start.Strategy for, Spanish-Speakjng Children

In 1975, ACYF initiated a new effort intended to address the specific needs of Head Start children who were Spanish speaking. This program, known as the Head Start Strategy for Spanish-speaking Children, sought to foster, preschool bilingual bicultural education programs through bilingual multicultural curriculum developinent, com-petency-based'bilingual bicultural training for Head Start classroon staff;', the development of a National Bilingual-Multicultural Resource Network for Head Start programs, and research focusing on Spanishspeaking children.

Although these efforts were intended to serve Spanish-speaking Head Start children, it was felt that the products of this new effort could also be adapted to serve children in other preschool programs.

The Head Start bilingual multicultural curriculum development effort is based on the assumptions that one curriculum model would not satisfy the diverse needs of Head Start centersiserving Spanish-speaking communities throughout the country and that experiences provided for children whose primary language is other than English must be in the language they know best. Between 1976 and 1979, Head Start funded four institutions in an experimental effort involving the deyelopment of four distinct'bilingual bicultural préschool curriculum models.

The four models wére based on the same fundamental requirements.

- Each curriculum model was to: (a) be based on sound educational theory; (b) embody an approach to early education consistent With child developitent theory; and (c) be acceptable by the ethnic community and usable by Head Start programs without need for extensive training.


- Each curriculum model was to be based on soúnd earty child. de, velopment prịnciples and a bilìngual biculltural enhancement philosophy. The models were not to be based on a deficit' approach.
- Each curriculum model was to provide Jearning activities for the development of basic skills in the areas of cognitive, socioemotional, psychomotor, and language (English and Spanish) develópment.
- Each curriculam model was to be consistent with the Head Start Performance Standards and had to provide for the integration of all component areas (i.e.; Parent Involvement, Social Services, Health Services, and Education) wherever possible.
- Each, curriculum development غffort was to include a plan for involving Head Start staff, parents, and administrators in the development, implementation, and validation of the curriculum model
- Each curriculum model was to be replicableand usable in a variety of preschool settings such ąs Heád Start, Day Care, and .Nursery School:
- Each currieulum model was to providespecific information on the procedure to be used in deciding which language would be sed when, by whom, and for what purpose. Grouping of children
- by language dominance was als̀o to be addressed.
- Each curriculum was to have. an explicit definition of bicultural education as it would be implemented in the curriculum model.: This yould include a description of the cultural goals and samplemearning activities.

In addition, each curriculum model inc fudes a component on how to train staff and parents to implement the model. At the same time, however, the models were to reflect a range of curriculum development approaches' (Árenas, 1978).

## c. $\frac{\text { The Curriculum Models }}{\therefore} \int$

The four curriculum development institutions include:

- High/Scope Educational Research Foundation in Ypsilanti, Michigan;
- Intercultural Development Research Association of Sañ Antonio, Texas:
Teachers College, Columbia University in New York; New York;
- The University of California at Santa Cruz, Californt


## - 'High/Scope Educational Research Foundation: Un Marco Abierto

Un Marco Abierto is the name of the curriculum model developed by the High/Scope Educational Research Foundation of Ypşilanti, Michigan, an institution with a history of early childhood educational experience. Un Marco Abierto represents an adaptation of their specially developed preschool model to the needs of linguistically and culturally diversee populations. The model is based on Piaget's child development theory, which views the child as an active learner who should be assisted in exploring the environment, addressing his or her own needs, and making choices and decisions. Using a framework of "key experiences" 5 hrough which teachers facilitate a program of active learning and coghitive development, the model attempts to build. on the child's social, cultural, and linguistic background and to support a child's self-esteem by emphasizing a teaching effort involving parents, teachers, and paraprofessionals.

## - Intercultural Development Research Association: AMANECER

The second curriculum model, AMANECER, was developed "by Intercultural Development Research Association, a San Antonio-based nonprofit research and public education organization specializing in research, curriculum and materials development, training and technical assistance, and information dissemination aimed at eliminating educational inequities in minority communities. Titled with. the Spanish word meaning "the dawning of a new day," this model also emphasizes a process approach to learning. New experiences are introduced in accord with what the child has already experienced at höme or in the classroom. It especially emphasizes the role of teachers in selecting or designing learning activities that will lead the child from simple to more-complex activities. The child's best-known language is stressed, and only after cuncepts and ideas have beer mastered in that language is the second language introduced.

## - Teachers College: ALERTA

A third curriculum model, ALERTA, was developed by Teachers College, the educational theory and practice component of the Columbia University system which has historically been in the forefront of national educational research. Teachers College's ALERTA is based on two main principles. The first reflects the assumption that child growth and development occur in an orderly and sequential way which moves from the simple and wncrete to the more complex and abstract. The second prineiple emphasizes the importance of "the child's total environment in his or her growth and development. The model, therefors, provides an opportunity for children to explore and experiment and also builds upon their unique backgrounds and experiences:

Under the direction of senior staff specializing in learning styles, biculturaljsm/bilingualism, and community psychology, the University of California, Santa Cryz, was able to put into practice. particalar aspects of these theories through the Nuevas Fronteras de Aprendizaje model. This model is based on the assumption that a child's cultural background directly affects his or her learning style, i.e., how the child perceives the environment, processes information, and relates to others. The curriculum is initially structured to provide each child with classroom experiences that are appropriate and compatible with the learning style and language capacities that the child brings into the classroom. This basis of compatibility between curriculum and child characteristics provides a foundation for deyeloping a child's cognitive capacities for acquiring other learning stylés and/or languages.

## D. Curriculum Development, Implementation, and Evaluation

Within the 1976-1979 curriculum development period, each of these institutions, in, cooperation with selected Head Start centers, developed and implemented. a bilingual bicultural preschool. curriculum model. During the first year of development, each curriculum model was designed in consultation with parents and staff of a cooperating Head Start program. In the second year, a pilot implementation of each curriculum model took place within a Head Start center. During the third year, each model was implemented in twoladditional Head Start centers.

In conjunction with the curriculum development effort, the Research, Demonstration, and Evaluation Division of ACYF funded Juárez and Associates, an independent management consulting firm, to carry out an evaluation of the curricula. As with the curriculum development effort, the evaluation was conducted in a number of phases. During the first year, the evaluators.selected instruments in two languages that were appropriate for use with young children, deyeloped interviews and questionnaires, assessed the suitability of recommended sites, and revised the initial design. During the second year, all instruments were piloted, and an extensive naturalistic observation component was developed and piloted. The third year, which corresponded to the third year of the curriculum development project, encompassed pre- and posttesting of children, classroom observations at the demonstration sites, and analysis of the data collected: This report presents the results of the third phase of the evaluation.

## E. Evaluation Goals

The evaluation of the models was undertaken by Juafrez and Associates concurrently with the development', piloting, and implementation activities of the model developers. The contract
specified that the purpose of the evaluation would be to assess the effectiveness of the four early childhood bilingual bicultural curriculum models for Spanish-speaking children. More specifically, the contract required that the evaluators collect informatidn on the following:
(1) The extent to which the models, once implemented, were meeting, their objectives. The major emphasis of the evaluation was on measuring the change in children as a result of their participation IIn he of the four curriculum models. This was accomplished through. an experimental. pre- and posttest design, which included testing the domains of Spaish language comprehenston, Spanish language production, Engi ish language comprehension, English language production, and concept development: In addition, observations of chitdren were conducted throughout the year with an emphasis on classroom behaviors .which would reflect these same developmental, constructs.
(2) The feasibility of successfully implementing the modets in more than one setting. This goal related to securing information to âssist others in learning about the potential of the model for imple-. mentation elsewhere. . The evaluators collected information regarding both the process. necessary to implement each model and the procedures needed to maintain each model in a new environment, including descriptions of any special] characteristics of Head Start staff., students, parents, resources, or community needed to assure success in its implementation.
(3) The extent to which the models were greeted favorably by Head Start staff, parents, and lay community members. This required the collection of information both at the start and end of the ireschool year. Parents and teachers responded to questionnaires which assessed their attitudes toward bilingual educatjon in general and ${ }^{*}$ their satisfaction with a particular curriculum modet.
(4) Dissemination of evaluation results. Finally, a set of pamphlets was to be developed to aid in the dissemtnation of informa tion about the four models to interested Head Start programs. These pamphlets, intended for use by preschool program personnel, included. descriptions of the models, implementation information, assessment of the specific strengths of each model, and information regarding the impact of each model on parents, children, and teachers.

## F. Previous Head Start Evaluation Efforts

The contract specifications were largely a result of the crittical issues addressed in previous evaluations of Head Start. Although evaluation of Head Start programs began almost with the birth of Head Start itself (see Datta, 1979, for an overview of the development of

Head Start), the first national study of import was that qf. Westinghouse (1969). The Westinghouse study focused on children who attended eight-week Head Start summer programs during 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1968. The retrospective natiure of the ,Westinghouse study made it impossible to randomize children. to the treatment group and difficult to specify treatment variables (Datta, 1978). The Head Start Planned Variation Evaluation (Weisberg, 1974) demonstrated progress by moving toward a specification of treatment factors and examining several program modéls. The Home Start Evaluation (Déloría et al., 1974; * Love et al., 1975) took a further step by tncluding random assignment to program and control groupings, In addition, the study used observational data to examine program implementation at the individual child levet. Sucheinformation, however, did not form a major part of the analyses. The Project Developmental Continuity continued the trend toward process evaluation although the amount of process data actually collected was Iimited. Lazar'is (1978) "Lasting Éffect's After Preschool" study utilized an integration of a variety of programs and methods in the research design, thereby providing a sound basis for legislative and policy decisions.

Building on these evalưation'experiences, Juárez, and Associates, in evaluating four bilingual bicultural curriculum models, developed a strategy that went beyond a reliance on test results as the sole measure of program effectiveness. Instead, the evaluation methodology directly examined classroom activitis during the course of the year (not just at the beginning and the end) to attempt to assess children's performance under conditions that resembled those situations in which they weré learning the skills the programs taught. Such atriangulation of methodological approaches permitted a matching of outcome and process variables across treatments in a manner which may aid in the determination of policy. The subsequent thapters of the report detail.the findings from such.a multimethod approach.
G. Report Organization

The remainder of this report is divided into seven chapters. The first, Study Désign, provides an overview and discussion of the procedurés used boţh to collect and analyże data. Included in this chapter are a description of the ştudy design and conceptual frámework as well as an explanation of the testing, interview, and observational' components of the study. The subsequent five chapters form the bulk - of the report. Ghapter. III entitled "Composite Rest ts" discusses the overall fihdings of the study as reflected in commin trends accurring across all curriculum models. Chapters IV through VII present the findings for each-of the curciculum models being evaluated. Each of these is divided into three sections corresponding to the. goals of the evaluation: the impact of the model; implementation; and feasibility of transfer. Finally, Chapter VIII presents a summary of the findings and discusses bin the programmatic and methodological implications. of the study.

## II <br> STUDY desien

This chapter provides both an overview of the study design and a discussion of the methodological procedures employed in the study. 1 The opening sections of the report describe the general design employed and discuss issues related to the procedures followed in carrying out Juárez and Associates' evaluation of Head Start bilingual bicultural curriculum modets. Subsequent sections deal with the variables and analysis techniques for each component of the evaluation.

## A. Overvidew of the Evaluation Design

Initially, the design was intended as a pre-post study, with 90 childwen at each of the eight Head Start replication sites being assigned to treatment ( $n=45$ ) and comparison ( $n=45$ ) groups. ${ }^{2}$ Chil: dren were to be stratified on the basis of language preference (Spanish or English), age, sex, and any prior preschool experience. All children yere to be tested on selected competency measures at the beginning of the treatment (Fall 1979) and at its conclusion (Spring 1980) !. Child competency measures were intended to assess change in (1) onglish language production, (2) spanish language production, (3) English language comprehension, (4) Spanish language comprehension; (5)- concept development in English and Spanish, (6) socioemotionat development, and (7) language preference. over the Head Start year..

Similarly, at both the beginning and at the completion of the Head Start year, measures of impact were to be administered to parents and Head Start classroom staff. Parent interviews were intended to assess (1) attitudes and knowledge about education in. general and bilingual. education in particular, (2) expectations and aspirations regarding their child's educational and vocational. achievement, and (3) involvement in the child's learning experiences in both the preschool setting and at home. Data were also obtained on a number of parental background chảracteristics. Head Start classroom staff completed a questionnaire designed to provide information on :(1) their understanding of what is meant by the terms "bilingual" and "bicultural" in the context of an early childhood program; (2) theirłattitudes toward Spanish dominant and bilinguad Head Start children and their parents; (3) their willingness to. include parents as well as information collected from them in the instructional program, and (4) their sensitivity to the special ethnic and linguistic characteristics of Spanish dominant and bilingual Head Start children and ability
to incorpopate these characteristics in a positive fashion in the teaching/learning process, Detailed discussions of the. study samples and instrumentation are provided in subsequent sections of this chapter. Complete descriptions of all testing and interview proceduyes and examples of the instruments themselves are available in the Pilot Study Results of the Child Assessment Measures (Chesterfield et al., Juabrez and Associates, June 1979) and the Report of the Pretest'Re.sults and Posttest Analysis Plan (Bolus et al., Juárez and Associates, February 1980), respectively,

In addition to the testing and interview component of the evaluation, an extensive observational component was added to the evaluation design. This component was intended to provide data which would allow both the nature of within-classroom interaction and the process of implementation ${ }^{2}$ at the experimental sites be characterized ${ }^{3}$ Specifically, the information gained through naturalistic observations was intended to (1) complement the results of the standardited impact measures thereby adding to the interpretive power of the original factorial design of the study, (2) provide criteria for assessing the extent to which the treatment was implemented, (3) furnish descriptive data on individuals participating as subjects in the study, (4) enhance the analysis related to the feasibility of implementing the models in other settings.

At one of the two sites implementing each curriculum model $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{a}}$ furl-time participant researcher (PR) was present for the entire year. These sites are referred to throughout the report as the re-searcher-intensive sites. In addition to the four participant researchers, four implementation resoarchers (IRs) were hired and trained to collect information on the degree of implementation in the classrooms of the second site where each model was being used. Each researcher, who was bilingual and had experience in early childhood education, gathered data by meaws of implementation forms and ethnographic noṭes. Particípant researchers also conducted fucused'observations of individual children by means of time and event samples.

- Time and event samples. These data-gathering procedures were organized to provide systematic classroom observations of behaviors related to language, concept, and socioemotionazdevelopment exhibited by a subset of 15 children per curriculum model at three preselected .time periods over the course of the evaluation year. Individual children were observed for equal amounts of time in three types of events: (1) structured interactions between the children-and the teacher or other adults; (2) those, events which emphasized adult-childinteractions but were relatively unstructured; and (3) situations. organized to emphasize thild-child. interactions.
- Implementation forms. These instruments consisted of model specific checklists, frequency counts, rating scales, and informal interview schedules. The data
collected focused on the degree to which each curricuIum model was implemented.ín each of the experimental classrooms over the course of the Head Start year. Data were collected for three (3) two-week periods at each of the eight sites and this information was organized into categories related to the classroom setting, schedule and organization; materials, individual behavior, and instructional smategies.
Ethnographic notes. These data were gathered in the form of narrative accounts, logs, and inventories which were maintained over the course of the Head Start year. These procedures were used to gather information on the aspects of the general context of the study, such as the language use of the community, and specific events external to the classroom fe.g., inclement weather) which might be related to the implementation of the curriculum modefis, as well as to examine in-. classroom behaviors from "the perspective of the actors" thenselves.

The observational procedures are discussed in greater detail in a subsequent section of this chapter. The reader is also referred to Pilot Ștudy Results/Training of Fieldworkers (Chesterfield et al., Juárez and.Associates, September 1979); Phase III Field Supervisor Observations and Quality Control qf. Ethnographic Data (Chesterfield and Gpneałves, Juárez and Associates, December 1979), and Prel iminary Report on. the Field Supervisor's. Spring Parallel Observations and Debriefing of Fieldworkers (Chesterfield, Juảrez and Associates, July 1980) for comprehensive diścussions of thecruitment and training of personnel and fie.ld procedures.

## B. Conceptual Framework

The organization of the evaluation has"been influenced by a number of concerns in the literature. A major concern was. the need for child outcome measures which would parallel the overall objectives of the Head Start strategy for'Spanish-speaking Children and of the curriculum moders. In selecting. (eests, care had to be taken to choose instruments that were sensttive to the specific objectives of four different models and the educational. goals of the Head Start Strategy for Spanish-speaking Children:

Selection of mgdel objectives to be assessed began with the identification of the curricular goals of each model. Available materials related to the four cupriculum models were reviewed in order to describe their chäracteristics and objectives. This extensive list' of objectives was then organtzed by domains and relevant behaviors in accordance with those specified in the evaluation contract. The result was, the organization of seyeral spegific curriculumrelated components under each evaluation domain.

The list of components and their related participant behaviors were "then reviewed by the curriculum developers, who were intimately familiar with the models, for accuracy and relevance. Their suggestions were incorporated into a revised list. After generating a large pool of tests; screening began.according to the needs of the evaluation and the purpose the tests were to serve. The battery of instruments chosen for pilot testing consisted of the Preschool Inventory in Spanish and English (SRI 30-it'em version), the Bilingual Syntax Measure, and subtests of the Circo/Circus series (see Arias et al., 1978, for a discussion of the overall test selection procedures).
 complete description of the pilot study), the appropriateness of each of the measures was-judged by tying test items to the most important cross-model objectives to ensure that the test battery provided a fair sample of curricular. content. A factor analys is was performed on each instrument. in the test battery to compare empirically gener$\therefore$ ated item clusters to those domains originally ascribed to a measure. In each case the factor structures tended to support the original content analysis and subsequent item grouping. Thus, the tests seemed not onfly to have adequate psychometric properties but to provide a fair assessment of model object'ives.

As with the selection of testes, the observational component of the evaluation was tied to the goals of the curriculum being evaluated. : Focused observations were made on a subsample of children participating in each mode]. Such data provided a series of observations on the behaviors of studepts, teachers, and parents in specific contexts designed by the curricullum models to encourage certain types of behaviors. These observations were coded in terms of the behaviors listed by the model developers as important cross-model objectives and thus served as a means to assess change over time across thnse develomental dmains sampled by the tests. Given this strategy (also used in the collection of implementation data), Juarez and Associates chose to call the obseryers participant researchers rather than ethńnographers, as they did not take a "holistic" or "grounded theory" approach to data collection but rather focused on contextually relevant data tied to both Head Start and the model objeetives.

A second concern was to ensure that the measures were appropriate to the specifio tharacteristics of bilingual or Hispanic children participating in the curriculum models. In this study, child characteristics included the following: children between the ages of three to five years; children generally, trom families that were economically depressed; and at least $50 \%$ of children with Spanish as their first language. Thus, fundamental concerns centered on providing an - . assessment that was fair to the children and Iinguistically appropriate.

Juabrez and Associates'was aware of the sensitive nature of young children and maintained a chlld-centered approach-towapd evaluating the four experimental curriculum models. The child-centered approach
considered as-critical the developmental characteristics of young children as a group that courd impinge on the testing situation, As pointed out by Garcia (197j), the general lack of standardized instruments or procedures to determine bilingualism among young chilphen is complicated by the actors, the situation, and the subtle bioIn this evaluation the concept of "languagent during the early years, considered inappropriate in classifying children for " wasting purore Rather, the concept of "language preference" was used throughout the study, Each child's preference at the time of the pretest was the mined through the use of two independent. ratings, that of the parent and that of the examiner. 4 The El Circo/Circus language check was then used to determine the ability of the children to take the test battery.

The appropriateness of a test in terms of children's age and cultural characteristics was also assessed in the pilot study analysis. -Instances where the test format was confusing (e.g., color shades in the symbols were not sufficiently distinct), inappropriate vocabulary was used, or test items, such as those including stories, were too long, were noted and adjusted.

A third concern was the degree to which the program was implemented and the factor's that were related to the process of implementation. The preschool setting; including schédule, physical space, materials, and centers, may have a significant influence on the learning process. Evaluation sites; even those within a curriculum model, differed in llocation, demographic make-up, reasons for wanting the curriculum projects, and relationship with the model's staff. Since several classrooms were involved at each site, variability in treatment, both within and across replication sites, was also expected. Cummins (1977) pointed out that evaluations that ignore classroom interactions and instead aggregate data from different types of programs, operating under different sociocultural conditions and serving children with varying levels of first and second langrage abilities, are likely to be uninterpretable. In light of this warning, there was a need for a careful definition of the treatment and * its implementation process at each replication site to aid the interpretation of observed effects.

The context in which learning occurs al'so plays a significant roTe in the resulting outcomes. Tests, though indicating change among participants, usually assess children's abilities in restrictive contexts (i.e., the typical test situation). This observation is important, particularly in an evaluation involving very young children of various language abilities, as there is a growing amount of evidence that such behavior should be viewed as an adaptation to particular tasks or situation's (e.g., Cole \& Scribner, 1974); that is, children possess'a variety of modes of functioning that respond to specific' enviromental demands (Day \& "Sheehan; 1974; Pluger \& Zola, 1969).Therefore; a child's performance may depend on such factors as percetved task expectations, other participants, familiarity with
the access to materyals, the learning centers, and so forth (Kritchevsley, Prescott, \& Walling, 1969; Doyle, 1977; Doyle \& Ponder, 1975). The implication of this position for the evaluation of young children is rather straightforward. If children are removed from the classroom situation in which they learned to use a particular skill (e.g., the test situation), competenctes may be erroneously assessed. As Cole, Sharp, and Lave (1976) have suggested, performance is a result gy interaction between familiar content and familiar operations, plus some knowledge of what constitutes adequate performance. Therefore, in addition to pre- and posttesting, it was important to assess children in conditions that matched or paralleled those conditions under which they learned the specific skills the programs were.trying to teach, observing children under such conditions also adds to the understanding of the classroom dynamics that may have caused the observed effects.

In.addition, when evaluating educational programs; the asšumption is often made that by providing a well-delineated curriculum model and by training teachers in its use, uniform outcomes in teacher, and therefore student, behavior can be expected/ Often, however, teachers have little time to thoroughly review curricula and rely heavily on trainers' interpretation of model goals for their under- . standing of a program's objectives. When such learning is transferred to the classroom, it may be applied in terms of a teacher's and the make-up of the student population. Thus, despite similar training and experience, teachers, especially those in bilingual settings, may develop different approaches in meeting the languageuse goals of the model they are implementing. Without an examination of the program as implemented within individual classrooms, there is the danger of evaluating a nonevent if no implementation of a model occurs.

An evaluation must go beyond the characteristics of individual classrooms or programs, as the commitment of staff and administration may. also determine a program's effectiveness. This means that the attitudes of teachers and administrators toward the program in general as well as those toward the language preference of the children must be examined.

To investigate these factors as they related to the implementation process and outcomes, Juárez and Associates again employed a multimethod approach. Both quantitative data, in the form of checklist scores and interviews with teachers, and qualitative data, including running logs of classroom interactions and informal discusstons with staff and administrators, were collected and used as complementary information in interpreting outcomes. The difscussion of - the observational procedures begins on page 42.

A final concern was that an evaluation of bilinguat programs must take into account the influence of family and community when assessing the effects of a program. For example, language acquisition and attitudes, an important facet of these bilingual preschool
models, may result. from a variety of sources and influences. Among

- the most salient for students are the home and community environments. The formal educational setting assumes that certain learning patterns are developed through early socialization experiences, especially those in the home (Chan \& Rued, 1979). The development of basic cognitive processes, motivational styles, and use of English are examples of prerequisite skills that all students are Assumed to have in their individual behavioral repertoires prior to entering school. For language minority students, the behavioral patterns developed in the home and community may be quite different from, and in some instances. in conflict with, the behavioral demands of the school (Glidewell', 1966). . Teachers and parents may not share similar beliefs and opinions regarding the value of first and second language acquisition or the means of developing it. Differences between home or the community and school may interfere with the basic mutual understanding necessary for appropriate instructional approaches and overall effective teacher-student interaction,


## C. Site Selection

Each of the four curriculum development contractors was require to select two Head Start sites at which to implement their respective curriculum models. In order to aid in the evaluation of effort, model developers were to select the sites on the basis of four criteria. These included:

- The availability, by Fall 1979, of a minimum of 90 four-year-old children with no previous preschool experience whose'families fell within Head Start eligibility guidelines and of whom at least half were Spanish dominant or. bilingual.
- The presence at each site of one or more Head Start centers which would be willing to participate in activities related to implementing a model and would be able to enroll, up to 45 of the above children in the Fall of 1979.
- "The commitment on the part of these Head Start centers to recruit at least 90 children during late Summer 1979.
- An indication on the part of the delegate agencies for each site of a willingness to provide 45 children not enrolled in Head Start with the basic health services (egg., screening, diagnosis, and referral) received by Head Start children. . Expenses incurred in providing such services were to be paid through a supplementary grant to each participating center.

In addition to the above criteria, the local delegate agency for each site was required to send a list of the names of the 90 children recruited by the Head Start centers for Fall entollment of the evaluation year to the evaluation contractor. These-lists of children's names were to be sent to Juărez and Associates offices during August 1979. Each list of names was to include the following information on éach child: identified level of speaking ability in English and/or. Spanish, age, sex, and any prior school experience. In order to recruit the necessary 45 children to serve as the control group, ACYF provided additional funds in the form of a mini-grant to each evaluation site. These mini-grants provided monies for hiring a part-time Health Services' Coordinator and monies for medical and dental services to the control group children. The Health Services Coordinator was to be responsible for recruiting the contrgl group. children, maintaining contact with parents, and coordinating the delivery of medical and dental services to the control group children.

The locations of the sites for each model are as follows: Un Marco Abierto -- East Los Angeles, "California, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; AMANECER -- Corpus Christi and Laredo. Texas; ALERTA -- South Bronx and Lower East Side, New York City; Nuevas Fronteras -- Rio G'rande City, Texas, and Corona, California. The success of the recruitment effort at each site and its relationship to the data analysis are detailed in subsequent sections of this chapter.

## D. Testing and Interview Component

This subsection details'the testing and interview component of the evaluation. Owing to differences in the research designs, as-, sessment instruments, and the analysis procedures for this fomponent and those of the observational component, the two methodologies are discussed separately. However, in keeping with Juárez and Associates' multimethod approach, the findings of the various measures are presented jointly in subsequent chapters. A description of the child outcome measures sampled through individually administered tests initiates this section. This is followed by a discussion of the child sample and the data, analyses performed on the measures. The interview instrument referred to in previous literature on, the evaluation as the Parent Interview is then described. The scaling procedures and the rátionale for limiting the survey respondents at pretest and posttest to mothers of children are also explained. A brief discussion of the teacher interview measures concludes this section of the report.

## 1: Child Competency Measures

## a. Selection and Development

Huch of the first two years of the evaluation effort was spent in electing and refining standardized instrumentation for use with
children in bilingual settings. The selection process began with a comprehensive review of other national evaluations of early childhood programs that focused on bilingual/bicultural populations. In addition, a seąrch was made of. the ERIC System, ETS Test Collections, the resources of the Bilingual/Bicultural Dissemination Center, and through conmercial publishers of tests for young children.

Test selection was conducted by screening the instruments according to the needs of the evaluation and the purpose the tests were to serve. As mentioned previously, an overriding concern in test review and selection was the extent to which the individual tests. sampled behaviors which were consistent with the objectives of - the curriculum models. Specific criteria for screening the instruments included (1) measurement validity, (2) reliability, (3) appropriateness for target population, (4) appropriateness of test format, and (5) feasibility of administration. The criteria employed in assessing each of these items are listed in Table 1.

The exhaustive search and development efforts led Juárez and Associ-r ates to recommend the following tests:


Once selected, the battery of standardized instruments was fheld testedat a local Head Start center. This prepiloting led to (1) a reexamination of the Bilingual Syntax Measure Spanish Scoring System, (2) a review of the Circo Tests (Dimelo Ta and Escuchen Este Cuento) to incorporate regionalisms, (3) a reassessment of time frames for administration of the tests, (4) the systematization of teacher ratings for language preference, (5) the decision to administer the PSI to all children in both English and Spanish, and (6) the

- decision, to include, procedures in the training of testers which would ensure rapport with the children in order to create enough interaction for appropriate data collection.

The standardized instrument package was then pilot tested in four of the eight replication sites involved in the evaluation of the bilingual bicultural curriculpmodels. The use of these sites ensured a representative sample of the type of chilaren who would participate in the btilingual curriculum programs, and a diverse geographical representation for the purposes of pilot testing. The re-

Table 1 . Test analysis criteria.
The following test analysis criteria evolved from the specific needs of the Bilingual/Bicultural Head Start Evaluation and were influenced in format by criteria previously developed through CSE.

## I. Measurement Validity

1. Item Selection - refers to how effectively the test items are described and justified
2. Face Validity - refers to how well the test measures specific goal behaviors as determined by a pansl of experts
3. . Construct Yalidity - refers to the relationship of test items to an underlying construct. In other words, does the test measure what it purports to measure?
4. Concurrent Validity - refers to how well a particular test correlates with another wh eputed test
5. Predictive Validity -- refers to how prectective a particular test is in reference to anothet subsequent behavioral criterion

- 6 : Content Validity $-\infty$ refers to how closely a test correlates to a specitis curriculum
II. Reliability

1. Testretest Reilability -- refers to how well a test relates to individual repeated trials over time
2. Internal Consistency -- refers to how coherently or consistently the test measures a given behavioral dimension
III. Is Tert Designed for Targnt Population?
3. Utilization by Hispanic̀ -- what particular ethnic groups have previously utilized this test?
4. Utilization by Qther Programs/Evaluatións -- what other programs. or evaluation projects have used this test?
5. Geographical Location -- what parts of the country have utilized this test?
6. Age Group Normed On?
7. Translation based on which ethnic group?
8. Pilot Tested -- on what groups has test been piloted?

## IV. Test Format

1. Visual/Auditory Attractiveness - would preschoolers be attracted to this test instrument?
2. Tiading/Pacing -- is it appropriate for preschoolers?
3. Level of Comprehension -- how appropriate is the test's content for preschoolers? (This includes concepts, syntax, and vocabulary of instructions.)

Table 1. $\downarrow$ Test'ànalysis criteria (continued).
.V. Feasibility of Administration

1. Size of test group
2. Administration - refers to the quantity of prerequisite training required in order to administer the test

## 3. Administration Time

4. Ease of Scoring -- how simple is the scoring procedure?
5. Score Interpretation - how are scores reported/interpreted (frequencies, norms, percentiles; etc.)?
6. Cost

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sults of the pllot testing with a sample of 97 children indicated that all tests fwere techinically adequate but that revisions in particular tests, fas well as the administration and scoring procedures, were necessary for the preschool population. Pilot testing led to the following suggestions: (1) total time for the test-sessions should range from 75 to 100 minutes, and no child should be tested for more than one sèssion per day; (2) initial sequencing of tests would sckedule testing in a child's second language before testing in hif or her first language during the second session to reduce the effects of test-wiseness and memory; (3) scoring time should range from 100 to 145 minutes; (4) the language check was found to be easily administered and a rellable index of language preference; (5) Escuchen Este Cuento and Listen to the Story were modified through the elimina.tion of the Functional Language sections in each to improve time of 'administration and reduce the tests' difficulty; (6) the 1 ilingual Syntax. Measure was recommended fòr use in assessing first language competency and second language acquisition because of its widespread high evaluation in the selection process, its ease of administration, its informal and natural elicitation of language, its briefness, and its engaging and colorfup graphics; however, it was recommended that scoring procedures be adjusted to prevent masking of the language differences among four-year-olds; and (7) the Preschool Inventory Test was found to require no modifications.
b. Constructs and Instrumentation

As Table 2 indicates, seven constructs -- language performance, socioemotional behavior, concept development; perceptual motor development, language acqui'sition, language comprehension, and language production -- were addressed by the child outcome measures. All construct's with the exception of language production and socioemotional behavior were measured in buth the child's preferred and nonpreferred language. Each construct except socioemotional functioning was represented by "content comparable" Spanish and English measures. . This means that the two measures were either direct language translations of each other or that they thad comparable format: and item content. were conceptually similar and had approximately the same level of development-referenced difficulty. These tests, however, do not ex, hibit the characteristics of parallel measures (Bolus et al., Juárez and Associates, February 1980) and are not considered as such in this report. An operational definition of each construct follows.
(1) Language Preference. A child!s language preference was dèfined as the language the child prefers to speak in most settings. The langmage for test administration was gènerally determined by asking parents to identify the language their child used in discourse with them, their teacher, other adults, and other children and by an examiner's rating of the child's language preference. If a child received a passing score ( 10 to 16 items correct) on the Language Check instrument, the language preference ratings of the parent and test


${ }^{1}$ An psychometric assessment mhisures were adainistered twice, at the beginning and the end of the preschoof year.
IIn thése abbreviations a lealing or trailinis means Spanish yersion (with the exception of socio) white a leading or tralling E refers to the English version.
$3_{\text {mespondent }}$ for this mexsure was testar, not child.
examiner were validated. If a child!s score was nine or less, however, the Language Check was administered in the other language. If a child also failed to achieye a score of 10 on this measure he or she was generally considered untestable and dropped from the sample:

- (2) Language Acquisition. The language acquisition çonstruct was derived by scoring the protocols of the Bilingual Syntax Measure (ESM) in units of mean length of utterance (MLU) in general accordance with the criteria of Brown (1973). 5 Responses to the $20-\mathrm{it}$ tem English and 18 -item Spanish versions of the measure formed a subject's, average MLU (EMLU and SMLU, respectively). Use of mean length of utterance as a measure of syntactic development resulted from repeated problems with the scoring procedures recommended for the BSM by the -test developers. Scoring procedures used in both the final test and field test editions of the instrument failed to differentiate among preschool children, masked child avoidance strategies, and showed low interrater agreement in scoring owing to the manual's ambiguous definitions of scorable/unscorable- and gramnatical/ungrammatical re-sponses.-A complete discussion of the rationale for using MLU is presented in the pretest report (Bolus et al., Juazrez and Associates, February 1980).
- (3) Language Comprehension. The companion measures Escuchen Este Cuento and Listen to the Story were designed to assess a child's ability to listen to, comprehend, and respond to one- or two-sentence. descriptions of events that formed a story about a circus. The results of the pilot data for the evaluation indicated that both measures would. be better suited to the abilities of preschool children if eight items that required the child to make interpretations were eliminated (Chesterfield et al., 1979). The revised $15-\mathrm{item}$ measure defined. the construct of language comprehension for the evaluation.
(4) Language Production. Dímelo Tó and You Say It are similar measures designed to dssess $\frac{1}{a}$ child's productive language ability in his or her first language in both structured 6 and unstructured tasks. The. Spanish and Engl ish versions follow a comparable format, although stimulus materials differ. Two of the three subtests of the Circo Dimelo Túl You say It, considered as three subscales for analysis purposes', were selected for definition of a child's descriptive and narrative language use. The object description scale (DESC), consisting of seven items in Spanish and six in English;, assesses a child's ability to answer a series of questions eliciting properties of a cormmon object (a button on the Spanish scale and a pencil in English) which. he or she has described. Scores on the other subscales are derived from
(5) Concept Development. Both concept development and perceptual motor development were measured by diyiding the items from the Preschool Inventory into two scales. This division was determined by factor analysis, performed first on pilot data for the study, and replicated on pretest data; which led to the identification of two factors accounting for $75 \%$ of total item varfance (Bolus et al., Juárez and Associates, February 1980). "The 26 items comprising the concept development scale (PSIS/PSIE) focused on the assessment of language development and general cognitive skills, including the ability to speak and comprehend language, follow directions, label objects, name parts of the body, and provide knowledge of number concepts and ordination.
(6.) Perceptual Motor Developrient, The Tur items forming the perceptual motor scale (SPERC/EPERC) tested a child's ability to recognize and copy designs. Owing to the fact that this measure was a subscale of the concept development test and the itens were positioned Zoward the end of the instrument; it was often inadvertently not administered when the criterion for discontinuing testing for the PSI was reached. Thus, the number of children reported as responding to the measure is generally low. $0^{\circ}$ In addition, the majority of children who were administered the measure reached the celling criteria of four correct responses at both pre- and posteist (see Appendix C̣).:
(7) Sociemotipnat Behavior Socioemotfonal behavior of the child was a composite score defined by ratings made of five dimensiow of behavior exhibited during testing. taskapersistence, coop eration, patience, enthusiasm, and the need' for verbal reinforcement to maintain interesti on task. Each behavior was rated by the test
 dren tơ become-accustomed to the test situation, ratings were made at the conclusion of the third and fofurth of last two testing sèssions.
c. Reliability of Child Cofnetency Measures

The technical adequacy of thechild as usment instruments in terms of item discrimination and internal consistency was ettermined both during the pilat study and at the time of the pretest, Changes in the sample as a result of at erition and more rigorous scoring procedures led to reexamination of the reliability of the instruments using both pretest and posttest data, Relabilities computed for both pre- and posttest measures were generally considered acceptable. Coefficients were, however, found to be consistently higher on measures administered in the nơpreferred language. ${ }^{7}$
d. Administration of Child Instruments

The same procedures for recruitment, hiring, and training test supervisors and local 'testers were followed prior to the pre- and
posittest administrition of the test battery. As all of the test sum pervisors were either members of the inhouse staff of Juárez and Associates or individuals who had warked extensively with the test battery, the training sessions were conducted as group problemsolving endeavors aimed at ensuring the maximum staff and logistical efficiency in the field. Training took place over a two-day period. Major țopics included recruitment and employment of testers, scheduling and procedures, general responsibilities of test supervisors, training of testers, and the administration of the teacher questionnaire.

In order to recruit local testers at each site, announcements were sent. to university placement offices, employment agencies, and other likely local sources for qualified personnel. Candidates were screened for language ability in Spanish and English, prior experience with children and with the aditinistration of tests, level of formal education, and availability to participate during the testing period, Typically, this process led to the hiring of three and. sometimes four testers at each of the participating sites. At each of the sites, 24 hours of. training for local testers.were provided. This training was spread over three to four days and was administered by a test supervisor at each site, who used the tester training manual prepared for this purpose. The training included an explanation of the evaluation, the delineation of the role of the tester, and background information on each site, as well as an explanation of the administration and scoring of each test in the test battery, the preparation of test forms, the coding of test results where applicable, and supervised practice in the administration of each test.

For the purpose of this evaluation, 150 days of instruction was used as a criterion to initiate the collection of posttest data. Thus, for those sites which began the preschool year in early September; recruitment, Kiring, training, of testers, and posttesting of both experimental and control children were carried out during the month of April and the first half of May. At sites with later start: - up dates, recruitment procedures began during the first two weeks of May, and testing began as the 150 -days-iof-instruction criterion was met. Testing was completed in early and mid-June at these sites.

Test supervisors generally remained on site during the testing to ensure consistency in test administration procedures and uniform quality and completeness of the data collected. Completed test packages were returned to Juárez and Associates for data preparation andanalysis.

Since all of the coders, as members of Juárez and Associates' in-house staff, were familiar with the evaluation project and had extensive previous experience in the scoring and coding requirements for each test, a three-hour training session was judged to be sufficient to review procedures to ensure consistency and efficiency in the data preparation.


## e. Sample

Table 3 depicts the distribution of children included in the evaluation sample according to site, type of treatment, and language preference. As can be seen, the total sample of 442 children is made up of 243 experimental children and $199^{\prime}$ comparison children. There is a slight predominance of Spanish-preferring children in the experimental Head Start sample and a great predominance of these children in the Head Start comparison groups. The distribution of these children is not consistent across all sites. Over 70 percent of the total comparison sample received some type of Head Start experience.

As is often the case in the evaluation of social programs, practical, ethical, and logistical considerations made the recruitment and random assignment of children to experimental treatment and no-treatment control groups impossible. As can be seen from Table 3, samples varied both across sites within a model and across models; Following is a description of the samplea of each site.

Un-Marca Abierto
Site 1, East Los Angeles, California. A total of sixty-sevén (67) children comprised the sample at this site. Thirty-four (34) children were randomly assigned to three classrooms at the experimental Head Start center. Owing to parents' tendency to search,out a preschool when their children was assigned to the stay-at-home control group, the thirty-three (33) children making up the comparison group at this site were located in three classrooms of a nearby Head Start. One comparison classroom ( 15 students) was randomly assigned from the original list of children. Two other classrooms were. selected intact to serve as the remainder of the comparison group.

Site II, Milwaukee, Hisconsin. Sixty-one (61) children formed the final sample at this site. Thirtyeight (38) experimental children were nonrandomly assigned to five classrooms of the Head Start program. The comparison group consisting of thirtythree (.33) children was comprised of twelve (12) children involved in a Home-Based Head Start/program and eleven (11) who received no preschool exposure. Though the original sample. was randomily assigned to either the experimental or control group, the long delay in opening the center led to a high attrition rate among both groups and necessitated the recruitment of additional children on a nonrandom basis.

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Site I, Corpus Christi, Texas. Fifty-eight (58) children constituted the sample at this site. Thirty ( 30 ) were ran-. domly assigned to three Head Start classrooms. The control
group was comprised of twenty*eight (28) children who were not expósed to preschool. Becatuse of logistical problems resulting in delays in providing keal th care benefits to the control children, $80 \%$ of the original sample was lost, requiring the recruitment of additional children for the final nonrandom control group sample.
Site II, Laredo, Texas. A total of eighty-one (81) nonrandomly selected children comprised the sample at this site. -Forty-three (43) children were placed in three experimental classrooms within a Head Start center. The comparison sample consisted of twenty-nine (29) children who were selected from five classrooms in other Head Starts and nine children who received no preschool exposure. Local administrative decisions together with delay in hiring a local health care coordinator forced the evaluators to accept children from intact classrooms and to recruit some stay-athome children.

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Site I, South Bronx, New York. ThFirty-three (33) nonrandomly assigned children formed the sample at this site. Twen= ty-five (25) in three classrooms constituted the experimental group while eight (8) comprised the control group. The minimal number of control children at this site was a function of the high transiency rate in the area and of the fact that many of the original twenty-four (24) control children were on the waiting list for Head Start and entered the program during the year.
Site II, Lower Eaşt Sidè, New York. Nineteen (19) nonrandomly selected children were in the final sample. Of these, the fifteen (15) experimental children were in the two classrooms at one Head Start center while the four (4) control children received no preschool experience. Delays in recruitment and in. the hiring of a health coordinator contributed to the small sample size at this site.

1 Nuevas Fronteras de Apréndizaje
Site I, Rio Grandè City, Texas. A total of sixty-seven (67) children constituted the randomly assigned sample of the experimentar, group and the Head Start comparison group at the ,Rio Grande site. Thirty-two (32) formed the experimental group at three classrooms in one Head Start center while thirty-five (35) comprised the comparison group located in another Head Start program nearby. . The use of a comparison sample énrolled in a Head Start was a result of delays in recruitment of children for the control group.

Site II, Corona, California, A final sample of sixty-eight (68) nonrandomly selected children participated in the research at this site. Thirty-two (32) were enrolled in three experimental classrooms at a Head Start center; thirty-six (36) constituted the comparison group located in another Head Start. Delays in apening the experimental center and changes in administrative personnel contributed to the nonrandom nature of the sample ${ }^{\prime}$ 't this site.

Therefore, complete random assignment of children to experimental and comparison groups was achieved at only one site, Rio Grande City. At other sites the evaluation can be characterized as quasi-expprimental group/comparison group designs (Kerlinger, 1973). All compatison preschools were Head Start centers and, as will be shown in the sections describing eachlsite, all had teachers with at least some ability in English and Spanish who used both languages in the classroom. Thus, the overall objectives of the programs in the areas of language, concept, and socioemotional deevelopment were similar for both experimental and comparison group.children. In such instances if no pretest differences existed, significant differences between the groups may be unlikely. However, where such results favoring the experimental group are found, they can be viewed as the effects of systematic bilingual instruction provided by a model.

The relative imbalance of Spanish- and English-preferring children was a resilt of both the criteria of selection and the linguistic characteristics at some sites. As the guidelines to the sites stated only that at least half of the children had to be bilingual or Spanish dominant, but gave no such criteria for the recruitment of English-spéaking children, in some cases an overabundance of Spanish-speaking children was recruited. In other cases it was not possible to find a sufficient number of English-speaking children iri a given community. Thus many of the contrasts between experimental and comparison children were limited to Spanishpreferring children.

The total sample reflects a reduction of about $17 \%$ from the 554 children in the pretest sample. Table 4 presents the number and percentage of children who left the evaluation before posttesting according to site, treatment'group, and language preference. It can be seen that the sites ALERTA I and ALERTA II were most severely affected by sample attrition, especially in the control classifications. This is a result both of the strategy at those centers of considering: children on the waiting list for inclusion in the comparison groups and of the general transiency in those areas of New York City. With the exception of these two sites, sample attrition appears to have been a random pherromenon for site, treatment group, and language preference classification.'

Table 4 . Attrition of pretest children by language preference and treatment classification.

** = percentage decrease from pretest to posttest; $(N)=$ number of children dropped from sample
not applicable; no children in cell

Investigation of the equivalence between the pretest sample and the final analysis sample was made from two perspectives. In one perspective, subjects who left the pretes ample (attrition group) were directly compared to subjects who remained (resultant group). Comparison between these two groups was made separately for subjects of each language preference using univariate analysis of variance on pretest scores of concept development, language comr. prehension, and language acquisition measures. The statistical models that were analyzed were $2 . \times 2$ designs that included treatment group and treatment group $X$-sample group as factors. If either of these effects proved to be nonsignificant, the model was rerun as an independent $t$ test between sample groups. Using this method, only one of 12 group comparisons between sample groups was found to be significant ( $t$ test on the PSIS measure for Span-ish-preferring children, $P \leq .03$; Attrition Group: $N=47, X=$ 11.62; Resultant Group: $N^{-}=273, X=13.34$ ).

A second perspective used for examination of the effects of sample'attrition involved comparisons between the entire pretest sample and the resultant sample: Sample group comparisons made from this perspective lack the intuitive directness of those made from the first perspective, as $80 \%$ of the subjects in the pretest sample group were also subjects in the resultant sample group: The overlapping nature of the contrasted groups is, however, compensated. for by greatly increased numbers of subjects within subgroups of the statistical models used, and hence greater statistical power.

From the second perspective of sample attrition evaluation, internal consistency coefficients for 12 child psychometric measures were first compared between the two samples stratified by language preference. Without exception, the pretest and final sample coefficients were in excellent agreement, differing by at most three percentage points. Multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVAS') were also run to compare differences in the number or statistically different findings obtained when the same MANOVA model was run separately in each sample. Two types of MANOVA modéls were run, one contrasting Head Start and control treatments by site and one contrasting Head Start and control treatments by site within a curriculum model. Each type of moder was run with different dependent variables for Spanish- and English-preferring children. MANOVA analysis revealed that five significant differ-. ences between Head Start and control groups were present in the final. sample that were not present in the initial sample. In addition, two significant differences between groups and one significant difference between sites were found in the initial sample that were absent in the final sample. For the purpose of assessing the effects of attrition, 74 separate MANOVA models were run in all. The eight changes in obtained/not obtained significant findings observed between samples generally occurred at sites where comparison groups in the final sample were reduced in size. It was concluded from these analyses that, for the psycho-
metric variables of relevance in this evaluation, sample attrition was a random phenomenon.

In addition, modification to the pretest sample was made on, the basis of scores reported both at pretest and at posttest. - Twelve subjects were deleted from the sample because their patterns - of scores at pretest and/or at posttest indicated that they had failed to respond to the tests in an interpretable manner. For another 10 subjects, patterns of the children's home language use as desçribed by their parents and their scores on the Spanish and English language measures administered at pretest suggested that they had been misclassified at priest. Language preference elassifications for these subjects were therefore switched, resulting in a loss of test information on the four language production scoring. measures which were administered only in the first of preferred , language.

Test score information was also lost owing to the use of more rigorous prodedures for classifying a child as unable to perform on a test in this phase of the evaluation than were used in the initial analy, in pretest data (Bolus et al., 1980). Many test scores previously reported as zero were considered missing values in analysis reported here, as children did not meet the new criteria for continuing testing. The percentage of test scores, excluding those for perceptual motor tests, excluded from the sample for this reason was about 3.5. An additional 55 individual scores were set to missing because the pattern of pretest and posttest scores differed. radically from the normal distribution of scpres. In most cases pretest scores that seemed urreasonably-high in comparison with posttest scores were deleted, but posttest gains from prétest scores that appeared to be unreasonably high were also eliminated. 8 Score deletion decisions were made for the entire sample, without consideration of treatment group assignment and other subgroup classifications. A consequence of this approach is that the numbers of children used in each: analysis may vary for individual sc̣oring measures.

## f. Data Analysis

Both conceptual and empirical issues influenced the data analysis procedures and the adjustments made to account for sample limitations. Given the differing approaches of the four curricula (despite their similar overall goals) and the varying characteristics of the samples, it was thought inappropriate to contrast the Head Start bilingual bicultural curricula directly. Rather, the implementation of each curriculum model was viewed as being a separate experiment and was therefore evaluated independently. An exception to this view was made to provide an evaluation of the general effects of the bilingual bicultural Head Start programs in comparison with the other Head Start preschool programs 9 Thus, excepting these "composite" curricula comparisons, any attempt to include model or site
nested within model as factors within the experimental designs used to evaluate: treatment effects was precluded on conceptual. grounds. Furthễ, as noted earlier in the section on sampling, limitations in the numbers of subjects obtained in certain cells of the sampling plan precluded the examination of certain, treatment group contrasts at all sites. For example, at only two of"the eight treatment sites were there sufficient numbers of children in all language and treatment classifications to permit statistical analysis by language preference:10

Notwithstanding these considerations, it was possible to in vestigate various subgroupings of children to provide a number of different perspectives for the interpretation of curriculum model treatment effects. Subgroups were formed according to combinations of treatments administered, within subject classification factors. Within subject classifications, factors employed were child's sex, child's language preference, and", for Spanish-preferring childref. pretest level of English ability as measured on each of three English language tests -- PSIE, EMLU, and ECOMP.

Table 5 presents an overview of the subgroup contrasts used to evaluate the effects of the different curriculum models. Each row of the table represents one combination of subgroups contrasted on a number of scoring measures, (e.g., Row 4 shows experimental and comparison Spanish-preferring children at Un Marco Abierto I contrasted on six constructs). Columns in the table indicate the subject, classification factors used to form the contrasted subgroups. The first column depicts the models contrasted. The second column; "subject selection," indicates the number of sties used in the analysis'. The next three columns show the type of treatments contrasted.

The columns under the heading "subject stratiftcation factors". (language preference, entry level ability) desiynate facturs that were used for subject selection. It was generally not possible to compare subjects classified at various levels of these factors within a statistical model. In the case of language preference, this was a result of the fact that score distributions of children of different language prefërence differed so markedly that parametric statistical analyses were precluded. In the case of entry-level abil-ity, the small number of subjects made such analyses unfeasible.

The next columns list those factors which were contrasted within treatments. Levels of the factors of site and sex, when studied, were always directly compared within the statistical model used to evaluate treatment effects. It was thus possible to examine the differential effects of these factors upon treatments. The subject grouping variable of entry-level abjlity was used both as a subject stratification variable and as a factor to be con-

trasted to treatments.- Its use depended upon the number of subjt within each of the two entry-level classifications at each site. , a.sufficient number of subjects was not availde at both levels of this variable, use of the measure as a blocking factor was precluded.

The "statistical design" column of the table depicts the qumber of subgroups that was faristed within the statistical design that is characterized by the. segate of information in a row. A summary of the types of subgrian comparisons represented is as follous:

Composite comparison. Treatment: and comparison groups across

- five and two siteś for Spanish- and English-preferring chil-
y drens. respectively, were contrasted to investigate the effects of participation in the bilingual bicultural curricula. All sites where subjects were available in sufficient number in both the experimental and comparison groups to altow'for statistical comparison were included in the analyses. Three of the curriculum models were used in the contrast of Span-ish-preferring children and two in that of the Engłish-pre ferring group. In addition, mothers from all eight sites were used to examine the composite effects of the curricula on parents.
- Model level comparisons. Experimental Head Start and comparison Head Start subjects at twip sites within'a single Head Start curriculum model were contrasted. Model level comparisons were possible for Un Marco Abierto and Nuevas Fronteras
* Spanish-preferring children. All model level comparișons used site as a factor within the statistical model used to evaluate treatment éffects. Model level comparisons were viewed as preferable to site level comparisons owing to their greater statistical power for the examination of treathenta effects.
Site level comparisons. These inolude only subjects from one site in treatment group comparisonsi Such comparisons were used to examine treatment effects in cases where there were insufficicient numbers of subject's to make model. level comparisons. Site level analysis "was also used in discussions of the observacional findings. Multiple site level comparisons for the same site'differ according to the selection of subject stratification facłors, factor's contrasted with treatments, and nonexperimental Head Start contrast groups employed. Each comparison thus provides somewhat different information about the effects of the experimental Head art treatment implemented at the site:
ALERTA model. There was an insufficient number of contrast group subjects at the ALERTA model sites to allow efther within-site or within-treatment, experimental Head Start.versus Comparison treátment group contrasts. Inferential
statistics were therefore not used in the evaluation of ALERTA. Rather, pre- and posttest meani ${ }^{\text {is. }}$. cores were presented in conjunction with the analysis of the qualitative data for this mode1.

Univariate analysis of variance (ANOVA) and univariate analysis of covariance (ANCOVA) were the statistical techniques used to interpret the significance of differences between posttest means of contrasted subgroups of subjects. To determine which, if either, of these teefniques would be used, a series of preanalysis data checks and covariate election procedures was carried out. Preanalys is study was mute independently for each scoring measure and was in essence repeated for each subgroup comparison that was made.

The first sep in the preanalysis sequence was the visual inspection of univariate plots. This step had two gils: to determine whether the distributions of scores on the scoringemeasure being examined were similar in shape for all subgroups being contrasted and to determine if sufficient variance existed in subgroup score distributions to allow parametric statistical analysis. Determination of the parametric adequacy of score distributions was viewed as particularly important, for the perception measures, on which many children reached ceiling criterion, and for nónpreferred language measures, on which.many children scored att floor level. Interpretation of scoring measures judged to be inadequate for parametric, analysis was limited to an examination of posttest mean difference..

* The second step in the preanalysis sequence was determination of the existence of covariates for those measures judged to be appropriate for parametric analysis in step one. Because of the quasiexperimental nature of most subgroup contrasts, covariates were sought both to adjust for preexperiment differences between contrast. groups 11 and also to improve the precision of estimation of treatment effects.

Seven covariates were available for modification of dependent variable scores. These were chosen either for their relationship to child achievement as shown in ather studies or for their hypothesized relationship to the scoring imeasures used in this evaluation (e.g., home language environment)." The covariates are as follows:

1. PRETEST - Pretest scores of the dependent evaluation measure
2. FAC - Child's Spanish/English hame language environment. 12
3. AGE - Child's chronological age (months) ${ }^{13}$ :
4. INC - Family income (units of $\$ 1,000$ ).
5. EDAS̀P --Parent's grade level/educatjonal aspirations for the child'14.
6. PTCH - Parent's self-rating of the number of preschoollevel skills/information items tảught to child.
7. PRESENT - Number of days in attendance at presschool treat-. ment program

Covariates were selected. for each scoring measure by following a three-step selection process. First, a forward selection, stepwise regression procedure was used to select covariates that correlated significantly with the scoring measure. A hierarchical inclusion strategy was employed, with pretest scores allowed to enter 7 first, and FAC, $A C F F^{\circ}$, INC, EDASP, and PTCH competing among themselves for entry after the pretest measure was examined. The, inclusionlevel hierarchy presumed that pretest scores would most completely account for preexperiment diffèrences between contrasted subgroups; that no a priori conceptual preference existed among the measures FAC, AGE, INC, ESASP, and PTCH; and that variance on all of these measures should be viewed as being conceptually closer, in relation to the pretest scoring measure than variance in the meàsure RRESENT. Since scores on PRESENT, in contrast to scores on other covariate measures, would be related to differences in the amount of treatment received rather than differences existing at pretest, PRESENT was allowed to enter only after all other covariate measures had been considered. Those covariates accounting for a significant amount of the variance in the pretest scoring measure for each contrast wereselected to be used in the analysis.

After covariates wère selected, bivariate scatter plots of scores between each selected covariate and the scoring variable were inspected by subgroup to assure that adequate variance existed for regression. 15 If suspect plots were entountered, the covariate was dropped from consideration and the stepwise procedure rerun with deficient cavariates ineligibie for eritry. Covariatés judged adequate in the plat's were then tested for homogenevty of within-subgroup regression slopes. Covariates failing the test (at $p \leq .05$ level) were dropped from consideration and the stepwise procedure reinitiated with a reduced set of predictor variables. 16

All covariates selected for a dependent measure were used in ÀNCOVA comparison pf subgroup meàns. If no covarịates had been selected or if none remained eligible for inclusion after failing score distribution or regression slope checks, ANOVA was used for subgroup mean comparison. Alpha was set at $. \beta \leq .05$ for specification of statistically significant findings, and at $.05<\mathrm{p} \leq .10$ for specification of statistically suggestivecfindings: 「See Appendix $F$ for source tables sfor all comparisons.). Significant effects of more than two levels were examined using pairwise mean comparisons at a normal $\mathrm{p} \leq 05$ level of significance.

Ten subjects per súbgroup was generally defined as the minimum number of, subjects required for analysis to be conducted. However,
because some covariate scores were missing, subgroup numbers in reported analyses were in a few instances as small as "six. In all analysis conducted, child (or mother) was used as the unit of analysis for statistical interpretation. This decision resulted from consideration of both the small numbers of classrooms per site, and, at a higher level of aggregation, by having only two sites per çurriculum model.

## 2. Parent-Interview

The parent instrument was an individually administered interview schedule consisting of 56 items developed in Spanish and English versions by Juârez and Associates as an index of parental attitudes.toward education in general and bilingual bicultural education in particular, of parentaf perception of their own langgage abilities and teaching skills, and of parental aspirations for children's educational attainment. The parent interview also collected data on the background characteristics of participating families and the activities of their children. 17

- a. Parent Measures and Instrumentation

As the great majority of the respondents at all sites were mothers, for the sake of consistency only these individuals were used in the analysis. Items from the interview were grouped under four general topics related to the evaluation goals: language spo-. ken by the child at home, mother's. langlage usage, mother's role as teacher, and'mother's attitudes toward education. Table 6 lists the 12 mother response measures grouped under these headings and incicates the abbreviations by which they are discussed. A brief dis-. cussion of mother_measures follows..
(1) Länguarge Spoken by Child at Home. Two measures of mother's assessment of her child's language were created from ftems on the Parenc Interview. The two measures assessed a mother's perception of her child's language abilities in Spanish (CSPAN) and in English. (CEMG'). The ratings, made on four-point likert-type scales, reflected the mother's juidgment of her offspring's ability to both speak and understand a language:
(2) Mother's Language. Usage. The three measures of mother's language usage reflect a mother's rating of her own language abil ities as well as her use pf Spanish or English-in instructing her child. Measures of speaking ability are each fqrmed by one item and are designed MSTALK for Spanish and METALK for English. The measure

Table 6 .-parent interview measures. ${ }^{\text {. }}$

| - CONSTRUCT | MEASURE | Abbreviation. <br> $\therefore$ uised in Tables ${ }^{2}$ | Number of items: | Number of soints |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Language Spoken by the Child at Home | Child Spanish Language Ability Child English Language Ability | CSPAN <br> CENG | 2 | 4 4 4 |
| Maternal Languagen Usage | Mother Spanish Speaking Abillty <br> Mother English Speaking Abllity Mother Spanish/English Instruction | MSTALK <br> yETALR <br> MSTCH/METCK ${ }^{3}$ | - 1 $11$ | 4 3 2 |
| Mother's Role as Teacher | Provides Fờmal Instruction Provides Instruritional Playthings | $\begin{aligned} & \text { MTCH:. } \\ & \text { PLAY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 11 \\ 13 \\ 1 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Mother's Attitudes Toward Education | Local School Evaluation School Vocational Pre-. paration <br> Importance of Bilinguars Education <br> Importance of child's. Self ConceptDesired Grade Level Achievenent for Child. | SCHLJOB     <br> CAREER   $\ddots$  <br> BLING   $\ddots$  <br> SLFCON   $\ddots$  <br> MEDASP $\ddots$    <br>  $\ddots$  $\ddots$  | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 3 \\ 1 \end{array}$ |  |

$1_{\text {parent }}$ interviews were conducted twice, at the beginning and the end of the preschool year.
$5 \int^{2}$ In these abbreviations a leading $c$ (with the exception of CAREER) refers to child, while a leading $M$ means mother. For example, MTCH is read "mother provides fomal instruction."
${ }^{3}$ Companion measure that provides identical information.
of language used in instruction is bipolar and is formed from 11 items of three scale pọints -- Spanjsh, bilingual, and English. The measure is designed to assess the language in which the mother attempts to teach her child different concepts. The concepts themselves define another measuré, to be discussed below. The bipolar nature of the scale was removed by defining two scales fof the same items. and reversing the direction of the scoring. MSTCH is the resultant scale that assesses Spanish language instruction, and METCH is its companion measure that assesses English language instruction.
(3) 'Mother's Role as Teacher. Two measurey of a mother's selfperceived role as teacher were defined from parent interview questions. One scale, MTCH, relates closely to the mother's language (usage measure MSTCH/METCH defined above. Mother's were asked to indicate "which of the following have you tried to teach your child." . Examples of the 11 concept domains (items) for which mothers provided a yes or no response are colors, concepts like big-little, up-down, before-after, and so on. The scale PLAY; whicb has a similar format, summarized a mother's responses to a checklist of 13 educational playthings that her child may or may not have had the opportunity to play with at home.:
(4) Mother's Attitudes Toward Education. Four attitudinal measures defined from fïve-point Likert-type scales of agreement were used to assess mothers' attitudes. Two measures are one-jtem. scales. SCHLJOB elicits mothers' responses to the statement, "The schools in our community are doing as good a job of educating our children as possible." CAREER elichts mothers' responses to the statement, "The schools in our community are not teaching our. children the things that will help them get ahead in the world." Two other attitude measures, each comprised of. three items, were defined by principal components analysis to summarize mothers! responses to 23 attitude-eliciting statemente that included the two just mentioned, SCHLJOB and CAREER. The two measures were interpreted to reflect attitude toward bilinguala education (BLNG) and attitude toward the ifiportance of child self-concept (SLFCON). The principal component analysis (with oblique rotation) was conducted with 29 nommother respondents on 'whom pre-post parent attitude data were acquired, and did not includeresponses from 24 mothers whose responses were included on other measures. The latter 24 cases wrere 'excluded because' they did not readily fit into the factor space defined by other respondents. For purposes of interpretation, an average of observed item scores was used rather than the principal component scores.

A fifth measure related to mother attitudes is MEDASP. This one-item scale reflects the grade level of achievement desired by the mother for her child.
b. Reliability of Parent Instrument

Reliability coefficients are presented in Appendix $G$ for pretest and posttest measures composed of more than one item bothfor all mothers in the sample and for subclassifications of mothers formed according to treatment classification of child. Internal consistency reliability is acceptable for the measure PLAY and good to excellent for all other measures

Correlations among mother measures are indicated in Appendix. H. Several patterns of the relationship are apparent. High positive correlations occur tmong child and mother language measures of the same language, while high negative correlations occur among measures of different languages. This pattern of relationship is not too surprising,' since it is likely that mother/child dyads have comparable 1 ânguage preference. A second patter $n_{2}$ of relationship occurs àmong attitude measures (i.e., SCHLJOB, CAREER, BLING, and SLFCON). Yery low correlations existed among these measures with the exception of the relationship between the measures SCHLJOB apd BLING, which were formulated together. This indicates rthat attitude measures are relatively independent of each other.

## c. Parent Interviewing Procedures

Originally, the administration of the parent interview was scheduled to take place simultaneously with the testing of children. Owing to delays in OMB approval of the instrument, pretest data collection.was forced to begin when pretesting of experimental and control children was completed. At all the sites, posttest recruitment, training, and collection of parent and child data occurred concurrently. Generally, interviews took place in the homes of re-- : spondents.

## d. Parent Sample

An examination of the demographic information on the 401 respondents for whom pre- and posttest parental data were available revealed that approximately $6 \%$ were not mothers. In order to provide the most internally valid and homogeneous sample possible, íe. was decided to statistically interpret the responses of mothers only. The final sample used in the evaluation was comprised of 375 mothers.
e. Data Analysis

As with the child measures, univariate analyses of variance (ANOVA) and univariáte analyses of covariance were used to interpret differences between contrasted groups of mothers. The $\therefore$ detajls pertaining to use of these analysis techniques is provided in the previous section related to child competency measures. It suffices here to thate that in all analyses the mother was the unit of analysis and comparisons were made both across all sites and at the site level, with pretreatment interview results being employed as the covariate, The assumption of homogeneity of within-contrast group regression slopes was again checked for all ANCOVA modẹls and where the assumption was not met, contrasts were not interpreted.
3. Teacher Questionnaire
3. The teacher quéstionnairé was specially developèd by Juárez and Associates as a pren and posttest measure. It was designed togather information on the teachers' understanding of what is meant by the terms "bilingual" and "bicultural" in the context of an early childhood program and to assess their.attitudes toward Spanishopreferring and bilingual children and their parents. In addition, the instrument tapped teachers' feelings toward classroom procedures such as their willingness to include parents in the preschool program, their sensitivity to the special ethnic and linguistic characteristics of Spanish-preferring and bilingual children, and their willingness to incorporate these characteristcs in a positive fashion in the teaching-learning process.
a. Measurès

Table $\overline{7}$ summarizes the information gathered with the teacher questionnaire. As can be seen, a series of five open-ended items permitted teachers and aides to identify the major advantages of being bilingual and of participating in a bicultural multicultural curriculum for both Spanish and English native speakers. Responses to these items were collapsed into two areas -a integrative and instrumental orientation -- based on the frequently cited distinction established yy Gardner and Lambert (1972) 18. Those responses identifying advantages such as background and cultural awareness, intercultural communication; development. of self-concept, socialization, and language acquisition for, its own sake fell into the general category.of integrative orientation toward bilingualism and bilingual education. Benefits relating to more pragmatic concerns such as better job opportunities or enhariced success in school indicated an instrumental motivation for second language learning and maintenance. A second set of questions consisting of 18 items in a five-point Likert-type format, varying from "strongly" agree" to "strongly disagree," served as a measure of teaching-staff attitudes toward Spanish-speaking children and their parents. A similar format was used to investigate willingness of teachers to.

Table 7 . Teacher questionnaire measures.

include information received from parents, as' well as the parents themselves, in an instructional program. Ten questions with a total of 21 items were used, not only to assess the respondents' pepteptions of the utility of parent involvement, but also to elicit opinions as to how parents could most effectively be used. A final set of 10 items provided information on the importance the teachers and aides placed on incorporating certain materials or lessons geared to the needs of Hispanic or bilingual children into the teaching-learning process.
b. Sample, Questionnaire Administration, and Data Analysis

Although 42 teachers responded to the questionnaire initially, only 33 of these remained at the time of the posttest. During the same period that the children were being tested, the super*visor of testers administered the teacher questionnaire. The administration generally took place at an agreed-upon time with the entire sample for a site filling out the questionnaire at the same time. This group administration of the questionnaire, with the -test supervisor present, took from 30 to 45 minutes in each instance. Each individual chose a Spanish or English version of the questionnaire, depending upon his or her linguistic preference. All completed questionnaires were returned to Juárez and Associates for coding.

In keeping with the general analysis plany teacher responses were collapsed across all sites and analyzed by site. Given the $:$ small sample of teachers, it was inappropriate to use inferential:

- statistics. Thus, frequency distributions were generated for the responses of teachers across the four domains specified by the evaluation contract, and these were used to tentatively explore trends in teacher attitude change over time.


## E. Naturalistic Observation Component .

The usefuliness of qualitative techniques in educational research (Wilson, 1977) and in eyaluations (Patten, 1980) has been well documented, as have the problems with overuse of the methodology (Rist, 1980) and difficulties in the reduction and analysis of data produced from such techniques (Miles, 1975). Juárez and Associates attempted to overcome some of the limitations that traditionally occur' when observational data are used in evaluations by wedding the observational component of the evaluation' to the edu-; cational goals of the Head Start Strategy for Spanish-speaking Children and those of the curricula being evaluated. Each curriculum developer helged to identify criteria that would reflett the degree of implementation of their respective curricula and criteria that would directly reflect impact on the participants. Thus; information consistent with those constructs measured by the tests and intervjews was gathered. This approach allowed for the organ-- ization of quality control measures which assured the comparability
."of data across all observers and furnished a methodologicaily independeñt cross-validation of the test results (cf., Campbell, 1974).

Two principal types of observational data were collected. Data on children, intended to augment the test data, were gathered within the classroom settings. Written protocols of the child observations made on a select subsample of experimental children at each of the research-intensive sites were coded for behaviors identified as objectives of the curriculum models. "These behavioral ${ }^{\circ}$ samples fociused on (1) language development, (?) language comprehension and recall, (3) concept development, and (4) socioemotional development.

In the area of language development, , behaviors related both to linguistic competence and functional language competence, two. areas also tapped by items on the standardized, measures of language acquisition and language production, were examined. Observed behaviors related to lapguage comprehension focused on the ability to recall events or tell a story as did certain items of the comprehension test. Similarly, behepors in the area of concept development were those related to visual discrimination, seriation/sequenctng, matching/classification, spatial and time relationships, symbolic representation and utilization of objects, whereas socioemotional development focused on school readiness, self-esteem; and motivation as did the testers' ratings.

Data on the nature and extent of implementation over time were recorded on a series of implementation forms. Data were collected on what teachers did in the classrooms, physical organization of the rooms, organization of individuals within the classroom, material's available, and other topics of interest. Target areas werl related to model objectives in order to assess the congruence between the treatment as conceptualized and the treatments as actually implemented within a classroom or site. It is apparent that the manner in which a treatment is implemented in a clássroom affects the behavior of participants in the program. Program participants, in turn, respand to classroom practices in ways that

- will influence the way in which a program is implemented. AccordIngly, the behaviors of subsample children as recorded through ethnographic notes and focused observations were used to judge implementation. Furthèr, the observational data on individual children were used to assess change over time across various developmental domains; as they furnished a series of observations on the behaviors of students in specific cortpyts designed encourage certain behaviors. Finally, ethnogiaphic notes taken outside the classroom permitted the identification of constraints and obstacles to implementation-of a given model at a particular Head Start center or in certain locales.

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## 1. Child Obsefluations

a. Ethnographic Notes

Notes consistitg of narrative accounts, time logs, and inventories, related to classroom behaviors and model implementation, were kept by particīpant researchers and implementation. researchers to record observations. Three separate note files -topics; events; and individuals -- were created and an indexing strategy ${ }^{19}$ which combined an etic and emic 20 approach was developed, This indgxing system is trifaceted: the firsf componeft contains four superordinate category fodes (e.g., Head Stärt comm, munity) and series of subordinate ones (e.g.; 'popalation' eharacteristics), the second includes etic categories atyonamerordichild outcome behavior for the four curriculum models \% (e.gntanguage use) and also contains a series of subordinate ones deatin Spanish); and observable behaviors (e.g., uses present tense -each fieldworker and reflects local concerns.

The indexing system was developed as an andytical tool in which broad-based descriptive goals, were abandoned in favor of focused-categories related to the goads of the evaluation. Particularly germane areas of interest were the feasibility of implementing the models in various locales and behaviaral constructs identified by, the curriculum developers as important outcomes for their model. The system was descriptive in that it offered comprehensiveness and analytic in that codes. representing particular behaviors were quantified.

## b, Time and Event Samples

Systenatic procedures building on the/fieldworkers' observational and note-taking skills were alse developed for the naturalistic cladsroom observathns. These behavioral samples concentrated on a subset of chiTdren at three specified and preselected priods during 'the school year. Table 8 presents the general constructs that were tapped through these sys,tematic observations:
-children $\dot{-}$ Based steps were inuelved in selecting the subsample of ant len.- Based on their observatick of children in the difforpled information on those chided by a .model, fieldworkers supbe indigative of distinct experiences in different contexts. Arthough the characteristics varied by site, all were chosen frem ab: master list developed by the coordinator of fieldworkers in Conjunction with the project staff. Sex, language preference, verbal ability, and ethnic group were common characteristics across all sites; cognitive style or family composition were

deemed important at particular sites. The informiation on child characteristics provjded py the fieldworkers was used in a stratified random selection of the subset of 15 experimental children at each research-intensive site. Five children were selected from each room. In general, they came from those members of a class who had been pretested. When, however, no tested child was available to fill a cell, untested children were chosen ensuring that the .effects of a model on different children could be studied. A total of seven of the 60 original subsample children fell into this category of untested.children. The, rate of subsample attrition over the evaluation year was approximately three children per site, resulting in.a final subsafmple of 48 children, distributed as follows: Un Marco Abierto I - 11 chidren 66 Spanish preferring and 5 English preferring); AMANECER I ${ }^{\circ}--: I 1$ children ( 5 Spanish preferring and 6 Eng.lish preferring); ALERTA ${ }^{7}$ - 1 rchildren ( 6 Spanish preferring and 8 English preferring); Nevas Ecenteras I -- 12 children ( 9 Spanish preferring and 3 English preferring).
-During November focused observations were begun by the participant researchers at each of the four intensive observation sites. The second period of abservations took place in February and March, and the final series of observations occurred in April and May. The methodology by which data were collected combined the strategies of time and event sampling and built on the prekious observational skills of the participant researchers. Three types of events were, selected: ( $H$ ) those involving systematic interaction with the teacher or- other adults for language and concept development; (2) thiose related to language and concept development but which were unstructured in terms of adult-child interactions; and (3) situations organized to emphasize child-child interactions. To prevent observer bias and control for the context of-observed behavior, each subset of children from each class- room was randomly assigned to each event or context sampled, and each child was observed individually for an equal amount of time proportional to the' length of the event over a period of days.

The unit of analysis for data collection was the individual -child and the data coltaction technigue used was aga in a running 10g. • Fiel dworkers noted the , time 'at which an observation began and then proceeded to describe the behaviors of the designated child, his or her verbal interactions with other's, and general socioemotional comportment. Note was made of any transitions occurring during the observation period and the time of such transitions. After each day of observations the fieldworkers rewrote their fieldnotes and categorized their observations-using the language use, concept development, and socioemotional behavior codes related to cross-model objectives as defined in their field manual.

## c. Data Analysis

The guiding principle in the analysis of the observational data. was that of triangulation (Denzin, 1978); that is, the data were used to provide methodologically independent measures of teacher and parent attitudes, classrom implementation, and child outcomes which were compared with interviéw, checklist, and test results. In addition, the obsévational data permitted an examination of the sociocultural contexts in which the sites were found.
(1) Analysis of Developmental Trends. Tabulations of the subsample observational data were accomplished through use of the indexing and coding system. Owing to the small time sample at the first of the three obseryation periods, relative frequencies were computed for the linguistic and behavioral responses observed for each child at each of the three time periods. These frequency. counts were analyzed separately for Spanish- and English-preferring children to identify trends over time in individual behaviors related to the constructs of language usage, comprehension and recall, concept development; and socioemotional functioning.

Traditionaliy, quantitative language measures and such linguistic techniques as error analysis have provided valuable insights into- language learners' mastery of certain basic morphenes and syntactic forms. Current research in first and seconid language açuisition, however, has shown that the learning of a language involves much more than achieving grammatical correctness. (Hatch, 1978). It requires developing the ability to handle the semantjc, comminicative, and pragmatic functions of grammatical forms -- all of which tombine to form learners' general communicative competence. Such an approach to language learning requires a focus beyond the traditional linguistic unit of the sentence to the discourse' level, where the interactional aspects of conversation, incluaing the type and frequency of input provided to the learner, can be investigated (Sinclair \& Coulthard, 1975)

This perspective guided sampling of the verbal interactions - in the fieldnotes compiled on the subsample children. The entire corpius of data for each subsample child was reviewed. Speech samples that provided the best cross-section of structure and functions typical of the learners' stage of language development, concept formation, or socioemotional functioning were chosen for in-depth analysis. Verbal interactions were investigated for change over time in grammatical or conceptual correctness as well as in the degree to which the child's language use and/or behavior met the functional needs of that social context, including the activity engaged in, other speakers; and the setting.
(2):Indiyidual Profiles. The fieldworkers also wrote individual profiles of the children who were cunder intensive observation at their sites. The profile consisted in part of a prediction of each child's performance on each measure of the test battery. Fieldworkers first reviewed descriptions of the tests and examined the tests themselves to become familiar with the extent and content of each measure. Estimates were then made of each chnd's scores on all of the measures and a description of the child's observed behaviors in the classroom was given.. The profiles thus were structured according to the same format and addressed content similar to that of the tests and classroom observations. These capsule descriptions were used in conjunction with analyses of the subsample children's discourse within specific classroom contexts over the course of the evaluation year.
(3) Data Integration, In addition, random samplés of classroom observations were taken from the fieldnotes for each child. made during the third observation period. The total time sample for each child was equal to the average time of administration of the test battery. The notes were scored either in terms of the total frequency of correct responses less the incorrect ones or, in the case of language acquisition, in the same manner as the test data. (MLM) Subsample children were rank-ordered by their scores fromeach data set. The rank order correlations of these scores proyided an indication of the relationship between whiat was practiced in. the classroom by individual children and what was tapped by the tests.

As a result of the classroom observations it was possible to identify differences in the progress of children of the same .language preference over time. These differences we observed to be related primarily to a child's entry-level abilities in the second language. Thus children were divided within a language group on the basis of their entry skills and both their posttest scores and the input they received over the school year were examined.

## 2. Implementation Observations

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## a. Instrumentation

Ascessment of the nature and extent of program implementa-
tion over time formed a key element in the observational data collection. Model-specific checklists and rating scales, which had been reviewed for accuracy by the curriculum developers; together with informal interviews, were used to collect data in each of the 23 experimental classrooms. Each participant researcher and each implementation researcher gathered implementation data'during
.three two- to three-week periods over the course of the school year. Implementation data consisted of information on schedule and organization, physical setting, material resources, student and teacher behavior; instructional activities, and staff attitudes (see Table 9 ). The forms contained a listing of the planned and actual classroom schedule of the day, a series of counts of the elements of a model identified in the curriculum key features, an overall rating of the model with the classroom the unit of analysis, and guides for structuring conversations with the personnel at a site around model-specific themes.

The strategy for completing various parts of the implementation forms included keeping a running $\log$ of notes to conplement spot observations. A log was kept of the actual time during which activities occurred in the observation period (engaged time), as well as of the amount of time spent in transition between each activity. Notes were taken on all naturally occurritg events within a given time period. To ensure that sufficient data were collected, a list was made of all individuals in the class (identified either by name or through a description of their clothing $\ddagger$ before observations began. The behavior of each period for each activity (e.g., children who were engaged in one activity and children who were not) was then described. Such note-taking procedures, focused on particular. situations that were specified by , a curriculum model as promoting particular behaviors, allowed for an accurate estimate of overall classroom activities as they related to medel features The resulting, data permitted estimates of, for example, the time spent in a specific area or the percentage of time that children were speaking English or Spanish. Although the data were summarized for the purpose of establishing an index of the degree of implementation, the raw data remain available and.retrievable. A strength of the strategy is that it does not preclude the future examination of the raw data by either the evaluators or the policy planneis in the :ight of cifferent questions concerning how a program functioned beyond those of Juárez and Associates' contractual obligations.

## b. Implementation Analysis

(1) Implementation Scores. Two types of data analysis were used to process treatment implementation data.. Checklist data were quantified by asking each fieldworker to rate individual items of the implementation checklist for his or her model by using five-point, Likert-type scales to estimate an item's importance to a curriculum model. These scores wiere then averaged across fieldworker raters for each item, and the average rating for each item was summed within each implementation category to provide an estimate of the importance of each category to the

- Table 9. Implementation form measures.

${ }^{1}$ developed by Juarez and Associates.
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model. Ratings were also combined to furnish an overall implementation score for each classroom within a model at each of the three implementation data-collection periods.

As the checklist data were being scored, fieldworkers independently listed all of the factors which they felt were either facilitating or impedin implementation of a model at their par-. ticular site. These lists were then taken by the coordinator of fteldworkers who organized them into a set of categories appropriate to all of the models. This summary set of categories was returned to the fieldworkers, who then used it to examine the data for patterns over time. The fieldworkers used the dates of the three implementation data collection periods as a mnemonic to help recall what was occurring with respect to a particular teacher or within a classroom. After having noted their impres-' sions of what had happened relative to each category at each point in time, the fteldworkers returned to their fieldnotes and used the cross-referencing-system to find instances that verified or refuted the impressions made using mnemonic-assisted recall. After the entire ekercise was completed, each participant reseacher met individuallowith the coordinator of fieldworkers and patterns in data were discussed. These outlines were then elaborated, into descriptions of the implementation process on each classroom at a site.

As part of the analysis of model implementation, frequency ,counts were made of the classroom staffs' (teacher and aide or assistant teacher) language use at different periods during the year. For the researcher-intensive sites all speech by the staff in each ciassroom during the three-month period in which the implementation assessment took place was considered in the analysis whereas at the sister site data were limited to the 10 days the inplementation researchers wera on si.e during sach time period. The relative frequencies of language use over time were examined and related to the category of individual behaviors in the dist cussion of implementation results.
(2) Data Integration. Integration of the observation data and test and interview data was subsequently accomplished. The implementation forms provided data on five categories of implementation -- schedule/organization, physical setting, instructional materials, individual behaviors, and instructional strategies. -for three points in time. Contextual data from the ethnographic description of the implementation process at each site were then usẽd to explain visible trends or change oper time within a site and acrose sites within a model.
(3) Site Summaries. An additional data analysis strategy was the site summary. Using the first four categories of the indexing system devised by Juărez and Associates, researchers, upon their return from the field, wrote descriptions of the sites at - which they had collected data.' These were of an interpretive nature, as the descriptions had as an organizing theme the feasi-. bility of implementing a particular model in other locales. Such analysis generated a rich set of working hypotheses about what was happening at a particular site ánd a retrievable set of observations supporting the hypotheses. Fieldworkers then met and reviewed their findings', identified major themes across models, and proposed general findings for each model. Seven major categories -- sociocultural environment, sample families, administration, school, teaching staff, control groups, and children's activities -- were identified as major areas under which the comparisons of each site implementing a particular model were presented.

## 3. Preparation of Personnel and Data Quality Control

## a. Recruitment and Training

- Juárez and Associates developed a recruitment plan aimed at overcoming the inherent difficulties in finding able and experienced bilingual fieldworkers willing to make a commitment for one year of work in the field. The plan involved the use of both formal and informal recruitment techniques focusing "on specific organizations and geographical areas. Job descriptions for the position of participant researcher were placed in such national outlets as the Chronicle of Higher Education and Anthropology Newsletter, while descriptions for the positions of coordinator/ supervisor of participant researchers, data manager, short-term researcher, and participant researcher were sent to a variety of university placement offices; university departments, and State employment agencies.' In addition, friends and colleagues- of Juärez and Associates working in the areas of bilingual education, anthiropology, education, and linguistics were contacted by phone. Job descriptions together with letfers requesting any possible assistance in recruitment were also sent to all of the curriculum model developers and all, members of the advisory cormittee. All recruitment efforts were concentrated in areas sharing cultural and linguistic characteristics with the replication sites.
\& From'the list, of 41. candidates for the positions the screening committee selected a short list of candidates on whom references were gathered and each of whom was interviewed in Spanish and English.: A final screening took place and the finalists were offered positions. The coordinator/supervisor selected was bilingual, held a Ph.D., and had over 10 years of experience in ethnographic research among Latino communities both in the United

States and abroad. The data manater employed was bilingual and had expertise in both qualitative and quantitative research. All participant researchers'and implementation researchers had graduate training, with one holding a Ph.D. in anthropology; all were bilingual with experience in ethnographic fieldwork, early education, or both. In addition to excelTent academic and experiential backgrounds all of the individuals were selected as persons who would be sensitive to the local cuitural and linguistic circumstances of the communities in which they would be working.

In training the fieldworkers in naturalistic observation techniques',' the expertise of the project dipectors, the coordinator/ supervisor of fieldwarkers, and other Juárez and Associates staff members was supplemented by consultants from an extensive program for the training of naturalistic field obseryers developed over the past six years at UCLA. The training focused on a series of simuTations of the actual fieldwork required of the participant researchers and implementation researchers during the first three months of data collection.

Training was holistic in the sense that each aspect of successful fieldwork in the preschool settings was continually related to other aspects and learning was highly experiential. - In addition, formal learning experiences were structured to emphasize and encourage peer interaction and socjal synergy. The general content of the training period was as follows: (1) Week one -- introduction to the evaluation, role management, use of rating forms, fieldwork, ethics, introduction to ethnographic note-taking (2) Week two -fieldwork, fieldnote styles, observational strategies, indexing systems, field interviewing techniques; ;- (3) Week three -- simulation, fieldwork, debriefing, orientation to sites. Training also served to pilot the implementation forms $\ddagger \mathrm{s}$ well as to test a number of different time and event sampling procedures related to-interfersonal interactions and language use in context.

Debriefing and retraining sessions for all fieldworkers were undertaken in mid-December 1979 by the project directors, field supervisor, and the qualitative data manager with the assistance of expert consultants. As with the first training session held in August 7979, this review was simulation-based in that most of the session was devoted to providing the fieldworkers with skills related to the write-up of ethnographic data. The meetings were con-. ducted in a seminar format, thereby providing participant researchers. and implementation researchers with an opportunity to share ideas and information as well as to call on the expertise of other Juârez and Associates staff members or consultants to address particular questions or problems. The training and debriefing were organized around three major areas in which the data collected by the fieldworkers would be used: assessment of implementation, verification and explanation of the test data, and the preparation of the pamphlets. An
interim report was prepared by each fieldworker providing an overall assessment of his or her site through the first three months of data collection. This training program emphasized most of the major problems field researchers would face and offered -specific techniques.for implementation of effective observational strategies for solving these problems in the fielf..

## b. Quality Control

Juárez and Associates' approach to fieldwork emphasizes that the most imporfant data collection instrument in naturalistic observational studies is the researcher. - It' follows that, if comparable data across sites and researchers is a research objective, as it was in this evaluation, the team of investigators must be monitored throughout their period of involvement in the data collection effort and the data collected must be appropriately calibrated to the use of given methodologies in a particular system. Thus, in addition to the multiple research techniques emphasizing participant observation, a series of activities to systematically monitor observational data gathering and to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the information collected was developed. These activities included the follow-
ing: (1) the previous experience and training of the fieldworkers;
(2) the use of an experienced bilingual educational anthropologist to supervise and coordinate field operations and to conduct parallel observations; (3) the establishment of monitoring procedures, including yeekly feedback to the fieldworkers and reorientation and retraining meetings: (4) the establishment of a central processing center to facilitate consistency of data reduction, synthesis, and interpretarecording; and (6) the developmandardized formats for accurate data mon definitions, del ineate ropment of a field manual to provide comand.confidentiality considerations. Additional steps to ensure the quality of the data included submitting fieldnotes in a consistent format and verification by the field supervisor of each entry in the notes for appropriateness and accuracy. These verifications, as well as any aspects related to the quality of the notes, such as level of inference, legibility, and amount of information being sent, were discussed with each fieldworker during weekly phone calls. Calls also included discussions of changes in the participant researcher's or implementation "researcher's role, scheduling of the various.data collection efforts, information bout fieldworkers at other sites, and new note categgries.

The initifl parallel observations made at the beginning of implementation research in the fall were supplemented by a second site visit in the spring. During both site visits the supervisor conducted two days of \$arallel observations with each PR and one day of observations with each ${ }^{\text {a }}$. The purpose of the paralle] observations was twofold: first,. $\rightarrow$ provide a measure of interrater agreement
af 'consistency over time in the use of the implementation forms' and, semen, to determine the accuracy of the coded data callected by the fieldworkers in their subsample observations. In both cases a high agreement was found between the observations of the supervisor and those of the fieldworkers at each site (Chesterfield, July 1980). 3 Complete discussions of. all tråining and quality control procedure are found in Chesterfield et al, September 1979, and Chesterfield and Gonçalves, December 1979.

## FOOTNDTES

1. While test selection and data collection procedures are summarized, the reạder is referred other Juárez and As 'tciates' documents for complete discussion of these issues: (See Apperidix A, for: a liṣt of (relevant documents.)
2. Contro groups were to receive no preschool exposure, and the experimental children at two sites each were to be exposed to one of

- the four bilingual Head Start curricula.

3. Given that the focus of the evaluation component was on the * assessment of the degree to which the individual sites met model orcome and implementation goals and the cost of obseryational reSearth, the observations were limited to the experimental children. 4., Given Efis orientation', the terms "Spanish-preferring" and "Ergljsh preferring" children ar used throtighout the text. "These fare'not intended to syiges a conscious language choice on the fart of the children anf therefore are used synonymously with. the terms first, or primary, and second language.
4. A recögnjzed pröblèm in using MLU in measuring second as opposed to'first:-languag acquisition ha's been the frequently cited tendency of the second languare learner to initially acquire. language. throûgh "routine" or "formulase" expressions (Hatch h, 1978) ) (e.g., "Ya know what?" "My name is $\cdot . \infty^{n}$ ). These expressions are learned whole "and serve a functional rather than expressive purpose. I was been argued thate they may artificially inflate MLU. in the seco Halue of these expressions. Fillmore's research (197.6) suggests that-they serve, as a vital strattegy in the early stages of second langlage learning by providing access to verbal input from:native speakers. Furthermore, Clark (1974) has hypothesized that the ini-: tial stages of the acquisition of a first language may be similar tothose in second lagnage acgujsition. Consęquently, MLU wa's con-s
$\because \quad$ sidered here as a valid indicator of dévelopmentar first ard second language change. Spanish andeEnglish MLU's are never difectly compared however, due to the different murptiological structures of the two languag's. (See Appendix B for the Criteria ${ }^{\circ}$ for scoring MLUs.)
5. " In Tccondance with the scoring procedures, for the "structured

- Pasks recommended by test developers, responses wibl were semanti-
cally correct yet morphologically or lexically incomect (e.g.,
something to write with" rather than "pen"). were scored as incor: rect. Thus scores may be a conservative measure of praductive abtir
- 7. Alpha coefficients were examined by and across treatment revel classifications for pretest and posttest. valués of Spanișh and English measure of three constructs - - :concept development, perceptual motor development, and language comprehension. It pas found that for 12 of 12 . possible comparisons of within-language preference rèliability coefficients assessed across treatment classification and for 35 of 36 across language'preference comparisens made within treatment classifications, the reliability coefficients were lower for subjects whose language preference matched the language of the test (see Appendix-D for all reliability coefficients). The. range * of difference in magnitude of values is appreciable for most comparisons, differing by an average of $16 . \dot{2}$ points. $=$

Lower coefficients on preferred language concept development and language comprehension yleasures are appareatly related to the s.trategy of testing chid dren in two languages. Appendix.C. iddicates that a very high percedtage of zero responses resulted at both preand posttest for almost all ${ }^{\circ}$ measures adminispered in children's nonpreferred language. Skewness statistics (pot presented) indicate positively skewed score distribptions, for meas es in the second

- language, a consequence of the figh incidence of Zeroes. The abundance of zerancores would be expected to inflate the internal consistency estimate of a measure, as item ścores woutw be more homogeneous across individualss tested in the second language, creating the generally higher alpha coefficients reported. Similarly, reliability coefficients computed over treatment classjfications vary less than those computed within treatment classifícations, as would - be expected for larger numbers of subjacts that would have fewer zepo or near zero scores.

A different explanation Seems reaşonable for the lower alpha

1.coefficients obtained on preferred language perseption measures. There was a strong tendency for subjects to score at test ceiling on the four items comprising the measures. It seemis likely, that the test ceiling effect resulted in an appreciable reduction in amongpersons yariance for testes in both language preferences, but that the yariance reduction was greater for preferred language perception, measures. Variance restriction is most apparent in the . 01 alpha coefficient obtained on EPERC of poṣttes for English-preferring Head Start comparison group. children.

Reliability coefficients computed from subject'ssscores in the nonpreferred language have "face value" utility in that they reflect the measured internal consistency of a scale for groupings of subjects that are used in the andyses to be presented, However, a surmary impression of a measure's internal consistency is best made

- using the yalue computed on subjects whose language preference
- mátches language of the tést administration: Using this cri-. terion, the reltabilities computed for measures of concept dẻvelopment and narrative descriptigh are very good, with mean values across treatmen classification ind time of test administration af , 815 and, $778^{\prime}$, respectively. Mean a. Tpha va Mues for measures of lan -
guage comprehension (.535), perception (.463) and object description (.450) were appreciably lower.

An additional consequence of the extremely low scores obtained by many children in their seçond, language was that correlations between two constructs, were generally higher when the test was taken in the nonpreferret language, whether this language was Spanish of English. The posttest relationships among the Spanish measures of concept development (PSIS) and perceptual motor development (SPERC) typify the general pattern. The correlation between these Spanish measures was . 33 for Spanish-preferring children and. . 88 for the Engli\&h-preferring children. For the English measure of the construdt, the higher correlation was found among Spanish speakers.: Thus Forrelations for measures in the nonpreferred language were some that inflated. For the purpose of defining the degree of relationship between different chjld competency measures, it \$s therefore appropriate to use the correlation values computed on subjects: whose fonguage preference matches the language in which the test was administered. Complete sets of correlations among child measures. for Spanish- and English-preferring children appear in Appendix-E.

- "8. Warner ${ }^{-}(1977)$ hàs described three types of experimenters: "brutally. honest" experimenters who report and analyze every pjeçe of data regardless of how ridiculous some of them hinght appear; "think honest:" oxperimenters who set aside unreasonable data points for secondary interpretation; and "disponest" experimenters who discard. bad data points and "rever tell anyone about them." -We háve "Fattempted in this case to move toward the "think honest" approach".

9. Angen rin these analyses, however, the "philosoph of not contrasting the different bilingual, bicul ral Head Start treatment models was adhered to. Experimental designs'used in the "composite" comparisons included erossed factorial designs'for, the factors of site and treatment group. Even though full effect models (ingluding interaction térms) were run, significant interaction findings weçe not interpêted.
10.. Even at these sites score distributions on the outcome measures for children of different language preferences were found to differ so markedly 'that no parametric statis'tical analysis across language preferences was attêmpted.
10. The use of ACOVA to investigate treatment effecto between contrast groups that are assumed to be nonequivalent is a somewhatproblematic endeavor. As Lord (1963), cited in Elashoff. (1969) cogently noted, random assignment of sampling, units to copatrast d groups.

* $\therefore . \quad$ is the logicis) (not mefely the statisti"cail) prerequisitye to a controlted experiment If the individuals are not assigned to the treatments at randoms then it is not helpful to ${ }^{*}$

show more difference than would be expected by random assignment m- unless, iof course, the experimenter has special information showing that the nonrándom assignment was nevertheless random in effect, If, as often happens, 'randomized assignment is impossible, then there is often no way to deterimine what is the appropriate adjustment to be made for initial differences, and hence of ten no way: to show convincingly by statistical manipulations that one-treatment is better than'another.

However, the practical necessity of attempting tq obtain some esti:mate of treatment effects in the nonrandom sampling situation has made the use of ANCOVA conmonplace.

In additión to its logical limitations, a technical problem exists in the use of ANCOVA to statistically correct for pretreatment differences between assumed honequivalent contrast groups. The problem, is that ANCOVA used with fallible (errgrfulfy measured) co-s variates tends to undercorrect for pretreatment differences between contrasted groups. As à consequence $\begin{aligned} \text { an } \\ \text { initially measured low }\end{aligned}$ group in a two-group pretest/posttest evtrluation would have a buiftin disadvantage to oyercome.if the criterion for evaluation is amount of gain over time as, assessed by fallible pretest-adjusted ANCOVA, Camphell and Boruch (1975) have recognized the imporrtant implications of this problem, since subjects nonrandomly assigned to compensatory education treatments usually obtain lower scores than subjects' enrolled in control treatments. If is "important. to note that for the majority of subgroups contrasted statisteically in this evaluatigh, preexperiment differences between subgroups were not inter.prêted.

Kenny $\mathbf{2}(1975)$ has reviewed the implications of several statistical techniques that attempt to. deal with the undercorrection probten, but recognizes that each technique is based upon different-assumption's about the nature of errar within a concomitant (preteṣt) measure, It is, unfortunately, often difficult to choose among these assumptions. Serhaps the most reasonable solution to the problem of assessing pretest/posttest change among nonequivalent groups is to usemsevecal. analytic techniques to investigate group difference and then compare othe similarity of results aftatned. The analyses. to be reported here ake only the first step toward thé goalof using multiple parallel analyses to interpret treatment grgup differences. among nonequinalent groups,
 rijed by factor andlysis (principal componehts; varimax rotation) from niwe items concerned with the child's language, three items concerned with the language of the parent survey. respondent, and tre, item concerned with the highest school grade level. achieved by the parent'survey, respondent: • The ntne items addressing child!'s language. at home were incorparated into three qcale before they were entered into fattor analyșis. On one of. these séales, missing rèsponses of.
-31 respondents were replaced with nonmissing scorẹs. Missing, values were estimated by multiple regression, using respondents' nonmissing.scores from the otber 11 items as data. Beta weights in these 'equations were estimated from the responses of all $416, \cdots$ parent survey respondents. Five additional. missing values, spréad over three other items, were also estimated in the same way. The strategy of estimating missing scores was adopted in order to utilize all availabTe test scores in the factor score computations that then comprised the covariate FAC.
13. Ohly two covariates, AGE-and PRESENT, have no relation to mo items (or scales created from items) on the parent interview sur* vey, reported on in detail beginning on page 34
14. "Two of the five covariates derived from the parent interview r survey, EDASP and PTCH, were used as dependent scoring measures as well as. independent measures. When considered as dependent variables; parent survey respondents were limited to mothers, and the measures were called MEDASP and MTCH; respectivel.y.
15. Inspectign of plots after implementation of the stepwise procedure eliminated the need to print and inspect 91 plots ( 7 covariates $\times 13$ scoring measures) per subgro. Univariate score distributions, for each covariate were, however, inspected by subgroup for shape of distribution and presence of variance before the stepwise procedure was initiated.
16. The logic of dropping covariates whose regression slopes differed across subgroups is somewhat problematic in that variance of conceptual interest was not interpreted but triated instead as if it was unrelated to the scoring measure. An alternative procedure would be to use the Johnson-Neyman technique to examine the effects of such measures within the range of the scoring measure in which covariate slopes are homogeneous:
17. In order to fulfill contry specif. ations number of the scaltes used as covariates in the analysis of child outconfes weré also used as dependent measures when examining parents ${ }^{+}$experience with the curriculum models.
18. The attitudinal contructs of integrative and instrumental motiwation have been invetigated extensively in the area of sec--ond language acquisition. hesearch (Gardner and Smythe, 1974; Shuy and Fasold, 1973). Gardner and Lambert (1972), originators of these concepts, distinguish between the two types of motivation. While sone langunge learners view language primarily as a too for some pragmatic purpose, others appear to be motivated by the i.ptrinsic Value they place on both inguistic and non ninguistic characteristicg of the target langyage community. . The latter group -- characterized by what Gardner, and Lambert torm "inte-" geptive motivation". $\therefore$ cite such reasons as improved cultural
awareness and intercultural communication as impetus for second language. learning and generally exhibit a desire to integrate with the target language community. Those stimulated by "instrumental motivation," on the other hand, tend to learn another language so as to advance their careers or education only, without exhibiting any deşire to "become like" or imitate the target language speakers in terms of values or behaviors. Variqusistudies have shown that integrative motivation generally leads to the most effective language learning. In those cases, however, where the populations of developing countries or emerging ethnic minority cormunities need proficiency in a second language for reasons of economic development or survival, instrumental motivation can provide an equally strong drive for languago mastery.
19. •An indexing system is a mechanism for defining categories of relevant information, "organizing them in a uniform manner, and pairing these categories (or their code numbers) with actual written' data.. It provides a descriptive catalogue in which as many categor̄ies of information as possible are separately tdentified. for later retrieval.
20. : An etic indexing system is one in which categories of information are determined a priori and imposed on the actual observational data. An emic system uses categories generated by both the subjects of the' study, being therefore reflective of the way such individuals perceike and understand the world, and by the researcher as he or she begins to make on-site decisions as to important categories of information.
21, The percentage of interrater agreement between the field supervisor and each PR or IR calculated for the approximately 120 items of the implementation forms on two different days was consistently high fur:both.the Fall and Spring. parallel observatirns. Dverall agreement-ranged from $81 \%$ to $92 \%^{\prime}$ at the Fall observation. and $82 \%$ to $88 \%$. in the Spring. Agreement with the PRs was slightly higher overall. This would seem to be a result of the continued contact that the participant researchers and the supervisor (through their notes) had with a site. Owing to the infortance of, the subbsample observations as a data source, paraílel observations through time and event. samples across a number of children were also performed during the field supervisor's Spring visits to the researcher-intensive sites. A total of 90 minutes of observation with at least three different children was condusted. The percentage of agreement in coding was calculated for all. conmon observations and found to be high ( $83 \%$ to $96 \%$ ) across all sites. Examples of the running log for such observations is provided in Appendix 1.'

## III <br> \section*{COMPQSITE PROGRAM IMPACT}

This chapter presents the composite findings of the evaluation of the four bilingual bieultural preschool curriculum models developed as part of, the Head Star:t Strategy for Spanish-speaking Children. Findings àre prefented. in terms of the impact of the curriculum models on. the three grows of evaluationksubjects: childreñ, parents, and Heat! Start classiroom staff. ' In addition, general Findings related to itaplementing the models are discussed. Subsequent chaptars pravide :the 'resujts.of the exaluatipn on a s'ite-bysite basis and include discussidn's of the tman of each model, the degree to which the teratment was implemented at each site, and the feasibifty of jmplementing the curriculum madels in alternative settings:
A. Chile Dutcomes

## 1. Tést Results,

Childreñ receiving bilinguarotroltural Hepad'start treatmentis were compared with children tir other Head Star't programs. Composite comparisons included al? sites where there were a sufficient number yof subjects to make within-site comparisons (five sites in the case of the Spar sh-preferring childion and two sites for Englishprefemeng ones). The effects for stite show in Tables 10 and 13 point out the importance of extmining, each site individuality, as will be done in subsequent sections of this report. The presentation of composite treatment effects controlling for the effectse of site;: however, illustrate a number of the: trends found at the individual evaluation sites $<$

## a. Spanish-preferring Children

:Spamish-preferring' children who wefe exposed to the Head Start billingual biculturał curpicula exhibifed consistent gains Over Yomparison 'children on English languade and coghltive measures. the four measures administered in English. These include (1) Moglish Acquistiton, (2) Concept Dévelopment, and (3) Perceptual
 ual site are not confounding the compositreatment effects. The \%.

Tatele:10. Composite ANCOVA and ANOVA results for Spanish-preferring children. Experimental and comparison Head Start, children at five sites were compared on six constructs controlling for the effect of site..

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 Spanish English ${ }^{\circ}$
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4. concepr ofvelopmeit-prescioor inyentory

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Emglish scaly.
5. TERCEPTUN MOTO DEYELOMESII
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experimental children also showed greater gains than comparison children on the measure of English Comprehension. However, this effect is confounded by a treatment site interaction.

The consistency of these 'results suggests that undifferentiated preschool experience may pravide children with some isolated practite in he second language, Consistent improvement across. a number. of dimenstions related to second language acquisition, however, comes about through exposure to curriculum models'structured to provide systematic practice in the second language.

On Spanish language measures, the Spanish-preferring experi: mental children achieved significant gains (p $\leq .05$ ) over comparisonghildren on two of the language production scales. These were the Quantity of Spanish Words and the Narration Description Scale. They also outperformed their Head Start comparison group on the Spanish measure of Concept Development.

No significant differences were found favoring the comparison children on any of the measures in either language.

Behavioral observations indicated that the Spanish-preferring children had different experiences in the classroom depending on their entry-level abilities in English, Consequently, subsequent analyses were performed by dividing Spanish-preferring children .. with limited/or no English abilities ( $S P_{1}$ ) from those Spanishpreferring children who entered the programs with English language skills $\left(\mathrm{SP}_{2}\right)$. This division was made on the basis of the children's pretest scores on English measures of language acquisition, concept development, and compreherision. ${ }^{1}$ AM Spanish-preferring children receiving bilingual bicultural Head Start treatments were put into one of these two graups ànd then compared with similar groups of children in other Head Start programs.

Spanish-preferring experimental children'with limited/or no English language skills demonstrated more consistent gains in English over their comparison group than did Spanish-preferring experimental children who entered preschool with English language skills (see Table 11). The children from this group showed significant gains over the Head Start comparison group on English measures of Cognitive Development and Language Acquisition. 2 The experimental. Spanish-preferring children with some knowledge of English at pretest showed significant gains over their comparison group on the measure of English Comprehension: This suggests that the benefits derived from systematic exposure to bilingual curriculum models may vary depending on a child's level \&f second language development upon entering Head Start.

It appears that the curricillum models were providing the $S P_{1}$ children with an elementary knowledge of those grammatical forms and vocabulary necessary to gain access to situations within which to practice their nonpreferred language in the classroom context.

Tàble 11. Comparison of Spanish-preferring, children Srouped by English entry level ability. Experimental and somparison Head Start children at five sites were compared on selected English measures.

Spanish-Preferring Group $I^{2}$

| Measure Experi | $\begin{gathered} \text { Experimental Head Start } \\ \text { Posttest Means } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | N | Compa Group | on He sttes | Star |  | N | E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | 1.16 | 2 | 81 |  | . 54 |  |  | 88 | 10.29* |
| tanquage Acquisition (EMLU) |  | $\cdots$ | 22 |  | 6.82 |  |  | 28 | 0.73 ' |
| Language Colmprehension (ECOMP) | 7.50 10.02 |  | 81 |  | 6.82 6.84 |  |  | 88 | 10.21* |
| Concept Development $\qquad$ (PSIE) | 10.02 |  | 81 |  | 6.84 |  |  |  |  |

'Spanish-Preferring Group II ${ }^{4}$


1. All statistical comparisons were ANOVA.
2. Spanish-preferring Group I includes all. children who showed little or no ability on the. English pretest measures (EMLU=0, PSIE $\leq 3$, ECOMPS3).
3. ** $\mathrm{p} \leq .0500$
4. Spanish-preferrring Group II includes alr children who demonstrated ability in English on the pretest measures (EMLU $>0$, PSIE× 3, ECOMP $>3$ ).

Observational data show that their more advanced experimental coms panions: Who entered Head Start with some basic. knowledge of English. were even at the beginning of the year successfully interacting " with both teachers and peers in their'second language. Thys they already possessed the bare essentials of strvival skills. necessary to communicate.effectively in the regular preschool environment. ${ }^{3}$
$S P_{1}$ experimental children performed significantly better' than their Comparison group on the English measure of Concept Development. This probably reflects the fact that systematic practice of concepts in English was successfully implemented across all the models. Furthermore, observational data revealed, that the increased use of English language concepts was due almost entírely to the practice received by $S P_{1}$ children over the Head Start year..

A majority of all Spanish-preferring children "began the pre-. school year with receptive abilities in-English. These $\mathrm{SP}_{2}$ children demonstrated significant gains over their comparison group counterparts on the measure of English Language Comprehension. An interpretation of these findings is that the bilingual curricula were providing $\mathrm{SP}_{2}$ children with an opportunity to relate meanings in both languages, "While the children with no. Eng lish receptive ability may have been ignoring the English inpút, those children with demopstrated English comprehension may have been attending primarily to English and using. Spańish as a cbeck on English. comprehension when not understảnding in English. This is in contrast to programs with no systematic Spanish language component in which Spanish-preferring children must either "sink or swim," i.e., have no check for misinterpreted English. These findings are consistent with the bbservational data which showed that English language comprehension and recall activities in the classroom were primarily. directed toward those children entering preschoolith some receptive abilities in English:

Finally, Spanish-preferring experimental children's progress in English had no adverse effects on their progress tn Spanish. As is shown in. Tảble 12, children of both groups performed similarly to the ir comparison gr,oup counterparts on all measures and the $\mathrm{SP}_{1}$ experimental children significantly outperformed the comparison group on the measure of Spanish concept development. This is probably a result of the continued practice with concepts that this group of children was observed to receive in Spanish. (See Appendix J for the mean scores of Spanish-preferring children grouped by English entryleved ability at each site.)

## b. Éng ${ }^{7}$ /sh-preferring Children

Experimental English-preferring ćhildren perf̣̂med similaíhy to children with the same language preference who attended Head Start without a bilingual curriculum model. . The similar performance of the two groups on both first and second language measures,

Table 12. Comparison of Spanish-preferring children grouped by English entry level ability. Experimental and comparison Head Start children at five sites were compared on selected Spanish measures. ${ }^{1}$

Spanish-Preférring, Group $1^{2}$


Spaniish-Preferring Group $\mathrm{II}^{4}$


1. All statistical comparisons were ANOV̇A.
2. Spạnish-preferring Group I. includes all children who showed little or no ability on the English pretest•measúres (EMLU=0, PSIE $\leq 3, E C O M P \leq 3$ ).
3.     * $\mathrm{p} \leq .0500$
4. Spanish-preferring Group II includes all children who demonstrated ability in English on the pretest measures "(EMLU $>0$, PSI $>3$, ECOMP $>3$ ).

Table 13. Composite ANCOVA and ANOVA resul,ts for Englishpreferring'children/ Experimentàl and comparison Head Start children at two sites were compared on six constructs controlling for the effects of site.


as shown in Table 13, suggests that there is no price to be paid in terms of first language developmént for English-speaking chil.. . dren who participate in a bilingual program. The children's scores on most Spanish measures tended to be zero, thus precluding parametric tests on these measures. These. results are consistent with the classroom observations that most English-preferting cbildren tended to use primarily English in the classroom.

## 2. Classroom Observations:

Observational data were obtained on a subsample of 48. children at four sites. Twenty-six of these children were Spanish preferring. The analysis of the observational data supports the trends found in the analyses of the test data and provides specific informatjon as to the practice received by children in the classrooms. ${ }^{4}$
a. Spanish-preferring, Children"

Analysis of the ciassrodm observations revealed that the treatment the 26 Spanish=preferring children reçeived varied de-. pending largety on the level ${ }_{5}$ of linguistic development at which the children entered school. Across all sites the children could generally be divided*into two main groups: those children beginning the year with observed productive ability in their nonpreferred language and those with little or no observable productive ability in English.
'Ten of the children were identified as having ${ }_{6}$ productive abilities in English at the beginning of the year. ${ }^{6}$ As can be seen from Table 14, these childrell as a group were using English in more than a third of, their ćlassroom interactions even early in the year. Most had sufficient knowledge of English, vocabulary and grammatical structures to understand and answer questions addressed to them although they usually initiated spontaneous conversation in their first language. Even at the beginning of the year they were receiving direct. input in their nonpreferred language from both teachers and peers. By the end of the year, an average of $73 \%$ of their classroom interactions were in English. They often used English in spontaneous conversation with peers* and exhibited the ability to use their new second language for a variety of functional purposes. English, too, was the language in which the majority of individual input was directed to them. In four, cases the children even went from using primarily Spanish in the classroom to using English almost exclusively, thus changting their classroom language preference.
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spanish-preferring subsample children grouped by English entry level ability.
language development SPANISH
'. EMGLISH
CONCEPT
DEVELOPMENT
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ENGLISH
non-language specific
SOCIOEMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT appropriate inAPPonpriate


- Ioverall Spanish-Preferring Group refers to Spanish-preferring subsample children across all four sites; $N=2 \dot{6}$.
${ }^{2}$ Spanish-Preferring Group I includes those children who demionstrated no ability in Englishon the construct at pretest. for language davelopment $N=16$; for the areat of concept development, Molig. .
${ }^{3}$ Spanish-Preferring Group II includes those children with some demonstrated ablity in English on the construct at pretest. For language development, $N=10$; for the area of concept development, $N=7$.
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The 16 Spanish-preferring children. who began the year with little or no productive ability in their nonpreferred language underwent a distinct pattern of second language usage and development. 7 At the begjining of the year they rarely, if ever, interacted In English. Use of English was limited almost totally to repetition of isoleted lexical items modeled by the teacher, in eīther structured or unstructured second language sessions. Their. limited direct English input was supplied entirely by the.teacher at this time and amounted to. a very small proportion of the ir total language input. For the most part; both teachers and peers tended to address them almost entirely in Spanish. Over the course. of the preschool yeare they gradually increased their second language usage in the classroom the form an average of $22 \%$ of their total classroom discourse theyend of the year. Teachers and to a lesser extent peers began to interact more frequently with them in Engtish. They had acquired a sufficient, lexical and morphological repertoire to respond with single words and short sentencēs to both teachers and peers in their nonpreferred language. Most of their spontaneous conversation with both peers and teachers was still in their preferred language, however.

Certain trends were evident for both groups of Spanish-pre-. ferring children in terms of the quality of their language practice, 8 depicted in Appendix $\dot{K}$. The most notable trend over the course of the yeamas that the overwhelming majority of the children (92\%) diversified their practice with their second language to include grammatical forms which they had not been regularly using at the beginning of the yeari. The single category of inguistic competence in which most children (69\%) increased was that of "incomplete sentences."9. In most cases this served as an indication of the children's expanding lexical repertoire and was composed primartly of appropriate short answers to teachers! questions. Over half of the children also increased their use of complete sentences in English, thus indicáting an expanding practice with sentence formation. Other areas in which close to a majority of the children expanded their practice were with plural nouns, the interrogative form, and the present tense. Children's talk during school activities appeared to revolve primarily around events of the present as an increase in the use of the past and future tenses was exhibited by only about one third of the subsample children.- A majority of the children aliso increased. their instances of incorrect grammatical usage; This can be related to the developing linguristic system of the $16^{\circ} \mathrm{children}$ who did not use Engl ish at the first observation period.

Generatiy it was'those Spanish-preferring children who began-
: the year with some productive ability who achieved functional competence in the classroom by year's end. Al though observed behaviors in the area of functional competence were limited, the data showed a consistent treard amoing such subsample children to diversify the uses to which they put their second language. By. the year's end they were observed expanding the functional repertoire to include descriptions of themselves and their environment.
:The English functional ompetence of those children with no demon-? strated productive ability at the beginning of the year was limited almost totally to the giving of verbal instructions, the nature of which did not usually. require the use of complex grammatical structures.

Despite the increasing use of English by most of the Spanish-preferring students at all sites, children were observed practicing a variety of forms indicative of maintained linguistic competence in their preferred language.: As evident fromi Table $34,81 \%$ of the. Spanish-preferring group expanded the variety of Spanish grammatical forms which they practiced. Such expanded practice was primarily with plural nouns, the, negative and interrogative forms, and the present and past tenses. Probably due to the fact that a greater proportion of Spanish rather 'than English was directed to peers' in spontaneous conversation, increases in the frequency of. the use of complete sentences was quite common. As, with the use of English, children's talk about the future, in the preschool situation appeared limited, as only about one third of the children expanded their practice with the future tense. Increasing practice in using first language for the variety of purposes defined by the model developers was limited to about one third of the Spanish-preferring childrefi. This was probably due to the fact that even upon entrance to school most children exhibited functional competerice in their preferred language.

In the area of concept development, ${ }^{10}$. Spanish-preferring children received the majority of their practice primarily in behaviors which were nonlanguage specific such as painting and drawing. As was the case with language development, however, there was an overall trend toward increasing use of English in the manipulation of concepts. The experience of the children, however, varied somewhat depending on the level of conceptual development at which the child entere school (see Appendix K). The 19 children entering school with little or no knowl-
"edge of English concepts account for most of the increase as they did not use English in these endeavors at the start of the year but increased their practice to reach an average level of $30 \%$ of their total practice by the end of the solnool year. The relatively few (7) chil- . - dren who entered with some knowledge of English.concepts had even at the start of school a fairly high proportion (39\%) of their, practice in this area in their second language, a level which they maintained throughout the year. 11

The trends in language use were reflected in diversification patterns also. Practice within the construct of concept development for all Spanish-preferring children occurred principally in the areas of visual discrimination and symbolic representation across all models. There was, however, a general trend toward diversification as $81 \%$ of the subsample children expanded the number of conceptual areas ex-. perienced. Diversification was due primarily to increased practice in English where many of the .Spanish-preferring children progręssed from-
no practice to include behaviors in the area of visual discrimination involving identification of phjects and their characteristics. The variety of Spanish concepts practiced often decreased as a result of the increasing emphasis on English. More frequent behavior indicating developitent in the area of seriation/sequencing was especially evident across all sites.

In the area of socioémotional behavior, 12 observed instances of - appropriate behavior consistently outnumbered the converse of such behaviors throughout the year. The increase in the average proportion of,appropriate socioemotional behavior of the Spanish-preferring chil-. -dren was due primarily to the gains of $58 \%$ of the subsample children in the area of motivation. or the course of the preschool year children became increasingly willing to complete activities independentity.

Thrqughout the year the majority of observed behaviors in the area of self-esteem was positive. The only notable increase in inappropriate behavior, recorded in the area of school readiness by a fairly. large percentage of Spanishopreferring children, wa due primarily to the waning interest in preschoọl as summer vacatid approached, leading to less participation in group activities.

The example on the following page, abstracted from a participant researcher's fieldnotes for the evaluation year, illustrates the developmental pattern of Spanish-preferring children with some entrylevel abilities in English.


Luis, ${ }^{13}$ an alert child with big brown eyes, was a Spanish-preferring boy who began the year with some productive, receptive, and conceptual ability in his second language as measured by pretests, Hith peers he tepded to restrict his interactions to Spanish when he first arrived at school. Typical of the Texas community in which he lived, his speech was interspersed with English Jexical items. One morning early in the preschool year as he ate his breakfast fare of milk and toast, fox example, -he talked about breakfast time at hame with those seated around the tiny table with him: "Nosotros hacemos esto (toastl y le ponemos peànut butter." Although his classroom speech wás predominantly Spanish at this time, he exhibited some receptive.ability in his second language and.periodically employed shor̈t English phrases with adults such as the time when he flattered his favorite teacher with "Miss Maciel, you bootiful."

By the end of the school year over $60 \%$ of his total verbal interactions in the classroom were. in English. With his Spanish-preferring peers he continued to use mainly Spanish, which had developed considerably to include complex tenses such as in his statement when directing.a classmate in the block area, "Aqui pa' que no se salgan." With the teacher and English-preferring classmates, however, he talked totally in English. During independent play, for example, he proudly disprayed his tunnel of blocks which he skillfully erected in the 7 block area with a classmate to an radult observer stating, "Look' what we're doing, Mr. Círdenas. It's not gonna fell down.". At though his English was not always gramatically correct, he had become communicatively competent in his second language in the classroom situation over the, course of the preschool year while maintaining development in tis preferred language as shown by both his classroom

- and test performance. . $\dot{F}$

The case of Eva exemplifies the experience of those Spanishoreferring children who began thair participation in a bilingual bicultural curriculum model with no demonstrated ability in English.

Eva, a young girl with dark eyes and very curly dark hair, was a Spanish-preferring child who began the preschool year with little speaking ability in her second language. At the pretest the only English measure in. which she achieved any score was in English comprehension. Eva interacted in the classroom almost totally in her first language at the beginning of the year. In October she was observed playing teacher by herself. Pointing to some of her classmates' art work on. the wall, she repeatedly asǨed herself, "¿De qué color es?" and then supplied the answer, "purple.".. When a Spanish-preferring peer approached her, she pointed to a lens in his glasses, saying, "Estas son de aquel huequito." The sole English word in her speech was a color concept previously intron duced in the classroom on which she appeared to be drilling herself.

By spring, Eva continued to use Spanish most of the time with her teachers and peers. Her English/vocabulary, 50 wever, had expanded considerably and she was able to respond in short but complete sentences to the teacher's questions in English. During an English as a second language session, for example, when asked by the' teacher to think of a word in English, Eva volunteered, "television." " When the teacher asked the function of the subject, "What can you do with it?" Eva sučcessfully replied, "Turn it oh.". Fifteen minutes later, in a transition period as she and the teacher patiently waited for the other children to finish their activities, Eva was observed sitting on the floor in the rug area moving her fingers as she counted "one, two, three,, four." Catching the teacher's attention she switched to her preferred language to explain what seemed to be some fantasy play, "Allí tíene una casita y se esconde-allí." Eva's spontaneous speech was largely in her preferred language, which she used for'complex speech functions. However, ber English had developed to the point. where she coluld meet the demands of ESL sessions and certain basic communicative needs with English monolingual peers. Her posttest scores reflected these trends as by the end of the year, her scores on all but one measure had risen considerably in, both English and Spanish.

## b. English-preferring Children

Like'the Spanish-preferring group, the Epglish-preferring children exhibited variability in the second language proficiency with which they entered school. Fifteen began the year with no demonstrated productive ability, in Spanish while seven, three of whom were at the predominantly Spanish-preferring site of Rio Grande City, used some Spanish even during the first observation period. ${ }^{4}$ Unlike their Spanish-preferring counterparts, however, the Englishapreferring children engaged only minimally in verbal interaction in their second language over the courst of the preschool year. As evident from Table 15 , only $13 \%$ of these children!'s verbal interactions at the start and , of their total classroom discourse at the end of the year was in Spanish. The overwhelming majority of this Spanish interaction was accounted for by those seven children who entered the classroom with some bilingual abjlity. Even their proportion of Spanish usage,'however, decreased from the first to the third observation periods.

Appendix $K$ shows that for the most part the progress of English-preferring children in Spanish was limited to the use of incomplete utterances which reflected the production of isolated lexical items in response to teachers' questions, usually during Spanish as a Second Language time. This is reflected in the fact that $41 \%$ of the English-preferring subsample children increased in this category. That the same relatively high proportion of childrẹ diversified their practice with their second landuage is a result of the fact that only about one fourth of the Englishpreferring subsample children used Spanish with any regularity during the first observation period. Those children accoùnting for increases in such categories as the negative andointerrogative forms and use of the present tense were mostly at the sites where Spanish was the predominant classroom and community language.: These same childrent accounted for the very few increases registered in the area of functional competence in Spanish by Englishpreferring children as’a group.

Because of the predominant English classroom environment in three of the four sites, the children had considerable practice in their preferred language. Patterns of English language development Were similar to those of Spanish-preferring chtldren in Spanish, Eighty-six percent of this group diversified their prastice with grammatical forms in English. By the end of the year the areas: in which the majority of children increased were the use of the negative form, past tense, present tense, and future tense.

Functionallys a greater proportion of English-preferring children were increasing their practice with their first language through diversification and greater use than were their Spanish-preferring counterparts. Almost two thirds of the children diversified their practice in various uses of language. Over the course of the Head Start year the English-preferring children

Table 15. Relative frequency of observed Iinguistic, conceptual. and socioemotional classroom behavior over time for :

- English-preferring subsample children grouped by . Spanish entry level ability.

$\mathbf{l}_{\text {Overall }}$ English-Preferring Group refers to English-preferrinq subsample children across all four sites; $N=22 .$.
${ }^{2}$ English-Preferring Group I includes those children who demonstrated no ability in Spanish on the construct at pretest. For. language development Nels, for - the area of concept development, $\mathrm{K}=19$.
provided relatively more descriptions of themselves and a greater amount of verbal iństruction in English.

English-preferring children recieved practice.in the area of recalland comprehension primarily in English. During the year, hearly two thirds of the English-preferring children engaged in recall and comprehension activities in English: Close to one hal'f of the remaining children were from one site where the English-preferring children werè éssentialily receptive bilinguals. upon éntering school. In their first language English-preferring children displayed a trend toward greater diversification of recall tasks. At the filist obsefvation period behayior of this type tended to be in those areas 'directly related to the child or the child's immediate environment. Toward the end of the year, however, the childrén had developed the ability to comprehend and recall unreal or abstract events.

In the area of concept development, English-preferring children, unlike the Spanish-preferring group, received most Of their practice in their first language and in the nonlanguage *specific area (see Table 15): Practice in concepts in their second language was largely limited to the three English-preferring children who entered the program with some cognitive: abilities in Spanish, and such practice was confined to the first observation period:

As with the Spanish-preferring chtldren, the areas of concept development where practice was emphasized for all Englishpreferring children were visual discrimination and symbolic representation. By the end of the year approximately one half of the English-preferring group had increased the frequency of practice with matching and classification of objects and seriation and sequencing, especially in the nonlanguage specific area.

The socioemotional behavior of the English-preferring children was highly appropriate throughout the .school year. This was especially true in the areas of self-esteem and motivation where observed behaviors were consistent with cross-model objectives for over $90 \%$ of all observations. The area in which the majority of children showed the greatest change was that of school readiness. As was the case with the Spanish-preferring - group, this can be attributed-to waning interest in the preschool activities as summer vacation neared.

The following"case study summarizing the experience of one English-preferring child as recorded in the focused observations over the course of the year serves as an illustration of the. general development pattern for most children of this -language preference.

Pearl, a trim yourig girl with a rich complexion, was an English monolingual. She expressed no interest in learningospantsh at first, responding negatively to the teacher"s question at the beginning of the year of whether the children wanted to learn Spanish. Pearl was very verbal in her Black English dialect; charactertzed 'by. the dropping of the -s in the third person singular present.tense form, as extibited by her enthusiastic participation in a discussion of Christmas: "Christhas tree -- I got one, Know what? We spoke to Santa Cladus' friend on, the phone. My daddy say we don't have to talk, He carry all her 'toys."

- By spring of the preschool, year Pearl was 'paying close attention dur ing the Spanjsh language activities and eagerly singing Spanish language songs such din"il Escuelita," She frequently joined the teacher in Fe-, minding her classmates of clean-up time, spontanèously chanting; "Es hora de limpiar el salón:" Still, how-.. ever, she spoke to both teachers and peers almost totalmy in English, In the meantime, she continued to develop rapidly in her native language, learning new concepts of size and numbers as shown in the example whitch follows. It was the end of the year and Pearl was responding to the teacher's querier about a recent visit to the Bronx Zoo:

Teacher: How many gorillas did you see? Pearl i, Two.
(And then pointing to the picture of gorlllas held. by the teacher:l :-
That's a fat, fat gorilla.
Two daddies and two mommies : , . I saw two daddies:

Both classroom observations such as this and test data show that Pearl, like many of the English-preferring children, benefited from, the learning activities at school to maintain and expand her vocabulary; functional repertoire, and conceptual knowledge in her first, language, Development in her new second language, howt ever, was limited to learning, of isolated lexical items and rhymes.

## B. Parent Outcomes

## 1. Background Characteristics

The mothers comprising the parent sample had similar backgrounds despite the geographical diversity of the گites. At all sites the majority of the experimental mothers were Hispanics, with the total

- representation of individuals of this ethnicity ranging from above 90\% (at five sites) to approximately $70 \%$ at the remaining three sjtes. Comparisonmothers exhibited patterns of ethnicity similar to those of experimental mothers at alk but one site where the control group was limited to four Anglo and two Black individuals (See Appendix L.).

Occupations for those respondents who were employed were in the areas of clerical or sales, service, and semiskilled fabor for both experimental and control groups. Family income was also similar for both groups of mothers within a site. However, average income at different sites ranged from $\$ 6,250$ to $\$ 9,800$ per year as a result of regional variations in wage structure. In general, the respondents had completed elementary school and in most cases had had some high school education.

Mear famjly sizes ranged across sites from 3.7 to 6.2 individuals, an average of three of whom were children. The children of these families were young; their ages at different sites ranged from 5.4 to 6.5 years.

## 2.: Párent Attitưdes

As* shown in Table 16, experimental mothers felt that greater gains h made in the EngTish ability of their children than did mo'thers : 1 dren receiving-onfa those educational experiences provided by the home environment: Similar ratings of their own language ability Nere exhibited by experimental mothers and both groups of comparison'mothers. Although all groups rated their own language ability as superior in Spanish', they were more likely to instruct their children in English. While change in the amount of formal instruction provided by all mothers was similar, mothers of children attending Head Start centers with a bilingul curriculum and those of control children enrolled in preschool both reported pyoviding significantly more instructional playthings than did mothers of children ". not ${ }^{\text {attending preschools. }}$

All sample parents were highly positive toward the educational system and bilingual education throughout the year. Also, the mothers had similar edur ional aspirations for their children; most boped for a college eduq, for their childrin. However, preschool comparisonmothers related their children's edration more directly to career preparation than did the other two groups.

Table 16. Comparison of the attitudes and perceptions of mothers of all sample children: 1,2.

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English Abllity (CEMA)
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2. Mother's Spanish Ability (MSTALK)

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(SELFCOM)

- Mother's Educationil Aspiration
for Child.


The predominant feelings about the curriculum models were posi-, tive. The informal interviews conducted by the fieldworkers brought to Tight certain othoughts which provide a strong endorsement for the bilinguą picultural curriculum models.

Frpm Spanish-preferring parents:
'It's' good for my son to be in class because children his age learn 'more quickly than adults. It's like my husband said: "Ea Papa habla español, el presidente ya habla español y nosotros nađ̃a de inglês." (The Pope speaks Spanish, the " President even speaks Spanish, and we don't know any English.)
I want my daughter to speak both Spanish and English. This ctass (with a bilingual curriculum) is good because I know myself that I shad problems going to college without a good knowledge of English and now my Spanish is not so good when I go back to Puerto Rico.

## From English-preferring parents:

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I want $E$ to learn Spanish and I would like to learn it myself beeause so many people in the community are Spanish-speaking. I really enjoy it when E comes home and tells me the Spanish words he's learned in class.
C. Teacher Outcomes

## 1. Background Characteristics

Cormon background characteristics shared by the majority of the teacher sample were female sex ( 32 of 33 ) and Hispanic background (29 of 33). For the most part, the ethnic make-up of the teaching staff reflected that of, the Head Start students, with Puerto Rican HI'spanics predominating:at ALERTA I and Marco Abierto II, and Mexican

- Ahericans at all other sítes. Non-Hispanic teachers were limited to one Black at ALERTA II and three Anglos at Nuevas Fronteras II. Jeachers were divided in language preference. Almost one half of the teachers reported speaking English most of the time in a range of home, school, and community situations. Only four teachers, three of whom were at the predominantly Spanish-speaking community, of - Nuevas Fronteras I, expressed.a Spanish language preference. Most of the remainder reported that they spoke English and Spanish in equal proportions, and only two considered themselves to have littule or no ability in Spanish. (see Appendix M)

Average age at a site ranged from 27 years at both AMANECER sites to 49.4 years dt Nuevas Fronteras I. These same age differences were also reflected in the total years of residence in the United States. ATthough nearly all teachers had spent most of their lives in the United States, averages per site varied considerably: Whereas all the teachers at.both Nuevas Fronteras sites were native born, those at Un. Marco Abierta II had lived an average of 12 years ontside of the continental U.S. Length of residence within close proximity of the jiead Start center also varied. At three sites (Nuevas Fronteras II, Un Marco Abierto II, and Alerta, II), the average number of years in the neighborhood of the Head Start center was over 10 . whereas at four other sites only one of all staff members at each center lived in close proximity.

Although the average (overall) level of education for the teaching staffs was about one and one-half years of college, the average years of schooljng at individual sites ranged from a mintmum of 11 , years at Un Marco Abierto II, where some staff members had not completed high school, to 16 at ALERTA' II: The majority of teachers had acquired a CDA éredential 15 or child center permit, and one teacher theld an M.A. degree. Only $27 \%$ of the teachers reported little or no previous teaching or aiding experience (two years or less). More than five years of teaching expertence was the norm for over half of the sample.

## 2. Teachar Attitudes

- When interviewed informally teachers and aides, were generally quite•positive toward the particular bilingual bicultural preschool curriculum model which they were using. They liked the structure and
organization which the model-specified scheduiles and classrom managément techniques brought to the preschool day and felt that the children adapted well to and benefited from the recommended learning activities. At times, hqwever, especially in the "cownof those models closely tied to detailed theoretical bases, they expressed uncertainty as to some of the goals of those models or the most appropriate means of implementing them. Some members of the classroom staff viewed the model's emphasis on individualization of the programs. to the developmental needs of each student as the cause, of paperwork and planning which required extra hours of work for which they, were usuatly not reimbursed. Although the problem of unpaid work hours remained an unresolved administyative problem, teachers' feelings of doubts regarding their understanding of the models seemed to be successfully overcome through the in-service training sessions provided by the model developers as these feelings were no longer voiced late in the year. Instructional staff especially noted the value of those workshops which had a practical component allowing them to apply specific skills in the classroom under the supervision of the - trainer.

Teachers' and aides' general attitudes toward bilingualism and bilingual education as assessed by a questionnaire remained fairly constant across all models, as evident from Table 17. The majority of teachers continued to view the advantages for English-preferring Hispanics and non-Hispanics as well as Spanish-preferring children as being primarily in the area of fitegrative motivation; that is, such benefits as cultural awareness; intercultural communication, and self-enrichment were most frequently cited. This integrative orientation appeared to be heightened by the teachers' experience with the bilingual preschool model; as is evident from the consistent drop in identification of pragmatic benefits or instrumental orientation at the end of the preschool year. Teachers consistently differentiated between bilingualism'and bilingual education, tending to attribute less value to bilingual education for totally practical purposes. Where teachers and aides.did attribute the greatest amount of pragmatic benefits in both bilingualism and bilingual education -especially in the area of employment opportunities - - was to native Spanish-preferring children, although there were no major differences in the perceived benefits by language preference of the children. When interviewed informally during the year, teachers summed up their feelings as follows:

For English-preferring Hispanic children:
Being aware of their Hispanic heritage and language will enable children to develop in both English and Hispanic. cultures.

Table 17. Orientation toward bllingualism and bilingual éducationof teachers who participated in the experimental Head Start . bilingual bicultural curriculum models. 1

$1_{\text {For }}$ the purposes of presẹntation, attitudinal data related to bilingualism and bilingual education have been collapsed to two constructs based on the frequently cited distinction betwegn ifnstrumentali" and:"Integrative" motivation established'by Gardner and Lambert, 1972. "Instrumental," motivation refers to attitudes reflecting a view of language as a tool for some pragmatic purpose (i.e., for educational or career advancement). "Integritive"-motivation relates to all non-pragmatic reasons for learning a language, based on the intrinsic value placed on both linguistic and non-linguistic characteristics of the target language community and the learner's drive to integrate with that community (i,e., culturaf,"
${ }^{2}$ In the questionnalre, a distinction was made between "being bilingual" and the "importance of bilingual multicultural curriculum":
11 awareness, heightened self-concept, intercultural communitation, etc.l.
${ }^{3}$ ?Percentage totals do noṭ equal 100 due to two responses indicating "no advantage" and one lack of - response.

For non-Hispanic children:
Children can understand their:Hispanic peers and there is a greater degree òf, interaction. The cultural differences would be understood withouł' prejudice.
$r$ - For Spạrish-preferring Hispaniac children:
It is important for native Spanish children to speak. English in this country because more often than not, they will be confronted with only English-speaking persons in higher' positions.
Children get a better self-concept because they recognize that speaking Spanish is just as good as speaking English. This helps them learn not to be ashamed of their language.

Table 18 summarizes changes in teachers' attitudes toward various language models over the course of, the preschool year. At pretest, teachers were generally more favorable toward the use of home and community language rather than textbooks as models.for either first or second language development. By the end of the year, however, teachers' attitudes toward the use of textbooks had become more favorable. This may have resulted from their increased familiarity with a variety of texts in English and Spanish as a result of their experience with the curriculum podels. Although only one model provided specific language lessons as part of the curriculum package, all encouraged establishment of Bilingual book corners for the children.. When interviewed at the end of the. year teachers also, with the exception of second language development of English-preferring children, expressed increasingly positive attitudes toward the use of language as spoken in the community. Although the attitưdes toward use of the home Tanguage as a language model remained. predominantly positive, there was a decrease in favorable responses in this area. 'Perceptions of less than perfect home language may have resulted from increased contact with parents-ar increased teacher awareness of children's language usage in the classrom based on the assessment methods prescribed by the curriculum models.

For the most part, the language preference of the child (English vs. Spanish preferring) did not affect teeachers' attitudes toward different language varieties. .Teachers did, however, both at the beginning and end of the year, appear to place greater value on English textbooks.

After experience with the preschool curriculum model's, all of the teacher, sample continued to view parental involvement in education as important. Comments such as the following illüstrate this feeling:

Table 18. Attitudes toward different language models of teachers who participated in the experimental Head Start bilingual bicultural curriculum models.

Models for First Language Usage


Models for Second Language Usage

## Community

Textbooks *

| Important |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | Neutral | Unimpor- |
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English Speaking Children ${ }^{\circ}$

${ }^{2}$ Categories col. lapsed from a 5 point scale

Parents can help with the daily duttes like tying shoes, getting the food, rand doing things at home. I think it would have been nice to have my mom involved (in the classroom).
I like working with parents but some consider us babysitters. It's good that they come and see all that goes on in the classroom.
It's. good to have parents working in the classrooms, I wish more of them would come.

As shown in Table 19, nearly three fourths of teachers' responses to various aspects of parent involvement were positive or verý positive. The area in which the most notable favorable change in teachers' attitudes occurred was in their more positive view of the accuracy of the information provided by.parents. This probably resulted from the emphasis of' all the models on teachers' gathering of relevant data from parents regarding the children's home life and language usage. The least favorable responses in this area were consistently those related to the teachers'.personal success in involving parents in their children's education. Although there were clear indications after the course of the preschobl year that teachers had not had. success in involving parents, the majority of these responses were from teachers where physical isolation of the site presented serious. obstacles to parent involvement: Teachers also showed. decreased enthusiasm toward the idea that teachers could do a better job with more parent participation.

## D. Degree of Implementation

Each experimental classroom was assessed on the degree to which 'the suggested procedures of a curriculum model were successfully implemented. The principal features of each model, as identified in its curriculum guide, were assessed through the use of observational checklists. In addition, ethnographic notes were used to identify factors outside of the classroom which influenced the implementation process at each site. Five areas: schedule and organization, physical setting; instructional materials; individual behavior; and instructional. strategies, were assessed. All of the sites were somewhat successful in implementing a model and the overall. degree of implementation was generally simidar for the two replication sites for each model. Maximum scores for all classrooms, however, were slightly more than one half of the total points possible if absolute folementation, as defined by the observational instruments, were to be achieved. This finding, together with those of the more ethnographic data, suggests that an ideal level of implementation may be difficult to achieve. Given the impact of the various models, however, it would appear tha't the curriculum models need not be perfectly implemented to be effective.

Table 19. Attitudes țoward pareñt inolvement of teachers who participated in the experimental Head Stare bilingual bicultural curriculum models.
$N=33$

Parents should be involyed. in the classroom

If parents cannot be in the class room, teacher should have frequent. contact with them

Teacher should attempt to involve seemingly unine terested parents

Teacher personal success in involving parents

Teacher could do a better job with more parent particopation * $\quad 52$
Parents provide accurate information to teachers


* $N$ for these items is 23 due to missing data from two sites

The overall patterins of implementation and the results related. to the five general categories of implementation differed across sites as the emphasis given each category and the items which made. up a category were different for each model. These differences are discussed in subsequent chapters of the report. A number of factors,. however, were found to consistently influence the implementation process primarily in terms of their effect on specific areas or catego-: ries of implementation. These are depicted in Figure 1.*

1. Schedule and Organization. That aspect of programming most consistently implemented across all models was adherence to a planned schedule. Teachers generally carried out activities in the time planned for them. At some sites, however, there was a tendency to re-- ly on one or two activities (e.g.; play or"large group) at the end of the year when the children were anticipating summer vacation. Variations in the amount of time devoted to specific activities on a given day's schedule were a result of such factors as late arrival of buses at the more isolated Head Start centers, child or teacher absences, and behavior problems. Changes in the schedule itself were related to factors beyond the control of the teacher such as equipment breakdown, special events, and adverse weather conditions.
/ The type of daily session (i.e., full day, half-day or double session) in which the teachers worked affected their success in implementing the curriculum models: For the cases studied, a.single halfday session was the most effective type of teaching situation. Teachers who had a half-day teaching load could use the remainder of their work day for planning, completing, observational forms or profiles on

- . the children, or making home visits, depending on the emphasis of a particular model. All of the classroom activities called for by a model were also carried out in fult-day programs and by those teachers teaching two sessions each day: Ancillary activities and paperwork associated with the ,curricula were, however, seen by teachers working with such schedules to suffer owing to time constraints.

2. Physical Setting. With one exception, alf of the skes had . suffieient space for implementing the curriculum models. A mpderate-to-large-size room with a rectangular shape was generally the setting for classroom activities. This type of 'environment allowed for separation of the classroom into model-specific learning centers or areas and permitted the children freedom of movement in utilizing the space. Lack of space at one site forced the teachers to stress structured activities and emphasize standard behaviars in carrying out transition activities, at the expense of free play or child-initiated activities.

A balanced use of' the learning areas or centers was often difficult to achieve, especially during less structured activities. Most children had a favorite area to which they gravitated and children of different sexes generally preferred different areas. In some cases,

all of the areas called for by a model were not present owing to funding difficulties.
3. Instructional Materials. Instructional materials provided by the model developers or those suggested by the curricula were consistently used by the teachers at all sites. Items from Hispanic culture were lacking at some sites. At those sites where such items were present they were used regularly only in those classrooms with homogeneous Hispanic populations. Parent participation in the classroom was adversely affected at some sites by the distance of the Head Start centers from their homes and a lack of transportation to the sites. This reduced the role of parents as a resource in implementing bicultural aspects of the curricula. Both the use and variety of in-: structional materials increased after in-service training sessions dealing with the production of such materials.
4. Individual Behavior. "Approaching a balanced use of two languages in the classroom proved the most difficult implementation goal to reach. Bilinguar teachers tended to rely on one language, that which corresponded to the language preference of the majority of the student population, regardless of their own linguistic preference. Even at those sites where many of the children had some bilingual abilities, the language used in the community in which the preschools were found predominated for classroom use. Although some models did not require that all classroom staff be bilingual, monolingual teachers could not always respond to children in spontaneous interactions. The linguistic input provided. to individual children varied with the entry-level abilities of the children. Spanish-preferring children with some initial ability in English received increasing practice, in English throughout the year and, in those classrooms where English predominated, actually demonstrated a decided preference for using English in the classroom context at the end of the year. Spanishpreferring children who demonstrated no ability in English at pretest received increasing input in that language but in general maintained their preference for Spanish in most classroom interactions. With the exception of the few English-preferring children at sites where - Spanish was the predominant classroom language, English-preferring children received direct input only in English.
5. Instructional Strategies. Carrying out the model's directives with regard to language instruction or practice seemed to be that aspect of programming most related to, positive. child outcomes.

- It was at those sites where the teachers most consistently followed the model's strabegy for language practice that significant differences between experimental and comparison Head Start children were generally found. It appears, however, at most sites that English- and - Spanish-preferring children received different treatments within the context of a bilinguai curriculum model. English-preferring childrenreceived only "instruction in their second language" during second
language sessions or those situations structured for language practie̦e. Spanish-preferring children received both "instruction in their second language" and "second language medium instruction"; that is, the the second language, English, was the vehicle used for conveying most subject matter. In addition, teachers using models recommending lann guage separation. encountered difficulties in maintaining the use of a single langüage during language sessions. At sites where proficiency with the second language was very low, children often did not understand hesson conducted entirely in their second langauge and became bored. At other sites where second language proficiency of the children was high, they often persisted inuspeaking the second language even when the teacher was conducting the session in their first or preferred language.

Staff turnover affected the instructional strategies employed by the teachers. It was generally-impossible to carry out small group or language sessions effectively with a single teacher, and new per-. sonnel needed time to adapt to a curriculum before they were able to effectively carry out the pessons as the models diréctéd. Training sessions proved especially valuable in providing all teachers with an opportunity to practice skills targeted by the models as important for carrying out their instructional strategies and in ensuring that the teaching personnel had understanding of and confidence in the model.

The following example, taken from àn observer's fieldnotes;

- serves to illustrate a number of the common elements in the feachers' efforts to implement the various curriculum models.
- Five Spanish-preferring children are sitting with the teachers in a circle in an area often used for language activitites. The teacher, Miss Huerta, asks Donna in Spanith to tell her the coler of an owange bead she is holding on her hand. The child responds correctly, ."Anaranjado." The teacher then holds up a purple bead añd Donna says, "Purple." Miss Huerta says, "Purplemuy bien Donna. ¿Y en español?"' Donna responds, "Green," whereapon the teacher asks another chtld, "Y en español, Ray?" Ray answers, "Triangle." The teacher begins to distribute beads to each child. Ruth on réceiving hers begins tossing it in the air. It slips through her small fingers and rolls on the floor where it is retrieved by Donna. Ruth commands, "Gimme it," and after first refusing; Donna accedes to her demand. Juan, sitting next to Donna, taps his bead on the floor'and says, "It's hard." As Miss Huerta passes out more beads Juan states, "No, I don't want no colors." When the teacher atks Juan the color of his bead he correctly asserts, "Verde," but continues with his protest: "I don't want no colors inside there." Miss Huerta, slightly exasperated, states, "inogás Donna va a jugar en las areas!"

Here a first language lesson for Spanish-preferring children took place as scheduled in an area normally used for such a lesson. The children interacted with materials but these were not especially representative of Hispanic culture. As was the case for all models, the adult-directed activity provided a context to review concepts, specifically those related to color. The teacher used a concrete object -colored beads - to stimulate the discussion of an abstract concept. The teacher conducted almost the entire lessón in Spanish, As - happened frequently, at many sites, however, "even the Spanish-prefer ${ }^{2}$ ring children tended to answer spontaneously and even converse. among themselve in English, thus preventing a balanced use of the two languages.

## FOOTNOTES

${ }^{1}$ These three tests were chosen as they appear to be the most consistent measures and because on all of them children were tested in both English and Spanish.
${ }^{2}$ It may be argued that collasping across all children may result in one or two sites accounting for the significant differences. However, the qualitative results were similar at all sites and across the three sites where cell size was sufficient to run quantitative analyses controlling 'for site generally. similar results were'found.
${ }^{3}$ Despite the preference for English exhibited by a number of the Spanish-preferring children, as a group they reached the level of their English-preferring classmates only in English comprehension. Significant differences favoring English-preferring experimental children over Spanish-preferring experimental children with some pretest knowledge of English and favoring English-preferring comparison children over their Spanish-preferring counterparts were found on' both.EMLU and PSIE.
${ }^{4}$ The characteristics of each site at which observations of subsample children, were made are discussed in the sections on the individual models.
${ }^{5}$ The exceptions to these patterns were what might be termed the "nontalkers" and the "good language learners" (Rubin, 1975). The "nontalkers" were those children who, despite teachers' efforts to 'draw them out, rarely spoke in the classroom. The "good language learners" were those children, who despite entering the Head Start program with little or no demonstrated productive ability in their second language, sought out situations to practice their second language. It was these few children who by the second observation period were usually observed 1 limiting their interactions with peers to English. Together, those two types of chirdren accounted for approximately. 15\% of the Spanish-preferring subsample.
${ }^{6}$ of the 19 Spanish-preferring subsample children for whom test scores are available, five demonstrated some productive ability in their second language, at the beginning of the year (i.e., EMLU>0.0). Only one of this group did not interact in English during the first observation period.
7 Fourteen of the 19 Spanish-preferring subsample children for whom test scores are available began the year with a 0.0 . EMLU. Only one of these children was observed interacting in English at the first observation period.
$8_{\text {Behaviors related to language development are divided into two }}$ general areas: linguistic competencé and functional competence. LINGUISTIC COMPETENCE refers to those categories identified as cross-model objectives that reflect mastery of the basic structural patterns of the language (e.g. complete/incomplete sentences; plural nouns; negative and interrogative forms; present, past, and future tenses; and gramnatically incorrect usage). FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCE relates to those categories identified as cross-model objectives that reflect the purposes for which language is used within various sociolinguistic contexts (e.g. description of self, others, and feelings; telling of a story/event; verbal instruction).
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Half of the children increasing their use of incomplete sentences were from one site where all but one subsample child entered school with little or no productive ability in English.

Behaviors related to the areas of concept development are, as follows: VISUAL DISCRIMINATION - identification of objects, of attributes or properties of an opject, and of $4 i$ keness and difference among objects; SERIATION/SEQUENGING - arrangement of objects, letters or numbers in a sequence, description of the relationship of sequenced. items, and identification of the correct sequence of numbers; 'MATCHING/ CLASSI FICATION/GROUPING - sorting and matching of objects, description of relative quantity; SPATIAL AND TIME RELATIONS - demonstration or description of the relative position of things and the use of clocks. to mark the passage of time; SYMBOLIC REPRESENTATION - use of, materials symbolically, creation of drawings or paintings, imitation of actions and sounds, and identification of abstract symbols; UTILIZATION OF DBJECTS - identification of purpose or correct utilization of objects.
of the 19 Spanish-preferring subsample children for whom test scores are available, six began the year with some knowledge of Énglish concepts (Pretest PSIE scores $\geq 4$ ). All of the six were observed receiving practice in English concepts at the first observation period.

Behaviors comprising the areas related to socioemotional behavior are as follows: SCHOOL READINESS - partidipation and non-participation in group activity, cooperation and lack of cooperation with others, compliance and non-compliance with directions, sharing or taking turns and refusal to share or take turns, and distracting other chi woren; SELF ESTEEM - demonstration of pride in accomplishments, cormunication of capability to master new situations, crying ąnd throwing tantrums; MOTIVIATION - independent completion of activity, reception of praise to maintain interest on task, reception of discipline to maintain interest on task.
${ }^{13}$ Throughout the text, names for all individuals are pseudonyms.
${ }^{14}{ }^{2}$ f the 16 English-prefeŕring children for whom' test scores âre available 14 began the year with a 0:0 SMLU. Three of these were observed using Spanish at the first observation period. Of the two that did have a SMLU, one did not interact in Spanish during the first obser*ation period.

CDA training is intended to prepare child care personnel to assume direct responsibility for daily activities in child care programs such as Head Start, day care, nursery schools, and other pre-sehool programs.

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2. high/SCONE: '-UN MARCO ABIERTO

The High/Scope model is, a cognitively oriented curriculum that emphasizes children's active learning through developmentally grounded key experiences. A "plan-do-review" process encourages chilldren to exercise control over decision making by developing problem-sojving strategies and goal-oriented behavior. An abundance of mater als encourages exploration, while open-ended questions stimulate creative thought. Un Marco Abierto, the bilingual bicultural-adaptation of the High/Scope model, also includes the goals of second language leaming and mulficultural-familiarity. The model's approach to language learning is "natural" in the sense that language is integrated with on-. going activities rather than developed through scheduling of first or second language sessions. The balanced use of two languages, including concurrent translation, further encourages the model's ams for cognitive development, language development, and learning through key experiences.

This chapter describes the results of the Juarez and Associates evaluation of the implementation of High/Scope's Un MarceAbierto at two Head Start centers, Site I in East Los Angeles; Callfornia, and Site II in Milwaykee, Wisconsin. Discussion of the data is presented in three sections which correspond to the overall evaluation goals. The first, impact of the model, concerns the effects of the Un Marco Abierto curriculum on the three study sample groups -- Head Start children, parents, and teachers. The second section of the chapter discusses the degree to which the two replication sites and the fir respective classes were observed to fulfill the aims of therHigh/Scope Un Marco Abierto model. A summary, and consideration of the feasibility of transfer of the Un Marco Abierto model is found in the third section of this chapter.

## A. Impact of the Model

What follows is a detailed discussion of children's test. performance and their observed verbal interactions and behaviors in the classroom. Changes in attitudes of parents and teachers as reflected through intervfews and questionnaires are also discussed.

## 1. Child Outcomes

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a. Sample of Children

- One-hundred-twenty-eight children were administered the battery of standardized tests. Thirty-fqur of these children were enrolled in the East Los Angeles Head Start using the Un Marco Abierto model; 33 comparison group children attended a nearby Head Start. The Milwaukee site had 38 children in the Un Marco Abierto program, a comparison group of. 12 children in a Home-Based Head Start program, and another 11 who did not attend a preschool. A complete discussion of the comparison groups is presented in a subsequent section of this chapter.

The sample children at the two sites differed in, certain characteristics (see Appendix $N$ ). There were relatively equal numbers of boys and girls in the East Los Angeles experimental and comparison groups, but boys outnumbered girls in the Milwaukee comparison group. Roughly $60 \%$ of the Los Angeles experimental group was Spanish preferring, compared to $70 \%$ of the comparison group, although all but two children (both in the experimental site) were Hispanic. In Milwaukee, about $45 \%$ of the experimental children were Spanish preferring, compared to .87\% of the comparison children. This difference was due to the six Anglo children sin the experimental sample, whereas all comparison children were Hispanic.

## b. Test Results

(1) Spanish-preferring Children. At both sites the standardized tests were administered to children participating in the Un Marco Abierto model as well as to groups of comparison children. Cell size $I$ was sufficient to allow a comparison of Spanish-preferring children across the two sites. A number of differences were found on the measures between the Spanish-preferring samples at the two sites. When the effects for stte were controlled for in the statistical analysts, significant differences favoring the children participating-n the Un Marco Abierto módel were found. (Table 20).

The analyses reveäl that all significant differences favored the experimental group over their comparisop group counterparts. The effect of the model was most evident for Spanishrpreferring chifidren on English language measures. Despite the fact that the compari.son groyp was also receiving a Head Start treatment from bilingual teachers, the Un Marco Abierto children showed greater gains on three of the four me sures given in English. These measures were English Language Acquisition, English Comprehension, and Concept Developrent. In addition, the Spanish-preferring experimental children demonstrated significant gains over the Spanish-preferring'comparison children on the Narration Description Scale in Spanish. ${ }^{1}$

Table 20. Un Marco Abierto Model leyel ANCOVA and ANOYA results for Spanish-preferring children, Experimental and comparison Head Start children at both sites were compared on six constructs controlling for the effect of site.

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It was also possible to contrast the Spanish-preferring children at the Un Marco Abierto site in East Los Angeles ${ }^{2}$ with their comparison group in terms of entry-level abilities in English on selected test measures. As can be seen from Table 21 , results are consistent with those found for all Spanish-preferring children experiencing the Un Marco Abierto curriculum model. Significant differences favoring the experimental children were found on two of the three English measures -- Engl ish Comprehension and Concept Development. ${ }^{3}$ On the third English measure -- English Acquisition -- significant differences between the Spanish-preferring groups with different entry abilities in English were found. These results suggest, as do those presented earlier, that experience in a bilingual bicultural program allowed children who entered school with little or no English ability to make up initial differences on these constructs to such an extent that they significantly outperformed similar comparison children!. On the measure which required greater verbal cormand of the second language, however, they contínued to lag behind those children who entered the classroom with some cormand of English. The Un Marco Abierto children also outperformed the Head Start comparison children on the measure of Spanish Acquisition suggesting, as do the results at the model level which favor the Spanish-preferring children in Spanish, that, this obilingual bicultural curriculum is also contributing to development in the first language.
(2). English-preferring children. Owing to a lack of Englishpreferring comparison children at the Milwaukee site, no model leevel analysis could be carried out for the English-preferring children. As can be seen from Table 22, no significant differences were found favoring either the English-preferring children at Site I or the English-preferring Head Start children to whom they were compared. This suggests that there was no price to" be paid in terms "of first language deveropment by english-preferriny children who participated in the Ur Marco Abierto bilingual bicultural model. Similarly, no sígnificant * differences favoring either group were found on the measures administered in Spanish. Consistent with the classroom observations which suggested that the English-preferring children in the Un Marco Abierto classrooms had very little practice with the second language, posttest scores on a number of Spanish measures remained at zero.

Ac an insufficient number of English-preferring comparison children was found at Milwaukee, the 19 Engl ish-preferring experimental children at this site were also compared to the English-preferring Head Start comparison group at East Los Angeles. As can be seen from Table 23, results were generally similar to those found at Site I. No significant differences between the two groups were found on any of the ianguage or concept measures in either language. The comparison children did, however, perform significantly better than the experimental group on the measure of Socioemotional Behavior. In addition, with a third group in the statistical model the experimental children at East Los Angeles performed significantly better thian their comparison group on the measure of Engltsh Concept Development.


Table -22 Un Marco Ablerto Stie I ANCOVA and ANOVA results for English-preferring children. Experimental and comparison Head Start children were compared gn six constructs. 1.





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Table 23. Un Março Abierto Site I and Site II ANCOVA and ANOVA results for English-preferring children. Experimental children at both sites were compared to comparison Head Start children at Site I on six constructs. 1

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## c. Classroom Observations

Focused observations of a subset of. 11 children were conducted at three points in time over the school year at Un Marco Abierto I. The observations of the preschooters, six of whom were Spanish-prefery ring and five of whom were Engl, ish-preferring, were then coded for behaviors that had earlier been identified as cross-model objectives inl the areas of language, concept development, and socioemotional develop ment. Frequency counts of these observational protocols and samples of classroom interactions provide dimensions of process and quality. against which to view the test results.
(1) Language usage. Figure 2 shows the overall language usage for subsample children during each of the three observation periods. Although Spanish-preferring children received extensive practice in the use of Spanish throughout the year, there was a general trend toward more English use over time ( $30 \%$ to $48 \%$ ). English-preferring children, on the other hand, received almost no practice in Spaaish as more than $99 \%$ of their verbal interactions occurred in English at each observation, period.

An examination of the experiences of individual Spanish-preferring children suggests that practice in the second language early, in the year was limited to those children who entered the Head Start center with some verbal ability in English as measured by their average MLU on the Bilingual Syntax Measure. As can be seen from Table 24, José, Carolina, and Lea used some degree of English in the classroom at the first observation period; the latter showed a slight preferenće. for English even at this early date. By the end of the year all three children could be classified as English-preferring in the largely English language enviroments of the Un Marco Abierto classr:00ms. They did, however, continue to perform better on most Spanish measures at the posttest.

The interactions of the three ckildren and the direct verbal input they received reflected their increasing use of English. Early, in the year most of the input supplied by peers to all three children and by teachers to two of the three children in their individual interactions was Spanish. By midyear almost all of the input received by Lea and slightly over half of that received by the other two children was in English. This trend continued to the end of the year when at least $70 \%$ of the input given directly by teachers and - $50 \%$ of that supplied by peers tq any of the children was in English (see Table 25).

Crispine, an-additional Spanish-preferring. subsample child, although entering the program with little demonstrated ability in the second language (as shown by the test results) showed incremental change similar to that of his more bilingual classmates. He also tended to interact with English-speaking children as the year progressed. At midyear he was observed responding to queries in his second language

Figure 2. Classroom observations of child language use were obtained for a subsample of Spanish-preferring and English-freferring children during-Fall, Winter, and Spring. The figure below shows the proportion of Spanish and English.use in Un Marco Abierto subsample children's language, over time.

Table 24. Relative frequency of observed usage of Spanish and English by individaa; subsample children over, three points in time: Un Marco Abierto.?

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${ }^{1}$ Percentage totals may not equal $100 \%$ due to rounding.
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Table 25 . Proportion of observed Spanish and English input directed to individual subsaniple children by teachers and peers over three points in time: Un Marco Abierto. ${ }^{\prime \prime}$

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with short answers in English and by the end of the year he would often input to Crispine went from' $93.7 \%$ in Spanish at the first observation period to 67\% in English at the final observation.

The final two Spanish-preferring children, Victoria and Irma, entếred the program with abilities similar to those of Crispine. They, however, as evident from Table 24, received little verbal practice in the second language. Victoria was a shy child who had difficulty adjusting to the classroom and generally avoided speaking at all. In attempting to draw her out, , both teachers and peers spoke to her exclusively in Spanish throughout the first two observation periods. By the final observation period the child had begun to participate, to a greater degree in classroom activities and thereby came into contact with English-speaking peers who provided input in that language. Irma strated enough understanding of, the second language to be able to respond correctly to. input in English from both teachers and ciassmates: -1
Despite the increased use of English by most of the Spanishpreferring children, children were observed practicing a variety of forms indicative of linguistic competence in Spanish. The number of linguistic categories in which the childrén received practice in their preferred language increased for four of the six children (see Appendix 0 ). The two children for whom this trend did not hold, true were thase who were using English almost exclusively at the end of, the year. The most general trends occlured, with the increase in plural nouns and negatives. Functionally, all but one child increased the percentage
of verbal instructions given in Spanish. Diversification of functional competencies were, however, observed for only two of the six.childrenal In English all but the child who consistently interacted in Spanish. throughout the year showed increasing diversity in the linguistic competencies they practiced. Three of those children who showed the greatest increase in English usage, Carolina, Crispine, and Lea, also showed general relative gains across most of the cross-model objectives in the area of linguistic competence. One child, José, who demonstrated relatively large increases in English usage, tended to show gains in only a few areas suggesting that his dinguistic repertoire was not as diverse as that of the other children exhibiting similar increases 1. in their use of English. Victaria, the child who was slow to adapt to the classroom environment, obtained some practice with complete sentences, the present tense, and interrogative form by the third observation. period. Those four children who showed the greatest increase in English usage also exhibited the greatest relative gains in the practice of functional competencies. Their increased practice was observed to occur principalily in the areas of self-description and verbal instruction.

All English-preferring children appear to have had very similar experiences in the Un Marco Abierto classrooms. They interacted primarily in English throughout the year. The verbal input
that they received from both teachers and English-speaking peers was also principally In English. (Table 25 shows that between $91 \%$ and $100 \%$ of all input directed at the individual children was in English.) The number of areas of linguistic competence which the children practiced increased for all of them over the year. The most general trends, shown in Appendix $\mathbf{P}$, were increased-practice with complete sentences, where four out of five children tmproved, and use of the past tense, where all children showed gains. Therè was also a tendency by all children to use more grammatically incorrect utterances over the year as the children diversified their speech. Functionally, trends similar to those observed with the Spanish-preferring children were found. Consistent with the model's practice of a structured session for recall thin the day's events, most children increasingly described themselves and their feelings over the year. All but one child also provided more verbal instruction, an ability emphasized by the model, as the year went on.

In the area of language ${ }_{4}$ comprehension and recall, although observations for individual children were limited owing to the lack of emphasis on circle time, the children's language use patterns were similar to those observed in general (see Appendix Q.). the four Spanish-preferring children who greatly increased their usage of English in the classroom went from recalling entirely in Spanish to recalling almost completely in English. For two of the children there was, however, an accompanying increase in incorrect responses in Ehglish, suggesting that despite responding in English, these children nisinterpreted much of what they, heard. Victoria and Ima continued to use: only Spanish when practicing comprehension/recall skills. and all of the English-preferring children ondy spoke English in these endeavors.
-The behaviors of children of both groups which were related to cross-model goals in the area of "language comprehension/recall occurred largety during observations of the recall activity. As would be ex-pected, given the lack of emphasis on circle time at Un Marco Abierto 1 , most of the responses related to providing information about the classroom or home, an ability emphasized in the recall activity, Lacking was identification of sounds, voices, and rhymes which. would be practiced during circle time.

The greatest amount of child language production throughout the year consistently occurred during the activities of $p \neq a n n i n g$, small group, and recall. This would be expected because teachers emphasized language expansion through questions during these actiyities. A sample of instructional interactions for two Spanish-preferring subsample children illustrates the two major trends in learning experience of individual students of this language'preference.

- José, one of the children who showed a great increase in his English usage over the year, was an attractive child with straight black hair and rerge brown eyes. He was extremely active and at times aggressive, often taking the lead in.organizing games among hjs peers.

Although he was generafily weli behaved in the classroom, José's eagerness to participate in group situations sometimes caused him to speak out of turn and distract other children. Dn the pretest he performed better on all Spanish measurés but also exhibited some verbal ability and understanding of English. Early in the year his preferred language in the classroom was afso, Spanish, as noted in a planning activity.

Teacher: What area? . . . iqué área?
José : Area tranquila.
Teacher: ¿Cọn qué vas a jugar?
José : Coỉ esos.
(Points to some balls of string.)
Teacher: What are you going to do?
Jose : Ponerlos en una cinta.
Teacher: Put them on a string.
José : Con bolitas de contar.
Teacher: Counting balls... anything else?
José : TFails to respond to the teacher, but
goes to get*symbols requested by other children.)

Here although the teacher made repeated attempts to elicit responses in English through similarly structured WH questions and simultaneous trànslation, José persisted in answering in Spanish. His responses were, however, appropriate to the questions, revealing his comprehension of Englitsh. The teacher used this comprehension to provide José with vocabulary through the continued translation of his utterances in Spaniish.

By midyear Jose's productive ability in English had expanded to where he often spontaneously responded with incomplete Emelish utterances, even to qilestions addressed to him in Spanish by the teacher. He still, however, exhibited a lack of familiarity with basic English vocabulary and tended to language-switch back to Spanish to fill in for unlearned lexical itens, The exchange below, recorded during a planning activity in March, shows this behavior:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Teacher: } & \text { LQué vas a hacer? } \\
\text { José } & \text { A house. } \\
\text { Teacher: } & \text { ¿Qué vas a hacer? } \\
\text { José } & \vdots \text { Una casa con dos, ventanas, it gonna } \\
& \text { Thave five doors, un techo. it gocher: } \\
\text { Teacher } & \text { How yo say it in English? } \\
\text { José : } & \text { (No response.) }
\end{array}
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As the end of the year approached, Jose demonstrated a greatly improved vocabulary in Engl jsh as well as an ability to effectively handle a variety of functions. Another planning sequence, from June, typifies José's speech after nine months in the Un Marco Abierto program.


Unlike his performartce at the beginning of the school year, Jose responded effectively in English to a variety of questions, including both WH and yes/no type, all of which were now posed by the teacher in English. He not only. replied to the questions but voluntarily expanded his answers and elaborated (e.g., "use wooden blocks" to "make a house" as opposed to simply "make a house"). The dialogue also provides evidence of Jose's ability to respond to directives in English and to successfully use such lexical items as "window" and "roof" which a few months previously he had not mastered. His progress was also reflected in his test results where, with the exception of the English acquisition measure, 4 he performed better or as well as his Englishpreferring classmates. As can be seen by the above examples, such abilities were fostered $\sqrt{n}$ the planning sessions as teachers consistently provided lacking vocabulary and often ended a session with a. directive.

- Irma was one of the chindren who did not increase her use of English in the classfom over the school year. She was a pretty child owith bright browneyes and a charming smile. Irma performed as well as other Spanish-preferring children pn tests givańn in her first language but showed no comprehension of or verbal ability in English. Although very outgoing' and concerned about others, she tended to interact most often with Spanish-speaking classmates. She'quickly picked up an understanding of English words out almost always used Spanish, ín which she was very articulate, in the classroom.

Early in the year her interactions were much like José's in that the teachers' repeated attempts to elicit responses in English through simultaneous translation were answered in Spanish. With Irma, however, this pattern of behavior was still common at midyear as shown in the observation of a recall activity in which an upcoming trip to the snow was discussed.

Irma : Nosotros vamos a perder en la montaña.
Teacher : ¿Quién te dijo?
Irma : Mi mammá.
Teacher : Si vamos en grupo no nos vamos a perder.
Irma: ¿Vamos en el carro?
Teacher : No, en el bus, what color is the bus?
(Holding up a picture of a green bus.)
Carolina: Green.
Teacher : (To Irma:)
Is it green?
Irma : (No answer, then says:)
No se comen la nieve.
Teacher :. Si, si está limpia se puede comer.
Greg : . (To Irma:)
You give me your symbol. I give you
mine to Mike.
Irma :- (Handing Greg the symbol.)
Mira tú manchastes tu símbolo.
(Greg's symbol had gotten wet.
In this sequence Irma exhibited her willingness to interact " with both the teacher and her peers. Her language choice, however, was always Spanish. This was true even when addressed in English with a question which she obviously understood. When faced with a situation in which the teacher was attempting to encourage her use of English by following a classmate's lead, 'Irma. adopted the strategy of changing the subject in Spanish.

Late in the year, Irma continued to make the same types of language choice. The following interaction observed in the art area where Irma was attempting to make a paper crown with the aid of the teacher typifies this tendency.
.Teacher: Let's see if this works.
(Placing the crown she has just made on the table.)
Is that the coronita?
1 Irma : Es para un rey.
Teacher: (Translating.)
For a king. Do you want to make one?
Irma : Si tū me vas a decir como.
Despite the teacher's efforts to encourage the child to speak English both through translation and questions which required only yes/nd answers, Irma chose to reply in Spanish. Her answers were, however, appropriate to the questions asked demonstrating her understanding of her second language. This was also reflected in the posttest results where her score in English comprehension was equivalent to that of most of her English-preferring classmates, although her score in English verbal ability remained relatively low.

The similarity in the experience of the English-preferring children in the Un Marco Abierto F classrooms makes the example of one child sufficient to characterize classroom interactions.

- Danny was an average-sized. child whose warm smile reflected an outgoing personality. - Like many of the English-preferring children at Un Marco Abierto I, Danny was encouraged to speak only English by his mother, even though a grandmother living with the family spoke only Spanish. At school Danny interacted in English with. both Spánish and English speakers. This led to periodic communication breakdown with his Spanish-speaking peers during the early part of the school year. During the first months of school Danny tended to use short, incomplete phrases in English with adults. Such speech behavior is seen in the following la uage sample taken during a planning session in November.
Teacher: Did you decide?.
Danny : Block area -- play with trucks.
Teacher: What are you góing to make?
Danny : Going to make a garage.
Teacher: What kind of garage?
Danny : Like a building.

As Danny demonstrated the ability to respond to both yes/no and WH questions in English, the teacher made little attempt to encourage elaboration, although expansion was encouraged. Similarly, no effort was made to use Spanish in any way with the Englishi-preferring child. Thus, Danny's responses were confined to the bounds of the questions asked by the teacher and, as reflected by his inappropriate word deletion in "going to make a garage," showed a still developing proficiency in English.

By the end of the school year, Danny exhibited greater verbal ability in his interactions with the teacher. Although interactions remained limited to English, he was now able to elaborate spontaneously and to offer a rationale for his actions where previously his answers had been limited to providing only the information requested.

Teacher: Danny, what area are you going to?
Danny : Block area. This is the only one. I can find.
(Showing an area symbol.).
Teacher: That's all right. What's your. second plan?
Danny : Play with the paint.
Danny's productive ability in Spanish even at the end of the year was limited to catch phrases and food names, used exclusively with Spanish-preferring peers, shown by a lunchtime request in June to "pass me the beans, por favor." He had, However, increased his understanding of Spanish; for example, when a friend expressed in Spanish
her dislike for pears he encouraged her to "taste it."
(2) Concept Development. Broadening children's experience with concepts, many of wich are represented by "key experiences," is a fundamental goal of the model. Although the model makes no distinction between concept development in English and Spanish, it appears from the results of the standardized measures and the classroom observations that, as with language development, the teachers at Un Marco Abierto I emphasized concept acquisition in English and in areas which were nonlanguage specific.

- Table 26 shows that five out of the six Spanish-preferring children decreased their relative use of Spanish in this area. This decrease was accompanied by relative increases in English usage and/or, nonlanguàge-specific behaviors rela to concept development. English-preferring children's' practice was limited almost entirely' to their first language and to behaviors which do not require the use of language.

Visual discrimination and symbolic representation were the areas in which children were observed to consistently receive the most practice (see AppendixS). During the first observation period practice was related principally to the identification of objects, object utilization and role-playing activities. Thus, much of the early practice with concepts was related to familiarization with the classroom enviconment through identifying objects and their function. For children of both language groups there was a trend toward increased diversity in concept development both within and across, the skill areas that made up the construct. Spanish-preferring children diversified, principally in their second language wheme all but one child showed increases in the number of areas in which they had practice and in nenlanguage-specific behaviors where four of the six children diversified (Appendix $\mathbb{R}^{\prime}$ ). English-preferring chifdren's diversification was primarily in their preferred language despite slight relative increases in Spanish by three of the five chilidren at the second observation period.

Although small group activíties were those designated by the model as specifically designed for concept development, learning experiences related to this construct also occurred in planning, work time, or recall. The trend toward diversification and English usage is best -illustrated by examining the learning experiences in these activities of children from different languagel backgrounds within a single classroom.

- Carolina was a Spanish-preferring child of medium size.who generally wore her long brown hair in banana curls. She enjoyed cooperative work and eagerly sought out other children tr adults, interacting in Spanish, and English. as the year progressed. Despite her verbal and compretiension abilities in her second language, she demonstrated almost "no grasp-ठf concepts in English when tested at the start of the year. At the posttest, howevér, she, received near maxi-
- Tabté 26.' 'ReTative frequericy of observed practice with concepts by language for individual subsample chifidren over three points in time:


## SPANISH-PREFERRING

 Irma|  |
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|  |  | Ernesto

- Lućla Candido Barbará Danny

mium scores on both the English and nish versions of the concept development measure.

The forlowing example of a November small gnoup activity, in
which the teacher used dishes from the house area to discuss similarities and. differences, exemplifiescthe experience of those Spanishaking children who made the greatest progress in.their second rguagé.

Teacher : What can you do with a .plate?
Jorge : Eat.
Teacher : ¿Qué más?
Carolina: Puedo tomarlo y poner la taza asi. (Demonstrating with her hands the placing of a cup on a mucer.)
Teacher : (With two plates in each hand.)

- Do you have the same amount of plates? ¿Son iguales?
Carolina: Yes.
Teacher : (Holding up a blue płate:)
Carolinas ¿Qué color es?
Teacher : Whue. What color in Spanish?

In this example the teacher was exploring such concepts as function, size; and color.. She encouraged both Spanish and English speakers to'participate by asking questions in both languages and calling for translation of the word "blue." Even at this early date in the school year there was á tendend on Carolina's part to respond to
$\therefore$ questions in English even when such questions were posed in Spanish. When, however, the concépt called for an answer which was beyond a". one-word response, as in the case of the function of a plate, her tendency was to resort to er first language.

- By May, Carolina used English in nearly all situations related to concepts where verbal response was required. Even when responding to questions in Spanish, Carolina often language-switched using the -English word in a Spänish sentence. When Carolina and a teacher looked through an instruction book for tinker toys at a-table in the quiet area, the teacher pointed to a house that the child might construct:

Carofina: Too littfe the house.
(Spying another picture şe fontinues:)
I already made that one.
(The teacher and child begin to work and the teacher asks about a missing piece:)
Teaćher : ¿Qué.falta?

## "Carolina: A-little yellow. (Locking a yeilow tinker tóy on the tray she turns to another child and says:) <br> Me das un yellow.

The following example characterizes the experjence of the English-preferring children at_Un Marco Abierto I.

- Ernestó was an attractive child with lone curly brown hair and blue-gray eyes. An English-preferring child from a single parent family, Ernesto was very verbal with adults and preferred interacting with them. When tested at the start of the schodl year his score, even on the measure of concept development in English, was relatively low in comparison to his English-preferring classmates. At the


Teạcher: $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { (Holding up a book she has been }\end{aligned}$ a January small groutp.)
What's happening here?
Ernesto:- It's raining.
Teacher: What's he doing?
Ernesto: He's hiding under a rabbit tree.
Teacher: (Pointing to butterflies in the picture.)
Are they all. the same?
Ernesto: Yeah, they're the same.
During Jume, Ernesto, with the teacher at his side, was working on the puzzle of, a cow.
'Ernesto: . (Holding up a piece.) Where's this?
Teacher: I'm not going to tell you. You're playing games with me.
(She then identifies the piece:)
That's the leg.
Ernesto: (Says nothing but puts the piece in place,
Teacher: Xery good, Ernesto. I don't think you
need my help anymore.
Ernesto:- (Picks up añother piece.)
What's this?
Teacher: That's the body. What belongs up front?
Ernesto: (Picks out the head.)
Teacher: The head, right.

In both cases, the intëractions were conducted entirely in English. The first example, ob ved at midyear, shows the teacher. expanding the child's language wifile exploring such cončepts as relative position and similaritie's and differences. The second highlights the child's ability to identify parts of the body and matching objicts. Whereas earlier in the year Ernesto demonstrated the ability to respond correctly to a variety. of WH questions, at the later observation he also had the ability to formulate such questions and seemed to have internalized the characteristic mode of teacher-child classroom cormunicatión.
(3) Socioemotional Fünctioning. As can be seen from Table 27 , a number of the Spanish-preferring children exhibited inappropriate behavior at the first observation. As might be expected, these were almost entirely in the area of school readiness and related to such behaviors as the failure to participate in group activities or to follow directions as the children adapted to the preschool routine. For all but one child, José, such inappropriate behavior decreased by the end of the year. Jose throughout the year continued to act as a class clown and was ofmen observed distractimg other children. Even Victoria, the extremely shy child who was observed to consistently exhibit inappropriate befiavior in the area of self-esteem, decrieased in such behaviors as the year progressed.

English-preferring.children showed a more varied pattern of socioemotional behavior over the year. As with the Spanish-preferring children," almost all inappropriate behavior was observed in the area of school readiness. With the exception of Barbara, however, who, as a relatively solitary child throughout the year, refysed completely to panticipate in group activities as the year closed, the inappropriate behaviors within the category changed from lack of participation and inability to follow directions to being distracted or distracting others. This suggests that with the coming of summer, children were anticipating vacation and becoming slightly bored with the routine;

Throughout the year children of both language preferences exhibited consistently more appropriate than inappropriate socioemotional behaviors. There were also fairly consistent trends on the part of most children toward such school readiness behaviors as following directions and sustaining interest in group activities. While early in the year it was common to have such observations as "Enrique sits at the table but does not participate in the activity of the group" or "She wanders, looking at the other children working," by the end of the year such observations as the following betame the norm: "Daniel sings along in English and does all of the hand movements. He is smiling as he sings." "José stands when his number is counted in 'Ten 'lttle Indians.' He, falls down when it is time for him to sit and count the 10 childrens in the circle when asked to do so by the teacher."

Table 27. Relative frequency of observed appropriate and inappropriate socioemotional behavior for individual subsample children over three points in time: Un Março.Abierto. ${ }^{1}$

## SPANISH-PREFERRING

Irma
Victoria
Crisping
Lea
Carolina
Jose

ENGLISH-PREFERRING
Ernesto
Lucia
Candid
Barbara
Danny


Percentage totals may nat equal $160 \%$ due to rounding.


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## 2. Parent Outcomes

a. Parent Sample.

The 105 parents that were interviewed as members of either the experimental or control group appear to reflect-the ethnic characteristics of the communities in which the Head Start sites are found (Appendix L). At the East Los Angeles site, the 56 families were a mixture of about $60 \%$ first-generation Mexican Americans who had been in Southern California 10 to 15 years and about 40\% second generation Mexican Americans. The only exceptions were one East Indian family in the comparison group of 28 parents and one mixed Black/ Mexican American family in the experimental group of 28 parents. In Milwaukee $68 \%$ of the total of 49 famdies was Mexican American and 22\% was Puerto Rican. One American Indian family, one Black family, and four Anglo families also formed part of the 22 experimental families interviewed in Milwaukee.

At both sites the majority of the mothers who responded to the parent interview described themselves ass "not working.." Another adult member of the household, usually the father, appeared to be the princi-. pal breadwinner iñ all groups. Income distribution was similar for experimental and control families within'a site. Annual family incomes of about $\$ 9,000$ in Milwauke were higher than the $\$ 7,000-\$ 8,000$ mean in East Los Angeles. No significant differences were fơ ind family size or average age of children between experimental and comparison groups at either site.

## b. Mothers' Attitudes and Perceptions

The parental interview resu'ts, summarized in Table 28, reveal that mothers of experimental and comparison children at both sites felt their children spake better Spanish than English. They perceived the Spanish spoken by children as "correct" but thought that their children spoke "poor" English even though practicing it more. Respondents' self-reports claimed greater proficienty in Spanish than English, no doubt because the Hispanic networks of. churches, groceries, clubs, family, and friends enabled women "in "the two areas to retain their first language. East Los. Angeles mothers also. reported a slightly better. English ability than did their comparison counterparts:

Both Milwaukee and Los Angeles mothers exhibited highly positive attitudes toward the importance of bilingual education and self-concept. Inferview data show that many second-generation individuals at Site, I felt that although they were discouraged from speaking Spanish themselves, they wanted their children to grow up proud of their ethnic heritage. There was also an increasing recognition of the practical benefits of being bilingual. 'Community members saw a higher. demand for bilingual teachers, receptionists, secretaries, and salespeople. In most cases, a bilingual person was perceived as able to earn more money.

Table. 28. Compartson of the attitudes and perceptions of mothers of all sample children: Un Marco Abierto.' '


Lack of differences between the two sites and between experimental and comparison mothers may be a result of the majority of all mothers having their children enrolled in lasses which provided some sort of bilingual experience. All of themothers hoped for at least some college for their children, and some experimental and comparison mothers at site II held the aspiration of their, offspring pursuing a graduate degree.

Table 28 further illustrates that Los Angeles experimental mothers provided significantly more formal instruction and greater amounts of instructional playthings to their children than did comparison mothers. No significant differences between experimental and comparison mothers in Milwaukee were reported.

Mothers were also asked to describe their children's daily routine (Appendix V). At East Los Angeles, mothers of both comparison and experimental children saw their offspring's principal activities between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. as school related. Percentages of time spent in activities such as watching television and playing differed little between the two groups óver the year, and instructional activity outside the classroom was reported as rarely occurring in either group.

As would be expected, the major difference between the two groups of children at the Milwaukee site was in the area of schoolrelated activities (see Appendix V). All of the experimental children were involved in preschool activities during the period of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., whereas onily four of the comparison group children were ever involved in such activities. During the time that the experimental children were in school, . Rlaying was ddentified as the primary activity of the control' group. It appears that the preschool activities engaged in ty the four compurison ch? 1 dren were not generally viewed by their parents as the primary activity of the children at any one point during the day, a result perhaps of the Tather loose structure of•such activities.
3. Yeacher Outcomes

## a. Teacher"Sample

The interview sample consisted of four teachers and aides at Site $I$ and six teachers and aides at site, II. The class room staff ratios were approx imately $8: 1$ at Site $\cdot 1$ and $6: 1$ at Site II. Only pre-post interview data were used in the analysis. These were obtained only from teachers and aides who remained in the classrooms throughout the preschool year.

Teachers and assistant teachers or aides at both High/Scope sites were all Hispanic women; at Site II all were`Mexican Americans, while there were two Mexican Americans and four Puerto Ricans at

Site II. All of the four teachers at Site I were Englishpreferring, ${ }^{5}$ while the majority of teachers and aides at Site II reported speaking Spanish and English equally.

All High/Scope I teachers had lived in the Los Angeles area for most of their. lives, while their counterparts in Milwaukee averaged a total of approximatelyd years' residence in the city. Classroom staff at Site II generally resided in immediate proximity to the Head Start center.

In Ca1, ifornia, teachers and aides ranged from 27 to 38 years of age. Teachers were somewhat. more stable financially, owning their. own homes, while all the aides rented homes within walking distance of the site. In Milwaukee ages of clas'room staff ranged from 32 to 53 years, and the three teachers owned homes while the aides rented.

In terms of education and experience, al.though none of the three teachers'at'Site I was CDA certified, all held Children's Center permits obtained by taking 30 units at a local community college. The head teacher and site representative for the agency lacked a few hours to complete B.A. requirements. All 'teachers' aides but one held high school diplomas. Teachers' educational experience at the Milwaukee site ranged from completion of the 11th grade to two years of college credit and one held a CDA certificate. Two of the three aides had GED degrees, and one hád a Children's Center permi.t reflecting completion of two years of an early childhood education program at a local college.

Each teaching staff member had worked her way up to the teaching level by gaining experience as either a parent volunteer, nutrition aide, parent coordinator, or school janitress. East Los Angeles teachers all had five or more years of teaching experience except for one who was in her first year. Class room experience at Milwaukee ranged from 14 years (one teacher and one de) to less than one year for two aides and one substitute aride for whom 1979-1980 was the first year. (For complete teacher characteristics, see AppendixM).

## b. Teachers' Attitudes

Teachers at Eas. Los. Angeles generally expressed more positive attitudes toward the High/Scope model than did those at Milwaukee. In informal interviews the classroom staff at Site I expressed their satisfaction with the diversity of the schedule and felt that most activities were well suited to children's attention span. Certain activities calledsfor by the model, however, were received with mixed feelings. One of the teachers felt that recall time became boring and repetitive after a few months as the number of things to talk about were limited. Other teachers expressed feeling uncomfortable with role playing situations.

Comments of the classroom staff at Site II revealed a feeling of insecurity as to understanding the basics of the model. Some teachers felt that the. language of the teacher's guide was too techpical and that early in the year they really did not understand how todevelop "key experiences." In-service workshops were important in helping the staff to understand the model.

Teachers and aides at both High/Scopesites changed slightly over the year imtheir orientation regarding the purposes of bilingual education. The majority of the teaching staff felt that cultural awareness, communication and understanding, development of self-• concept, and language acquisition were important for their own sake.
: There was; however, a slight trend at` the Milwaukee site toward recognizing the instrumental advantages of bilingualism, especially the creation of employment opportunities for native Spanish speakers and non-Hispanics.

Both groups viewed participation in a bilingual curriculum by both Spanish and English students as having integrative bēnefits, primarily those of enhanced cultural awareness and communication. skills. Teachers at East Los Angeles also mentioned the socializing integrative function of a bilingual curriculum for both English and Spanish speakers, whereas Milwaukee teachers identified personal skills (self-concept, language acquisition) only for English speakers.

Concerning views of different models for children's language use, the pretest East Los Angeles teachers generaldy considered the language used at home and in the compunity to be more important models than textbooks for both first and seçond language learning. The one exception was the teachers' highly positive attitudes toward the use of textbooks as models for Spanish-speaking fhildren's learning of English. At posttest, the teachers' attitudes toward home and conmunity languagedbecame somewhat less favorable, .

As in East Los Angeles, teachers at Milwaukee consistently placed higher value on the use of the language of home and community rather than of textbooks as a language model. Their attitudes toward textbooks as language models for children of either language preference, however, became more positive from pre- to posttest. The trend at both sites may be a result of the teachers' ${ }^{\prime}$ iricreased contact with individuals whom they viewed as speaking "correct" Spanish.

Both classroom staffs were consistent in viewing parentinvolvement. in education as important (see Table 29). East Los Angeles teachers, however, seemed to see parent participation more postively than did those from Milwaukee. They were also very positive in their feedback that teachers should attempt to involve seemingly uninterested parents, while Milwaukee teachers were generally neutral: An increase, in negative attitudes toward personal success in involving parénts reflects the limited success teachers at both sites had in this, area during the evaluation year.

Table 29. Attitudes toward parent involvement of experimental Head Start teachers: Un, Marco Abierto


Parents shoutd be involved in the classroom

If parents cannot be in the classroom, teacher should have frequent contact with them

Teacher should attempt to: involve seemingly unin-: terested parents

Teicher personal success in Invoiving parents

- Teacher could do a better job with more pareat participation

Parents provide accurate infor: matiop to teachers
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In judging the importance of a variety of procedures for incarporating Hispanic culture into the classoom, East Los Angeles respondents altered their views during the year. Whereas at the pretest three of the four had considered teaching children Hispanjc values to be extremely important, by posttest only one held that view. However, exposing children to Hispanic customs, 'foods, and dress seemed important to these teachers at posttest, perhaps because of their experience working in these areas during, the school year. Milwaukee teachers, on the other hand, were fy consistent across, the two periods. They considered the teaching of Hispanic values as extremely important and thought it very important that children be exposed to Hispanic role models, daily routines of Hispanic life, songs, dances, material culture, special roles '(e.g., comadres), and Hispanic holidays.

## B. Implementation

This section provides the results of the evaluation related to the factors affecting the implementation of the Un Marco Abierto curriculum and to the extent to which implementation occurred. The discussion is augmented by Appendix $Y$, which provides descriptions of (1) the sociocultural envjronment of the gommunities, (2) the administrative aspects of each site, and $\left(3^{*}\right.$ the Head Start settings. A descriptton of the principal features of the Un Marco Abierto curriculum begins this section. The success of both repli$\therefore \quad$ cation sites and the individual class rooms within each site in meeting the goals of, the model in five areas -- schedule and organization, physical setting, instructional materials, individual behavior, and instructional strategies -- is then discussed. . The section closes with a description of the comparison groups for each sitt.

## 1. Principal Features

- The Un Marco Abierto curriculum, an adaptation of the High/ - Scope cognitively oriented curriculum, is based on Piagetian principles, and emphasizes the learning of developmentally grounded tasks. Designed to encourage intellectual development through active learning, the model stresses the importance of the child's initiative in the learning process and the need to encburage children to have control over.decision-making and problem-sorving activities.
a. Modet Goals

The stated goals of the High/Scope model include the following provide children with a rich array of materials which encourage ex ${ }^{2}$ ploration and hold-interest; motivate children to set goals and help them complete these goals through a "plan-do-review" process; stimulate the child's thinking process by asking open-ended questions.

The bilingual bicultural adaptation of the High/Scope model, Un Marco Abierto, includes as further goals the incorporation of second language learning and multicultural experiences in classroom activities. This dual emphasis is designed to help children understand and accept more than one cultural heritage and to develop during the first year of the curriculum a positive attitude toward a second Tanguage. Specifically, Un Marco Abierto calls for (1) the concurrent use of the children's first and second languages throughout the day, by using concurrent translation and language switching, (2) mtxed language groupings so that there is a balance of the two languages spoken by adults and children, and (3) the use of language, art, music, and role-play to represent the children's cultures and everyday experiences,

The student population should be divided into small groups (five to eight children) that work primarily with one adult throughout the day:, These groups should represent a cross-section of the class in age, sex, and language preferenee and should change in their composition about every six weeks. Ideally, teachers should be bilingual and parent participation should becencouraged to help assure a continuity between home and school environments.

The model developers have identified approximately 50 "key experiences" for cognitive development. This myriad of learning experiences may be grouped into three basic categories: representation, logical relationships, and physical relationships. The development of representation is said to be closely related to a child's language acquisition and early reading skills. An example of representation would be children drawing pictures of something they remember from a field trip; then verbally describing their drawings to others. Logical relations deal with processes such as classification, seriation, and number concepts, Many materials in the classroom will be of different sizes so that children can. practice arranging items according to size (seriation), Physical relátions include deyeloping.activities involving time and space, All "key experiences" are intended to foster learning initiated and carried out by the learner.

Teachers and aides work as a team in planning daily lessons around one or more key experiences. They should specify which teaching strategies and activities will be used to introduce the key experience for example, a teaching team wanted to work on classification and the concept of "alike or different," they might . praned period in which the children were given a bag of buttons and ing discussion of shape, color, size, and number of buttonhales.

The model emphasizes the need to evaluate each day's activities prior to making the next day's plan. Teachers are to plan in a work team (one teacher and one or two aides) with each member iscussing the events of the day and reporting on each.child's response to the
lessons. Within the team, every member is responsible for the children in his or her group, The model-ideals call for teachers add. assistant teachers. to have similar roles in the classroom; thereby circumyenting childrents identifying a classroom hierardity based on language or ethnicity. Thes teacher evaluations should determine the needs of each child and focus the lessan plans for the next day.
b. Classroom Organization.
(1) Core Areas. An Un Marco Abierto classroom is designed to encourage exploration and to provide, children the opportunities for making "decisions and setidgefals. "The model specifies four core areas per class̀rơom: The blookarea;, house area; art area, and quitet area. There should alsobe an area large enough for the entire class to meet (which may be contained within one of the core areas') and an outdoor play area. In yddition, supplementary areas like music, science, and water may be included in' the classroom. Core areas are to be labeled and, separated from each other with shelves and other low-rise dividers where a wide variety of stored materials can be easily seen and grasped by the child. Fach area should encourage at least one of many different key'experiences.

The block area; for example; should contain building materials of different s,ize, shape, and substance. to encourage sorting, hing, grouping, and arranging objects. I the block and house wreas,children are to use the blocks, small dolits and animals, furniture, and vehicles in role play. There are atso numerous adult-size materials in the house area that encourage fine motor manipulation . and sort'ing. Each item's place on the shelf is clearly labeled so children have further apportunity to sort according to shape, size, and color when they replace toys. Whenever possible the actual classroom. materials are to reflect the multimeltural traditions of the students.
(2) Schedule, The curriculum model emphasizes the need to establish a corisistent daily routine for both teachers and children, To facilitate the objective of helping children set and carny out goals, the major learning activities consist of planning, work time, and recall Other scheduled daily periods should include small group (for concept development), outside time (for large-muscle*. activities), and circle time (which gives children the opportunity to participate in a large groúp).

During planning time children discuss with teachers and peers where they wish to work and what they want to do. This process is meant to foster language development through verbalizátion and selfreliance through active decision making. Wor time, when students are to carry out their plans, occurs in. the heart.of the school day and represents the longest single amount of time outlined in the

4 daily routine, During work time, children may use the entire room, interacting with persons and mucterials. The adult's role during this time is to observe individual students, to devise strategies for belping them with problems, and to recognize and support children's work. Cleániup time follows work time and is the activity in

- which chilureh learn to feel responsible for replacing the matierials they have been using, to separate and sort materials, and to work cooperatively,

Recall time 'qivess' children the opportungity to remember, di'scuss; ór represent wát they did at wonk time. Ideally, children recall whaterthéy did at work time not only by talking about their experiences, but. also by showing their groups the toys and materials they worked with, by drawing or painting pictures. of what they did, or by acting out what dccurrechearlier dúring the day. © Small group time should be organized by-teachers to offer further opportunity for adults to introduce some of the key experiences seen as integral to active learning. The basic differences between small group time and work time, according to the model; are that children plan for worktime and the teaching team plans for small group. Small group activities introduce all children to particular materials and projects. which they can later pursue, individually during work time.

Outside time provides a perịod in which children can use their large muscles and possibly extendwork time activities. The adult should play the same rble outside as she or he does during work time, i.e., being actively involved with children by talking to them, encouraging them to talk about what they are doing; helping them to solve problems, and otherwise extending their.activities: Circle time the period during, which the entire group gathers to play finger games, sing, songs, do dances, and listen to stories, is the only time when everine is doing the same activity at the same place. Children learn to share, to take. turns, and to be both leaders and followers. Stories and songs in both languages are also to. be presented.

## 2. Model Level Implementation

The assessment of the degree of implementation was accomplished through the use of forms which contained model-specific items across five general categóries pf scredule "and organization, physjcal setting, instructronal mateŕials, individual behavior, and instructionat strategies. Althgugh the items within each category have bien weighted in terms of their relative importance to the model, the number of items within a category varies. Thus, total scores withrin a category cannot be compared bute rather comparisons are made in the relative degree of implementation within each category (Figure 3).

FIGURE 3
un marco abierto degree of implementation by site over time


Táble 30 presents aggregate scores of three classrooms implementing the Un Marco Abierto model at each of the two replication sites. As can be seen, the two sites vary somewhat•in their patterns of implementation. Both sites show an increase in overall degree of smplementation from the first observation period to the third, which. may be related to experience gained from working with the model for a school year. Site I, however, .shows rather 'large incremental gains whereas Site II oreveals a more consistent level of implementation for the year. The sizable increase in total implementation between observation periods at Site I may be due to the orgapization of teacher preparation time which permitted teachers to take full advantage of the training they received. The free time allowed by a half-day teaching assignment provided teachers with ample time to analyze their experiences and those of their children as suggested by the model. They were-often observed using such free time to plan future activities based both on their own. ideas and those suggested by the model's trainer. The lower. scores during early implementathoperiods reflect teacher turnover, which led to each teaching pair haying a member who was inexperienced with the model. The consistent reyel of implementation at Site II may be related to the fact that all instructors were familiar with the model and that teaching units remained constant over the evaluation year.

虎 beth sites activities were planned and carried*out with fajr1) strict adherence to the schedule as shown by the near maximum scores in this category. In fact., for 12 of the 36 observations across the two sites, all .planned activities occurred during each day of observation. When scheduling requirements were not met it was usually a result of small group activities being omitted from the daily routine. As this périod required prior planning and preparation of materials, its omission could occur as a result of. teacher absence, a lack of understanding of the requirements of the actyity, or the pressures of time related to two-a-day sessions.

The use of the physical setting was similar at both sifes in that the four core area's (block area, art area; house afea; quiet area) were available in all classroges and were well use throughout the year. Variation in scorestrelects the greater. Rumber of ancillary areas (e.g., music, plant atidenimal, and water) used at. various times at one or the other site.

Instructional materials were available in large number and vari=" ety at each site, which is reflected in the retively high scores. in this category. As specified by the modtrithey were generally laid out on shelves at the children's eye levef. : All classrooms at both sites, however, lacked culturally.specific materials. The few that existed, such as molcajetes, póttery, and posters, reflected Mexican culture and generally served ag symboric function within the classrooms.

Table 30. Un Marco Ablerto implementation scores bysite


The major differences in implementation of the Un Marco Abierto model at the two evaluation sites occurred in the areas of individual behaviors and instructional strategies. As depicted in Table 30, there is an increase in scores of individual behaviors from the first implementation observation period to the third at both sites. Consistently higher levels of implementation at Site II appear to be related principally to a better studenteacher ratio. Also affecting the scores was the teacher turnove at Site I and a seemingly greater willingness on the part of the teachers at Site II to interact'with children in all areas (teachers at Site I tended to avoid the hou'se area), use language that reflected the language preference Qf individual students, and employ more verbal reinforcement through either praise or discipline. The relatively low overall scores for both sites in this category are a result of the low frequency of concurrent use of both languages and the limited use of other adults such as parents.

In the category of instructional strategies, the marked increase over time shown by Site I indicates improving abilities of the replacement staff to, carry out the demands of planning and small group and to use the language expansion techniques suggested by the model. Teachers at Site II expressed frustration at their lack of time for preparation and planning. They felt this prevented them from producing many dialogues and key experiences called for by the moden. The relatively higher score for period 3 is a result of Site teachers' attempts to augment their teaching strategies in waysh suggested by the curriculum trainer. Although children's home activities were sometimes used in recall, this was not common, There was also a general lack of organized muscle development activities during outdoor play and circle time at both sites.

In general, both sites appeared to be highly successful in meeting High/Scope's goals of establishing and maintaining a consistent daily routine, furnishing a variety of readily available materiats, and using the "plan-do-review" process. There was less success in meeting the bilingual bicultural goals of the model, as concurrent use of children's first and second language, incorporation of children's everyday experiences, and use of culturally diverse materials were not salient features in the classrooms at either site. The use of ancillary areas and activities such as small group or circle time varied over the course of the year at each site.

As can be seen from this brief discussion, factors such as, varied student/teacher ratios, staff turnover, and the physical setting of the classroom affect the implementation of the model. Hence, it is worthwhile to examine the differences in degree of implementation within the individual classrooms of each site.

## 3. Classroom Implementation Factors (Site I)

The individual classrooms of site i exhibit patterns of amplementation similar to that of the site as a whole (Table 31 ); that is; there is a general increase in total implementation scores for each point in time across all classrooms. The classrooms do, however, differ slightly in the magnitude of their implementation; classroom C consistently totals between. two and five points more than the other classrooms. The higher overall scores in that classroom indicate a greater. commitment to the goals of the model by the teacher, for although all of the teachers exhibited positive attitwas toward the model when interviewed informally; the classroom C teacher was its most outspoken advocate.

In addition to the yariation in total implementation, which favars classroom C, the degree of implementation within particular.

- categories varies from one classroom to another at different times. The discussion which follows points out such differences within each of the five categories of implementation.


## a. Schedule and Organization

The daily routine, which was virtually the same for the morning and afternoon classes at Site 1 , was posted in large letters in English and in Spanish in front of the classroom. The activities were. $:$ as follows:

Breakfast (lunch) and planning
Work time
Cleanup time
10. minutes
Recall time

Outside time
Small group time
30 minutes

Rest time
Lunch (snack) time
Circle time
Dismissal

Table 31. Un Marco Ablerto I implementation scores by classroom over time.


All- of the Un Marco Abieto I classrooms planned activities and carried them out in accord with the schedule. It was fairly common, however, especially during the first two observation periods, for teachers to omit small group activities from their dally routine. This was. a.result of either teacher absence or attrition which led to a volunteer or parent unfamiliar with the demands of the model taking the place of one of the regular instructors. As small group required prior planning and preparation of materials, it was generally impossible for the substitute to carry out the activity and it would be omitted. Similarly, small group, recall, and/or circle time were customarily shortened or cancelled when other activities exceeded their allotted time periods, when clean-up time was not adequately supervised and had to be repeated, or when neighborhood trips were made to the bank, post office, fire station, library, market, and bus, Full-day excursions to the beach, zèo, pumpkin patch, snow, and puppet show necessitated the cancellation of all scheduled classroom activities for a day. The slightly lower scores across all three observation-periods shown on Table 31 for classroom C may be a result of the teacher's administrative duties which at times conflicted with her teaching responsibilities.

## b. . Physical Setting

All classes improved their use of the activity areas over the - course of the year. Lower scores during the first observation peri-- od are related to the lack of a music area which was not introduced until December. In the case of classrooms $B$ and $C$, classroom management procedures also had to be developed to socialize children to two distinct classes that simultaneously followed the same schedule within one room.

At the beginning of the school year, the classruom was oryanized into four distinct areas: a block area, art area; house area, and quiet area. In Defember, the music area was added in an open space at the side of the kitchen formerly containing only the chirdren's cubbyholes. The sand and water areas were outside on the playground. The water area, however, was available only from April to June during warm weather and so was seen in use only at the third obstervation period. The only area prescribed by the model that was missing from Site I was the construction area which had not been set up because of a lack of funds to buy the necessary equipment.

- Although children itended to, slightly favor the art area and to use all of the other core areas equally, the staff avoided the house area and fayored the art area, Preference for the art area would seem to be a function of a greater availability of tables and chairs, permitting teachers to sit while working with the children. Teachers recognized that they avoided the house area; one claimed she was uncomfortable with role playing and dress-up because she had not done it as a child.

As specified by the model, the seating arrangement at the beginning of the school year had a representátive catio of Engish, Spanish, and bilingual children at each table, Wtth few exceptions, the arrangement remained stable throughout the year. On two occasions in classroom C, children who were not making sufficient pro-. gress were switched in midyear from the newly appointed assistant teacher's table to the teacher's table so they could get more personalized attention. Other changes in the language make-up of particular tables came about in classroom $B$ as children dropped out of the program and were replaced by those on the waiting list. Because $\sqrt{ }$ of attrition and replacement of approximately $15 \%$ of the children, 'the language composition of individual tables became less heterogenéous; by the third observation period one table had all Spanish-preferring or bilingual children.

## c. Instructional Materials

Materials were used by all three classes and were cooperatively maintained by the entire staff with teachers taking items home for repair. Throughout the year'a large number and variety of matetials were set out around the room. The materials were all individually laid out on shelves at the children's eye level, so that children were free to choose materials with which they wanted to work. Each. item was set on top of a picture label on the shelf.

Most of the materials in the quiet area and block area were educational materials ordered through catalds. Many of the house area materials, on the other hand, were brought from hame by the staff, and teachers were constantly on the lookout for household items that could be used in the classroom. Teachers mention ed that the use of actual household items as required by the model had made necessary a complete change in materials from the toy replicas of household goods used in previous years.

In using the materials, the teachers first introduced the children to a'limited number of materials in each area; this may account for the lower scores in material use during the first implementation obServations. Buring planning and small group time children were taught the names of the areas and materials.in English and in Spanish and were shown how materials are used. The practice of combining concrete objects with language was continued throughout the year, as children were offen encouraqed to bring materials to both planning and recall. New materials, such as an easel in NQvember and playdough in December, were gradually added in each area. The equiet area was almost completely reequipped as children mastered simple puzzles and manipulative materials and became ready for more advanced tasks, Although much of the preparation of instructional materials for a particular lesson, was done by the teathers during their free time, parent volunteers who were present on days when there were no staff absences were also generally set to this task.

Equipping the classroom with culturally symbolic materials was more problematic. The model was-not specific as to what kinds of materials should be used and the types of lessons that could be planned around them. With the exception of the music area, which contained records in both Spanish and English and costumes for Mexican dances, most of the cultural materials were more symbolic than functional. The house aręa contafned a number of decorative items such as à tortilla press, a stone for grinding corn'; Mexican clay pottery, and an Aztec placque. Several posters depicting ethnic scenes were found in other parts of the room. The only other aspect of "the program that had cultural content was the food served during lunch, which included tortillas, tostadas, enchiladas, and guisado. all The only materials that were consistently underutilized across 'personassooms were hooks. This was in part a result of the staff's sentation through reading. Although children were symbolic repreEnglish and Spanish on an average of once or twice read stories in not openly encouraged to look at books on their own . This they were seemed to be in keêping with the model's goal becauso, although it, stresses arepresentation, it does not specifically adoress itself to preliteracy skills; nor does the schedule explicitly set aside time for children to examine books.

## d. Individual Behaviors

This area of implementation focuses on the interactions of the classroom population. Of primary concern is the language used by teachers in their interactions with children, the types of interactions engaged in, and the use that is made of other adults. As Table 31 depicts, it is this area where the goals. of the model were least in, iplemented at the site. Although there was a gereral increase in. the degree of implementation across the three observation periods, the maximum reached by any te classroom was 12.58 , or approximately half of the 24.42 points possible. The exceedingly low score in classroom B at the second set of observations indicates the effects of teacher turnover on that classroom; it was during this period that an aide resigned and different parents temporarily filled the position until one agreed to work until themend of the year.
toward increasingly higher percentages language use shqus a general trend across all classrooms yowar (Tabcreasingly higher percentages of English use throughout the year. (Table 32). The exception was in classroom B where, upon the
resignation of an almost English monolingual aide, a replacement was found whowas Spanish preferring. Because she was placed at a table where the rearrangement of children had created an imbalance of Spanish-speaking children, most of the interactions of this aide were in Spanish. The general distribution of language use by teaching staff was relatively balanced across the classrooms, with the exception of classroom $C$. where a greater. percentage of language use by the teacher reflects her overall enthusiasm.

Table 32 . Un Márcoublierto I classroóm nguage production by teaching. unit.

| CLASSROM A | Time 1 |  |  |  |  | TIME 2 |  |  |  |  | THE 3 , |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Imstructory | Engl ish | Spanish | Jíanslaston | Làng. switch | Individual Percent' of Total ${ }^{\circ}$ | Engl ish | Spanish | Translation | Lang: surtch | Individual Percent of Total | English | Spanish | Translátion | Lang. swith | Indivfdua Percent $\alpha$ - Total |
| Teacher | - 12 | 25 | 0 | 0 | -31 | 31 | $97 \times$ | 5 | 3 | 56 | 26 | 17 | 2 | 0 | 45 |
| Aide | - 38 | 13 | 12 | 0 | 63.2 | 37 | 6 | 1 | 0 | $4^{44}$ | 50 | 5 | $0{ }^{\circ}$ | 0 | 55 |
| TOTAL | 50. | 38 ' | 12 | 0 | 100 | 68 | 23. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 6 | $\cdot 3$ | 100 | 76 | 22 | 7 | 0 | 100 |

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| CLASSROCH. 8 IMSTRUCTOR | TYEE* ${ }^{\circ}$ |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | English | Spanish | Trans" lation - | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jang. } \\ & \text { syitich } \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teacher | 30 | 0 | - 0 | 0 | $30 \sim$ |
| Aide | - 54 | 0 | 20 | 0 | , 70 |
| Total | 80 | 0 | - 20. | $\bigcirc$ | 100 $\therefore$ |


| Engl ish | Spanish | Trans: latign | Lang. Switch | Ind ividual Piercent of Totil |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\cdot 17{ }^{\text {a }}$ | . $3^{21}$ | . 2 | 1 | . 41 |
| . 46 | - ${ }^{*}$ | $4 \%$ | 1. | 59. |
| 63. | 29.1 | $6^{\circ}=$ | 2 ' | a $\cot ^{\circ} 0^{\circ}$ |



Despite the importance of concurrent translation in the model, less than $4 \%$ of the tatal utterances was of this type. The apparent difficulty of this practice combined with the predominance of English accounts for much of the relatively low scores'in this area of implementation.

Questions were the principal mode of interactionin all three classrooms regardless of the language of instruction. These generally accounted for about 60\% of the interactions between students and instructor; direct commands and informational statements accounted for close to equal parts of the remaining interactions. . Praise and/or discipline reached a high of only $4 \%$ in ons classroom at one time.

Most verbal interactions of all types took place during planning, work time, and recall, with the highest percentage of questions occurring, as one woum expect, in the planning activity. In keeping with the model's guidelines, teachers attempted 20 ask open-ended questions and appear to have become more proficient in this as the year progressed. The percentage of all questions which were openended rose from 17.9\% for, the first months to $30.3 \%$ and $25.8 \%$, respectively; during the second and third three-month periods.

It also appears that teachers in general tended to interact with students from their 5 tam the and that the language of interaction was that preferred by the child. (. In ohe-to-one interactions, Engłish monolingual children were almost always addressed in their first language winereas Spanish speakers and bilingual children tended to be addressed in both languages. This may be a result of the teachers continuing to follow the model guideline that the chird's first langyage be used early th the year for social. adjustment purposes.

In all classrooms, parents were used primarily to assist in the preparation of food or materials. Again, the exception was the seccnd observation period when, owing to the instibility of the assistant teacher position, parents served as substitutes. Although parents. fulfilled the same, functions in all classes, most volunteers came for the morning sessions and tended to be English-speaking. interactions children.

## e, Instructional Strategtés

Given the nature of the :modet which stresses the use of openended questions in a dialowe whation the predominant instructional strategy was one-tosone interaction, All classrooms increased 5. dramatically in this"oategoryn. The low initilal scores across all classrooms reflesct the adjustment of both the children and teachers teindentey on the parit of the others lanned with one child,. there was a other-language) to becomédored andsinattentive. The generally annigher scores in classroom C reflectic in patt the attempts by the
teacher to bring other childnen into the discussjon by asking them to translate or clarify what their classmates had said. All teachers made an effort to teach cortepts through the expansion of the children's language. Although small group was the activity speefically devised to build concepts, all staff members used planning, work time, and recall to question children about such oncepts as colors, numbers, time, and relative size or position of the materials with which they interacted while carrying out their daily tasks.

Teachers attempted to maintain a high degree of interest in the activities by providing variations such as feel-bag or planning when outside, Similarly, when children consistently used the same or a . limited number of areas (for example, boys in the block area and gitls in the art area), teachers, following the model directives, encouraged children to explore new, areas. In order to help themselves in. their effort- th. prowide a variety of active learning. experiences for the children, teachers wrote down the children's plans. and monitored them from their table during work time to make sure the plans weree carried out. Social stills such asicooperation and sharing mere also monitored, but when disagreement apose staff gen,erally attempted to let the children resolve conflicts on their own.

The less than maximum overall scores in the category of instructionab strategies reflect a lack of emphasis on bilingual multiculr tural content and on motor development. While songs in both English and Spanish were presented during circle time, this perlod was generally used as a transition between one activity and another. Because little attention was given to children learning the words to all songs, this decreased their cultural relevancy. As mentioned earlier, there was also $a^{4}$ dearth of culturally diverse materials, ani irregular use ซ̣f children's'home experiences in recall, and a 'general lack of organized muscle deyelopment activities during owtdoor play or circle time, : $-\rightarrow$

The followtng excerpt. is from an evaluation researcher's field$\therefore$ notes. . It illustrates various a apects of the implementation process at Un Marco Abierto I reflected in the preceding discussion.

The children'sit around a table in the art area eating their lunch and making their "plans" for the day's work. Joaguin speaks first, stating. in 'Spanish that he wants to go to the art area and paint at the easel. His teacher, Misa Erma, wants to know what he will. paint, "¿Dué vas a pintar?" The dark-eyed ćhild rifies through a box of magazine cutouts saying,. "Estoy buscando el foto . . . voy a usar estos 2. .: yellow, green; orange" and"he holds up a picture of brightly colored shapes. Miss Erma asks, "What are they?" The little boy antwers, "a circle, a square" as the teacheminterrupts, to indicate the desired answer, "shapes," but then reverts back to Spanish, "¿Qué milas yas a hacer?". Joaquín pulling à picture of a cottage from the box explains in Spanish that he wants to paint a house using markers: "Voy a pintar con los marcadores." When Miss Erma asks again to elicit more details, "What are you going to do? ¿Qué vas a.hacer?" he is quick to elaborate, "Yoy hacer una cạsa tomo la que yo hizo en la block area. jugar con los animales." The teacher asks in Spanish if te plans to make a house for the little animals. paquin nods seriously; "Si, que se mataron, ya se murió," telling his teacher that the animal was dead.

Miss Erma opens her eyes wide feigning surprise and asks who killed them; "¿Quiên lo matō?" Joąquin, still serious, continues his tale, "Se mataron con una pistola en la montaña y vínieron-los firemen."

Next,-Daniel, Joaquin's English-preferring frifend, speaks up, "I'm going to this area, area tranquila." Mlss Erma corrects' him, "No, we're sitting in the art, anda. What's the "area?" Daniel repeuts, "Art area, $\frac{\text { arg }}{\text { wita }} \frac{\text { de }}{\text { "arte }}{ }^{-n}$ - area $\frac{\text { de, " but, has trouble saying the }}{\text { Mrma asks him, "What are you }}$ Wo dde? Holding up arma asks him, "What are you going box, Daniel replies, "I wanna make a picture like this one." The teacher persists, "What are you gonna use?". Daniel gets up, waiks to a shelf in the art area, and returns to the table with some bit's of styrofoam. Miss Erma comments, "O.K. You're going to use styrofoam." But Daniel returns to the shelf and carries back even more bits of styrofoar and a handful of bottle caps. Miss.Ermia nods. her heas and says, "Tell mb what else," to which Dantel answers "paper." The dianog finishos with.one.final question from the teacher, "How is the styrofoam gohna stay on the paper?" Dávid replies. simply, "glue."

Here'the first part of the "plan-do-review" process took place as 'scheduled. As suggested by the model, Joaquin and Daniel, children of opposite language prefenences, were seated at the same table. They had ready access to a variety of materials on which to work (e.g., planning box of cutouts, bits of styrofoam). Theteacher used the spontaneous production of the children combined with her own open-ended questions ("What are you going to do?") to. encourage both understanding, of concépts in Engli.sh and the creative use of the children's preferred languages, as exhibited by Joaquin in his story of the animals. When Dapiel used a nonverbal strategy, the teacher tried" to expand with "0.K., you're going to use styrofoam." Still, her language use with the two childre differed markedly. She addressed both Spanish and Eaglish to the Spanish-preferyng child. With Daniel, the English-preferring child, she use only English and did not try"to expand on or reinforce his att-mpt to use his nonpreferred language.
4. Classroom Implementation (Site II),

Table 33 reveals greater variation in the patterns of implementation at Site II both within categories and across classrooms than is found at Site I. In terms of overall implementation, however, two of the classrooms ( $B$ and $C$ ) followed the pattern of consistent levels of implementation over the three observation periods with a slight increase in the third period that characterized the site as a whole. The third classroom (A) showed a similar consis-4 tency but with a slight decrease in overall implementation at the end of the evaluation yar. The general increases would appear to be rejated to the traing the oteachers, received, which helped them to improve both their individual interactional behaviors and their. instructional techniques over, the course of the evaluation year. The teachers in classroom A also received such training, but the. teacher/ student ratio was high because the teaching unit was comprised of two individuals rather than three as in the other olassrooms, imped-. ing the use of the strategies learned in training. Tbe consistentiy higher total implementation scores registered by-classroom C across the three obseryation periods indicate greater overall enthusiagm. and understanding of the modef by that teaching unit: Considention " of the five implementation categories and the three observat. 10 .n periods identifies the within-site variation in implementation scores; Again, it should be recalled that items within a category are weighted in terms of their importance to the model, but because the number of items differs, scores can aply be compared on the ir relationship to the maximum number of points (between 3.0 and 26.70 ) possitile withia a particular category.

Table 33 . Un Marco Abtierto II Implementation scores by classroom over time:


## a. Schedule and Organization

Difficulties in finding a bus driver who would be available later, than 4:00 P.M. led to a restructu ing of the entire school schedule early in the evaluation year. . As about $75 \%$ of all of the Head Start students at Site II were bused, it was necessary to alter the original double session which ran frome 0.00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. and 12:45 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. to one which ran from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. in order to ensure that all students had adequate transportation. As a result, teachers had no real rest periods during the day. Once this problem was resolved, however; a general schedule was established in which activities ran approximately the same length of time for Both morning and afternoon sessions. The activitiesincluded, the following:

*As at Site I, activities were generally planned and carifed oūt as scheduled. The slightly lower score recorded during the first observation period for classroom $A$ was a result of the teachers: lack of understanding of the purpose of small group and recalla. Therefore, these activities didn't occur until the second observation period when the trainer's input and specific suggestions semed to motivate the teaching team in this classroam toward complete establishment of the daily routine. The consistent lack of complete implementation of the schedule/organization in classroom B.reflects the perception of teaching staff that they were
prefsed for time, leading them to exclude an activity like circle tine or small group from the daily routine,

MAlthough activities generally occurred as planned and were therefore recorded as carried out on the implementation form, the length of individual activities in all elassrooms was affected by the amount of time spent in transition fram one activity to another. Students spent approximately five minutes a day brushing their teeth, lost nearly 20 minutes a day fining up and filing to and from the lunchroom, and took at least five minutes to dress during intlevient weather;
b, Physical Sétting
The classroom ecology of the three rooms under study differed. little in physical make-up. All rooms had the four core areas (block, house, quiet, and art) and each had sufficient' space for four to fiverchildren to work comfortably.

The general low level of implementation in this category at all observation periods is ${ }^{*}$ a result of the lack of supplementary areas suggested by the model. All three rooms lacked a plant and animal area and a construction area. Only classroom B had a delineated music area, although the other classrooms had phonographs which were used occasionally during.circle time. Water areas were added during the second observation period, but classroom C was forced to share its water table with another Head Start classroom.

Model guidelines calling for children to be formed into groups representing a cross-section of the classroom population were generally followed in each room. Members of the teaching teams worked. directly with children who as a group were heterogeneous in terms of language preference, age, and scx. The cne exception was ir. classroom $B$ where one of the aides dealt exclusively with boys. Although the model requires that the individual students interacting with a given member of a teaching team should be changed periodically; this did not occur in any of the classrooms. The lack of such changes may have been a result of teachers realizing that, given the f.inite number of students in the classroom and the limited number of possible combinations of children, this goal was incompatible with that of maintaining heterogeneous groups.

The rooms dffered in the ratio of adults to children. Class $A$ - had a two-member teaching unit for 14 children, while the other rooms each contained three instructors for 17 children. Members of i. teaching team A felt that a group of seven children was too much for one, teacher to handle and resulted in discipline problems and over:worked teachers. Teachers from the other teams agreed they had to work harder on those days when their teammates were absent and felt children suffered on those days because they couldn't provide as much individual attention. The score for the ofe the available
areas in classroom $A$ is in part a reflection of that teaching team's efforts to pe with the Jarger number of children for whom each was responsible by grouping up to one third of the children in a single .area

## c. Instructional Mäterials.

Implementation as regards materials was high in the three rooms over the three observation periods, Each room had approximately the same variety and number of materials. As at Site I, teachers were responsible for the upkeep of these items and were often observed repairing broken toys: Materials had particular. places on the shelves which were labeled with.a picture symbol to aid in clean-up and all were visible and within easy reach. The generally lower scores, in classroom B during the second and third observation periods reflect a lack of dated, examples of children's work being displayed in. that classroom.

Materials were obtained in the same manner as at Site. I; most of those in the block and quiet areas consisted of manipulative toys ordered annually from catalogs. The expendable materials in the art area's also came from school supply houses, while the house area contained real household items contributed by teachers and priva donors.

There was also a general lack of culturally relevant materials at Site II. Those that existed were a few books written in Spanish and containing illustrations of Hispanic culture; some Mexican folk dance albumis, and sưch Mexican household items as tortilla presses and molcajetes. Puerțo Rican culture was not represented in any of the classrooms.
'd. Indívidual Behavior.
Classrooms at Site II showed the most varied patterns of implementation in the category focusing on the teaching teams' interpersonal interactions and language use in the classroom. Table 33 shows that classroom $B$ had a steady increase over the three observation. periods whereas classroom $C$, while exhibiting relatively high scores across all three observattons and a gain between the first and third periods, dipped slightly at the second, observation. Classroom A, on the other hand, dropped from the initial to the final observation. The relatively high score in this category received by classroom A during the first observation reflects the regular. participation of a parent volunteer at that time. The low initial score in classroom $B$ is related to the extended absence of one of the aides and her replacement by a substitute unfamiliar with the model. This individual generally remained seated at the table where planning took place and dúring unstructured activities did not.interact with the children unless approached by them.

The distribution of language use by individual also varied by classroom. As seen in Table 34 , concerning classroom language production by teaching unit, the teacher in classrodm $A$ dominated interactions during the three implementation data collection periods, accounting for $64 \%$ of the language recorded. Because she used more English than Spanish, classroom A's teaching unit shows a predominance of that language even though the student population was evenly divided between Spanish-preferring and English-preferring chiftren. In the other classrooms aides generally predominated in verbalizations, which would be expected as they outnumbered teachers two to one in each room. In both classes, however, there was a tendency for texachers to become more dominant as the year progressed. The teaching units' use of Spanistr and English tended to- reflect the .distribution of language preference within the student population. Classroom $C$ had a slight majority of English speakers and relatively more English than Spanish, whereas classroom B had mare Spanishprefegring students and an increasing proportion of teachers' Spanish usage over the course of the year.

Some effort wads made to carry out the concurrent translation and language mixing called for by the model, as almost $8 \%$ of the total interactions were of this type. Informational statements were the most corimón type of verbalization; generally accounting for more than $40 \%$ of the total. Questions made up about $30 \%$ of the interactions for all classrooms, with direct commands and verbal reinforcement either in the form of praise or discipline accounting for roughly equal amounts of the remaining verbalizations.

As.with Site I, most verbal interactions of all types occurred during planning, recall, and work time, Most informational statements took place during work time. Questions occurred principally during planning activities. Théy tended to be open-ended as suggested by the model guidelines, although there was a genepal decline (from about $50 \%$ to $35^{\prime}$ ) in percentage of questions which were openended.

Teachers from all classrooms tended to interact with students. from their group in the language preferred by the child, but they were outgoing and affectionate with all students with whom they came in contact. At least one member of each team was observed to work at eye level with the children.

Although the model-calls for teachers and aides to fulfill egalitarian roles in the classroom, in practice aides rarely led circle times and in two classrooms were of gen observed to be wiping tables or sorting materials. Parents were seldom observed in any of the classrooms, and when present they generally disciplined or assisted only their own children.

Table 34. Un Marco Abierto II classroom languageproduction by teaching unit.

| CLASSRROOM <br> A <br> Instructor | TIME 1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | English | Spanish | Translation | Lang. Switch | Individual Percent of |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teacher | 52 | 14 | 11 | 0 | 77 |
| Aide | 17 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| TOTAL | 69 | 20 | . 11 | 0 | 100 |


| TIME 2 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | Spanish | Trans- lation | Lang. Switch | Individual Percent' of |
| 46 | 13 | 5. | - 0 | 64 |
| 25 " | 11 |  | $0^{\circ}$. | 36 |
| 71. | 24 | 5 | 0 | 100 |


| TIME 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | Spanish | Trans- <br> lation | Lang. <br> Switch | Individual <br> Percent of |
| 40 | 20 | 5 | 1 | 66 |
| 23 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 34 |
| 63 | 30 | 5 | 2 | 100 |


| CLASSROOM <br> B. <br> instructor, | - . |  | IIME 1 |  | 1. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | English | Spanish | TrañsIation | Lang. Switch | Individual Percent of Total' |
| Teacher | 3 | 15 | . 0 | 1 | ' 19 |
| Alite 1 | 23 | 29 | 0 | 2 | 54 |
| Aide 2 ? | 15 | $9^{\circ}$ | 3 | 0 | 27 |
| TOTÁL | $4!$ | $\checkmark 53$ | $\cdots$ '3 | - 3 | 100. |


| $\cdot$ | TIME 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| English | Spanish | Trans- <br> lation | Lang. <br> Switch |
| 18 | 24 | 2 | Individual <br> Percent of <br> Total |
| 24 | 26 | .5 | 0 |
| 3 | 5 | 0 | 47 |
| 45 | 45 | $\ddots$ | 7 |


| English | Spanish | Translation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lang. } \\ & \text { Switch } \end{aligned}$ | Individual Percent of Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 13 | 26 | 2 | 0 | $\therefore 42$ |
| 16 | 27 | 2 | 2 | 47. |
| 4 | 8. | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 33 | 61 | 4 | 2 | 100 |


| CLASSROOM <br> - C <br> Instructor | TIME 1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | English | Spanish | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Trans- } \\ & \text { lation } \end{aligned}$ | Lang. Switch | Individual Percent of Totm |
| Teacher | 20 | 15 | 4 | 1 | 40 |
| Ade 1 | . $112{ }^{\circ}$ | 2 | 3 | 1. | 25, |
| Ade 2 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 2 | 35 |
| TOYAL | 43 | 35 | 18 | $.4^{\circ}$ | $100{ }^{\circ}$ |


| TIME2 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Engush | Spanish | Trans- <br> lation | Lang. <br> Switch | Individual <br> Percent of <br> Total |
| 16 | 23 | 4 | 1 | 44 |
| 17 | 8 | 0 | -1 | 26 |
| 19 | 8 | -1 | 1 | 30 |
| 52 | $\cdot$ | 40 | 5 | 3 |


| TIME 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Engish | Spanish <br> 0 | Trans- <br> Lation | Lang. <br> Sivitch | Individual <br> Percent of <br> Total |  |
| 27 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 57 |  |
| 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 22 |  |
| 12 | 7 | 1 | 1, | 21 |  |
| 48 | 47 | 1 | 1 | 100 |  |

e. . Instructional Strategies

The results presented in Table 33 reveal that developing activities to promote active learning, language expansion, and bilingual bicultural awareness proved the most difficult category for the teaching staff at Un Marco Abierto Il to implement. All classrooms :generally scored low in this category, and although there was some increase from the first to the third observation period, no classroom obtained even half the possible points in this area. The low scores, especially those received by classroom A, reflect the difficulty teaching staff had in implementing activities requiring formal dialogue. The higher scores at the third observation period are related to the teachers using suggestions of the curricylum trainer for improving planning and recall activities.

Two teams emphasized the teaching of social skills and acceptable classroom behaviors, Children were urged to include others in their work time activities, to take turns, and to share. However, $/$. , when children argued, teachers usually intervened rather than encouraging children to verbalize their disagreements as called for by the High Scope curriculum, The greater number of students per teacher in classroom A cut down on individual monitoring of student behavior and in part accounted for consistently fower scores obtained. by this classroom in instructional strategies.

Although-the model states that teachers and aides should use outside time to extend the children's activities, members of theteaching staff at Un Marco Abierto II simply took turns watching the children and taking breaks. Thus, no syștematic motor development activities took place during this time, Having to work two sessions with only a 15 -minute lunch break. prompted teachers to rest during outside time.

Finally, there was a general lack of bilingual multicultural activities across all classrooms. Content related to the children's ohome was seldom introduced, and circle time activities such as songs; games, and stortés usually occurred in English.

The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects of the implementation process, at Un Marco Abierto II reflected in the preceding discussion.

The period is "work" time:" One aide, Miss Tomasa, helps Helen and Rota With their: puzzles in the quiet area, Miss Maria, another aide, sits in the corner of the room talking to Danny, an English-preferring child, about the fireman book. She asks, "Who are they? How did the fire start?" The teacher; Miss Lucia, is in the block area With four children using doctor kits. Marta and Juan scuffle briefly over one kit, but Miss Lucia intervenes, "Tú eres la nursa, Marta. Tú puedes ser ła nursa." Then, playing the role of patient, the teacher lies on her back to have the children examine her with the doctors' instruments.
-With the "physical examination" finished, the children move away and Miss Lucia goes to the water area, watching Halter, Roberto, and Miriam blow bubbles. In the meantime, the "doctors" approach Miss Maria. She is now surrounded by a group of four children, who lie on the floor like spakes of a wheel playing with stick-together plastic pieces. Herminia gives Miss Maria a shot. Miss Maria reacts, "?Ay, ay, ay, ay! Se me va a quitar el dolor en la garganta, ino?" She gets up and .says, "Thank you, doctors, ¿Cuánto le debo?"

Miss Lucia announces clean-up time and proceeds to sit in the center of the room to. wait for the children to assemble for "Circle Time." Miss Maria calls out, "Come sit down on the triangle line. Vengan a'sentar en la linea de triangulo." After the children sing a song in'English, she continues, "I'm' going to speak first in Spanish, then in English." She then explains that they are going to make a field trip to the local Puerto Rican grocery store. "Vamos a ir al Tropicana. It's a store like you go with your mother. Es una tienda como la donde va con su mamá, We're gonna go look with our eyes and not with our hands. What can we see?" The children cry outeagerly, "Cookies, pickles, naranjas, orangeś." After a few more instructions, the teachers, pair off the children into partners and the group files out of the building for the morning excursion.

Here three activities called for by the model, -a work time, clean-up, and circle time -- took place as scheduled. The three adults were dispersed throughout the room and fraely interacted with the children in different areas, which were weH stocked with instructional materials such as doctors' kits! Through the field trip, the resources of the surrounding community ere utilized for instructional purposes.: The aide, employed the.language strategy. of concurrent translation suggested by the medel. As was the case with Un Marco Abierto I, however, on an individual basis the teaching staff employed only English with English-preferring children in contrast to the English and Spanish usage with Spanish-preferring children. The difficulty of establishing egalitarian roles among teachers and aides in the classroom was exemplified by the relative lack of involvement of Miss Tomasa. In addrition, as happened frequently, Miss Lucia intervened in the minor conflict over the doctors' kits rather than encouraging the ghildren to verbatize their disagreement.
5. The Ćomparison Groups

At both East Los Angeleş and $M_{\text {; }}$. ee, children roceiving some type of preschool education comprisegut of the comparison groups. All of the comparisen children in East Los Angeles attended another Head Start center located in a large house approximately three blocks from the experimental site. In Milwaukee; of, the 23 children forming the comparison group, 12 topk part, in stay-at-home Head. Start classes called the Home Bâse program, while the remainder had no preschool.

The East Los Angeles comparison site was similar in layout and sçhedule to Un Marco Abierto I. Instructional space consisted of one large classroom, about twice the size of that at the experimental site. Kitchen ard dining faciliiies were in separate rooms. Two classes of 15 children each and two teacher-aide pairs, shared the single classroom in the morning, and a single class of 15 children and two instructors met in the afternoon", - Activities of joint participation were limited to transition periods (arrival; wash-up, dismissal) and the daily 20 minutes of group time. Each class spent most of the day in indoor and outdoor ativities organized in onehour periods.

The classroom was organized in a learning-center fashion. There was a group center, library corner, dress-up area, manipulative area, and block area' in addition to the large outside play area. Materials were available in all areas, although they were fewer and less varied than the High/Scope center, Art materials were not readily available to the children but were taken out for appropriate activities. Paper materials were often prepared for the children, as the teachers felt there was not egough space for children to cut and paste on their own. Outside of group time wheh particular content was presented, children could work in whatever center they desired. This tended to create some aimless wandering by the children throughout
free play as they finished doing one thing and tried to decide what to do next.

- The curriculum of the East Los Angeles comparison center was highly focused on the development of positive self-esteem in the individual students: Teachers emphasized success experiences for all children in accordance with their developmental stage and asserted that the focus was on "process" rather than "content." The goals and objectives of the program were derived from a general assessment form provided by the Head Start office. - In the area of language developmert, no mention was made of bilingual skills, but such behaviors as: "us"es words to communicate," "expres ses self in words, phrases, simple and complex sentences," and "listens to stories and poems with-understanding" were stressed as "bbjectives: Similarly, in the area of concept development, objectives included that the child should know his or her name, parts of the body, basic colors, numbers 1-5; and three basic shapes (square, circle, triangle). The child should also be able to use concepts of quantity, quality, order, space; and correspondence, and demónstrate an ability to recreate stories and role play through dramatic play. Socioemotional development emphasized that the child should be relaxed and uninhibited, require minimal adult support, show a willingness to participate in new experiences, be aware of the emotional impact of words and deeds on others, and demonstrate sel fonfidence and self-worth.

In the classrooms there was no systematic bilingual language development, Language was viewed as part of a child's concept of. self, a viewpoint which led to the use of the child's dominant language (determined through teacher observation) in overall classroom instruction. Only group time, where simultaneous transtations were sometimes made, varied from this pattern. . Throughout, the goal was for the child to feel comfortable. about what she or he was learning.

No commercial curriculum programs were utilized at the comparison center. Teachers took what might be called a traditional nursery school approach, emphasizing self-concept development via a framework that provided latitude in determining curricular goals: Jopical social studies themes were used throughout the year to. provide direction and continuity. Individual objectives were integrated into monthly themes such as getting to know each other, family, holidays, transportation, and springtime.

The Home Base program received by the Milwaukee children relied upon parent involvement in the teaching of basic behaviors-under the .guidance of a Home Base teacher. Three Home، Base teachers, working from the Un Marco Abierto II building, began teaching approximately 24 children at the start of the school year. Teachers visited weekly the children who Iived on Milwaukee's North, East, and West sides.

The major objective of the program was to directly involve parents in the education of their children by teaching parents- what to.
teach, what to reinforce, and how to observe, and record behavior. Teachers were implementing a bilingual early childhood curriculum called the Portage Guide. The guide contained a developmental sequince checklist' which listed sequential behaviors from three to five years of age in five developmental areas: cognitive, language, self-help, motor, and socialization. Also included in the Portage Guide were curriculum cards to match each of the sequential behave-. ions.

Teachers pinpointed the behaviors already exhibited by thechild to determine his or her baseline behavior. From that point, the teacher prescribed the next behavior on the checklist, modifying what may have been a long-term goal into several weekly shortterm goals. Parents were expected to work with the child between teacher visits on activities in several areas of development. They recorded their child's behavior on the prescribed task and noted. if the behavior increased, decreased, or remained the same.
, An additional feature of the Home Base program, the "cluster," occurred on one Friday every month. Home Base children were bused to the Un Marco Abierto II center and had the opportunity to work in a group and to experience the materials and setting of a Head Start classroom. Field trips to parks or the 200 also took place during "cluster." Although the teachers were bilingual and materials and activity sheets were printed in both Spanish and English, systematic bilingual language development was not-a program goal. Teachers generally presented English concepts primarily in Spanish using English only' for the lexicon related to the lesson. The teacher, who was born in Mexico, felt more comfortable speaking Spanish and rarely s. poke English with her charges.

Every week the Home Base teacher left materials such as stencil kits for numbers and letters, coloring books, story books, and puzzees or manipulative toys. In homes where parent participation was minimal, materials usually got lost or damaged, leading teachers to stop leaving materials in those homes.

## C. Summary and Feasibility of Transfer

The relative success in implementing the Un Marco Abierto cur-. riculum at both sites translated into positive outcomes for participarting children, parents, and teachers. Results of the standardized tests revealed that the effects of the model were most evident for Spanish-preferring children in their second language. Spanishpreferring children made significant gains over similar children attending a Head Start program without the Un Marco Abierto curriculam model on measures of English Language Acquisition, English Comprehension, and. Concept Development. Both quantitative analyses and classroom observations suggest that the results on the English.
measures of Fanguage acqüisition and concept development are largely a result of the progress made by children who entered the program with little or no demonstrated ability in English. IF appears that the bilingual bicultural curriculum moder provided such children with access to situations in which they could practice English, which were not afforded to children in the comparison Head Start prdgrams. The experimental Spanish-preferring children also made significant gains over the comparison groups on two measures of first language 'ability and were observed to receive extensive practice with Spanish in the classroom.

English-preferring chirdren performed similarly to comparison children on all measures: Thus, participating in a bilingual program did not hinder these children's development in ther first language: The English-preferring children of both groups failed to score on most of the measures administered in Spanish. These results are consistent with the clas'sroom observations which showed that the practice these children received was largely limited to the acquisition of isolated lexical items; The children's natural development in their preferred language would, seem-to' be a.result of the model's emphasis on planning and review in. which the children were observed to practice complete sentences, necall outstanding, events; and provide details about the environment.

Socioemotional functioning of'both experimental groups, although generally remaining constant over time, reflected a trend toward increased behavior indicating school readiness. 'This relates to the daily decision making and problem solving: inherent.in. High/ Scope's "plan-do-review" process.

Favorable attitudes toward bilingual education were found in all parent groups. Such disposition undoubtedly facilitated the positive performance of the childyen. in Un Marco Abierto classrooms. In particullar, interviews showed mothers, of Site I experimental children to have significantly higher evaluation of their children's English ability than the control group. They also claimed to take an important teaching role with their children by providing significantly greater home instruction and instructional play items. Such parental perceptions and ini-class involvement was promoted by the High Scope model as a means. of enhancing the language and concept, development of participating children.

Teacher enthusiasm both for bilingual education and for Un Marco Abierto contributed to a favorable atmosphere for the adoption of the. model. This was particularly the case for East Los Angeles where questionnaires and informal interviews revealed that the classroom staff was very positive regarding High/Scope: They were especially supportive of its emphasis on children's development of personal directedness.. Teachers at Site Il regarded bilingual education as very importaant but were less secure in their understanding and support. for the. Un Marco dierto curriculum, at least until after a
series of in-service workshops during the latter, half of the evaluation year.

At three times during the evaluation year, the two Un Marco Abierto replication sites were assessed for degree of implementation across the categories of schedule and organization, physical setting, instructional materials, individual behaviors, and instructional strategies. ' Although individual classrooms had varying success in implementing particular asipects of the model', in general both sites had a positive overall experience with Un Marco Abierto. Across all clàssrooms there was a strict adherence to model guidelines related to scheduling and organization and the use of jnstructional materials throughout the year.

Given the emphasis of the model on interactions by the teacher With a particular group of students, it appears that the model could be easily impleménted in a variety of classroom settings. Although . Simultaneous use of all areas is not necessary for model implementation, without careful monitoring by the teachers there may be a tendency on the part of certain children, as they are allowed to make their own plans, to limit their experience to ar few favorite areas. This may, be reinforced by teachers' own preferences for certain areas. Thus, time to plan fors an equal distribution of experiences with human and material resources would seent essential to the successful implementartion of this model.

A summary of site and classroom implementation results for the individual behaviors.category indicates an improvement in scóres across all classrooms'at both sites. The model directives toward integration of the two langyzges would seem to work well when they are carried out in concent with specified instructional strategies. Such a practice may not, however, result in a balance between the two languages but instead lead to a systematic increase in the use of that language viewed, as most necessary outside.the classroo.a, as was, the case with Englísh in East Los Angeles. The program may aliso be easier. to implement with bilinglal teachers given the close involvement of individual teachers with a linguistically mixed group of students.
-A generally low level of párental participation contŕbuted to the less than maximum implementation as regards individual behaviors in the classroom. It would appear that involvement of parents in the new program. A comparison of the two sites suggests that it is advantageous to have a Head Start center in the neighborhood of the children that it serves. if parental participation is*to be fostered. At the East Los Angeles site where parents had immediate access to the center, they stayed and volunteered in the classrooms. The majority of the student population at the Milwaukee site was bused, and be-cause of transportation difficulties few parents volunteered.", Parents are thus more likely to volunteer when transportation to the center is available.

## FOOTNOTES

$1_{\text {A signìficant effect was also found favoring the experimental chil- }}$ dren on Spanish Tanguage production. This; however, appears to be a result of the extremely high scores on this measure recorded by the experimental children at Site I as Un Marco Abierto children at Site II scored lower. than their Head Start comparison group on this measurè.
${ }^{2}$ Site level comparisons were also,made for Spanish-preferring children in general at both Un Marco Abierto sites. The findings were similar to those at the model level although not as consistent across all meeasures. At Site I all significant differences favored the experimental children over their Head Start comparison group. These were found on the measures of English comprehension, English concep.t-development, and Spanish narrative quality. . At Site II, again all significant differences favored the experimental children. Such differences were on the measures of English language acquisition and English concept development when the experimental children were contrasted to Head Start. Home Based children and on English acquisition and Spanish comprehension when the Un Marco Abierto children were contrasted to children with no-preschool exposure.
$3^{\text {There }}$ was insufficient cell size to use inferential statistics in the analysis of Spanish-preferring children by entry level at the , Milwaukee site. \#Descriptive statistics, however, suggest a trend similar to that found at Site $I$ and across all the models. On mea-- sures of English acquisition and English concept development the experimental chilidren with little pretest ability in English had much higher posittest means than their Home Based Head Start counterparts. (EMLU $\overline{\bar{x}}_{\bar{x}}=2.2 \mathrm{vs}$. EMLU $U_{\bar{x}}=.61$ and PSIE $_{\bar{x}}=6.9 \mathrm{vs}$. PS $\mathrm{E}_{\overline{\mathrm{x}}}=2.7$; respectívely) whereas their posttest mean on Engl ish comprefension was slightly higher E ECOMP $_{\bar{x}}=6.4$ vs. $\operatorname{ECOMP}_{\bar{x}}=6.0$ ).
4.josés 'relatively poor performance in the test situation on the English language acquisition measure was not consistent with his extensive yse of his nonpreferred.language in the classroom.-In class-. room observations he ranked first even above his, English-preferring peers, thus accounting for a lower correlation than might be expected on this measure (see Appendix 4 ). Correlations., between test results and.classroom observations on all other English and Spanish tanguage production measures were high.
${ }^{5}$ Aides from East Los Angeles (one of whom resigned) spoke little English. They tried to improve their vocabulary by keeping word lists and asking children to translate, but their lack of fluency caused some confusion when_they worked with monolingual Spanish-speaking children.

IDRA: AMANECER

The AMANECER model was developed by Intercultural Development Research Association. In Spanish, AMANECER is a word that means "the beginning of a new day." AMANECER is also an acronym for the full title of the curriculum, which is A Multicultural Action Network for Early Childhood Education Resources.

The AMANECER preschool curriculum is intended to extend the bilingual experience to the first interface between the child and the educational institution. The curriculum is cognitively oriented and is based on three principal goals. These goals are (1) to create a learning environment that addresses the developmental needs of children, by providing appropriate learning experiences which re--flect their language and cultural characteristics; (2) to develop skills that will enable teachers to personalize instruction, support the chiłdren's cultural identity, and involve the parents in the learning process; and (3) to facilitate the participation of parents. and other, family. members in preschool activities. The model's approach to language development emphasizes that children should be taught jin the language they know best while learning a second language.; This is to be accomplished through at least two daily language-focused sessions in which children are divided into groups based on their language preference..

This chapter nresents the results of the pvaluation of the AMANECER model at two Head Start centers, Site I in Corpus Christi, Texas; and Site II, in Laredo, Texas. The results of the evaluation are divided into three sections. They include (1) child, parent, and teacher impact, (2) the curriculum implementation experiences, and (3) an integration of impact and implementation findings.

## A. Impact of the Model

The performance of the children on the battery of standardized tests and in the classroom and attitudinal changes of parents and. teachers over the course of the evaluation year are the subject of this section. A brief discussion of the sample characteristics initiates each outcome subsection, followed by an extensive presentation $f$ the results.

## i. Child Outcomes

## a. Child Sample

Sample children tested at the two sites of Corpus Christi and Laredo numbered 139. At Site I (Corpus Christi), 30 children experienced the AMANECER curriculum model while 28 comprised the stay-athome control group that underwent no preschool instruction. At : Laredo, 81 children comprised the sample; 43 experimental children

Characteristics of the Head Start population differed considerably across sites. While 24 of the 30 experimental and 23 of the 28 control children at Site I preferred English, the opposite was the case a.t Laredo, where $95 \%$ of both experimental and comparison children had a Spanish language preference. In spite of differences, in language preference, the overwhelming majority of all children at both sites was of Hispanic background. Comparison and experimental children were proportionate in their sex distributions, with boys outnumbering girls at Site I, and girls predominating at Site II. (For all child background characteristics see Appendix N.)
b. Test Results
(1) Spanish-preferring Children. Comparisons for Spanishpreferring children at Site. I were not conducted because there was not a sufficient number of Spanish」preferring comparison children at that site. Analyses of the data for Spanish-preferring children at Site II revealed the following: At the $p \leq .05^{\prime \prime}$ level of con-' fjdence, no significant differences were found between the experimental and the comparisun group. Two difierences were found favoring the experimental group at the . 10 level of confidence (see Table 35). These differences occurred on two subscales of the Language Production measure. I Spanish-preferring experimental and comparison children were also examined on the basis of their entrylevel abivities in English. Consistent with the results found for the other curriculum models, the effects of the AMANECER model were strongest for those children entering the program with little demonstrated ability in English. These children performed significantly better than their comparison counterparts on the measure of English Language Acquisition (see Table 36). 2 These children also tended to perform better than comparison children on peasures of both English and Spanish Concept Development; altholigh their gains did not reach the :05 level of significance. As will be shown in a subsequent subsection, these results are consistent with the findings of implementation which showed that teachers at Site II systematically carried out those activities related to language, and concept development in both languages with their largely Spanish monolingua't children.

Table 35. AMANECER Site II ANCOVA AND ANOVA results for Spanishpreferring children: Experimental and comparison Head Start children were compared on six constructs. 1

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Table 36. AhiANECER Site II comparison of Spanish-preferring children grouped. by English entry level ability. Experimental and comparison Head Start children were, compared an selected con'structs.


Table 37, AMANECER Site I ANCOVA and ANOVA results for Englishpreferring children. 'Experimental, Head Start and stay-at-home
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(2) English-preferring Children. The comparison of Englishprewerring children at Site I showed no significant differences between the experimental and comparison groups (Table 37).": Effects for sex were found on a number' of measures as females tended to outperform males on a number of the lesser measures. Consistent-

- With the classroom observations, the English-preferring children showed fittle progress on the tests administered in Spanish.


## c. Clasis'room Observations

Classroom observatfons, were made at AMANECER Site. I, as this was the site designated by the curriculum developers as motstrep-. resentative of their model', Fifteen subsample children at this site were selected for focused classroom observations during the preschool year. Of these, the 11 for which complete data, were available were used in the study. Six had a preference for English and five were Spanish preferring. Frequency counts and samples of their classroom interactions offer a qualitative base against which to view the outcomessf the standardized tefts.
(1) Language Usage. Figure 4 depicta overall language use by subsample children at this site. The figure illustrates that 'Spanishpreferring children used both languages in the classroom.: The experience of English-preferring children, however, was limited primarily to. English, as at least $93 \%$ of the total verbal interactions during rany observation pepiod were in that language. These resplts are consistent with those to be presented in the section on implemeptation which show that all of the. AMANECER classfooms favored Eng Fish language use. An investigation within the language preference groups, however, suggests, that the experience for individua' children, especially those who ent red the p:ogram as Spar, referring, was varitd.

Table 38 (Children's Language Usage) shows that Spanisnpreferring chfildren at AMANECER*I. exhibited twe distinct tendencies over the year. Three Spanish-preferring.children, Claudia, James; and Doris, showed a tendency to speak some English even at the first observation period. These children increased their English usage over the year to the extent that they became either English preferring or relatively balanced in their classroom language use. Two other Spanish-preferring children -- Ramona and Julio -- had a different pattern of language use. They exhibited little practice with English during the initial observations but utilized some at the midyear, then reverted back to primarily Spanish use at the final observation period.

The three children who utilizzed both languages early in the year were those who exhibited some ability with heir second language upon entering the Head Start. Their abilities are reflected not only provided them by their teachers and classmates (Table 39). For Claudia, the child who showed the g'reatest change in classroom language, even

Figure 4. Classroom observations of child language use were obtained for a subsample of Spanish-preferring and English-preferring children during Fall, Winter, and Spring. The figure below shows the proportion of Spanish ard English in AMARECER subsample children.'s language use over time.



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Table 38. Relative Prequency of observed ysage of Spanish and English by individual subsample ehildren over three points in time:


early in the year approximately two thirds of the verbal input directed to her by both teachers and peers was in Eniglish. While this proportion remained relatively constant for peers over the year, by the end of the year teachers.were conducting all of their direct verbal exchanges with the child in English.. Although less dramatic; the direct input to James followed the same trends. Doris, on the other hand, was addressed principally in Spanish by teachers throughout the year. It was observed that input "provided by peerss however, was almost entirely- in Spanish during the first observation period and completely in English at subsequent ones.

The two Spanish-preferring children who did not exhibit a consistent tendency to use the ir second/7anguage demonstrated little verbal ability wfth English at the start of the year, although both had some understanding of that language. The ratios of input received by Ramona from her teachers and peers followed a somewhat similar pattern to that received by Claudia, James, and Doris although her lânguage usage patterns.were different. This appeared to be largely a result of her personality. Ramona, a.four-year-old female, was a shy child who tended to avoid verbal interaction in the classroom. She was rarely forced to talk by her teachers or peers; on occasions when she was addressed, she managed to rely ong nonverbal cues to communicate.

- Julio, a tall Spanish-preferring male, displayed distinct characteristics from Ramona's. Julio was an assertive child who had difficulty in adjusting to the preschool environment. In efforts to socialize him into the classroom routine, teachers tended to interact with him in his preferred ranguage, thereby accounting for the consistently high percentage of input in Spanish he received throughout the year (over 70\% at each observation period). Input provided by his peers was in Spanish. in most cases. As he generally initiated conversaticns with his peers in his f'rst language, he created situations where he did not have to use English.

Practice in English grammatical forms was notable for the Spanish-preferring group. They were all able to use more grammatical structures in their second language over the jear, especially at the second observation period (Appendix 0 ). The most general patterns were in the areas of use of the present tense and of complete sentences where four of five children and three of five, respectively, increased their practice. Functionally; those three children who exhibited the most consistent use'of English in the classroom also diversified the purposes for which they used English. The areas in which these thildren received practice were giving verbal instructions and providing descriptions of themselves or others.

Déspite their. increased use of English, Spanish-preferring children also demonstrated increases in linguistic and functional competence in their first language. In their natixe language, four of the five Spanish-preferring children received practice in a greater number
of grammatical forms over the year. The one exception was that child who exhibited the most verbal ability in English even early in the year. 'This child tended to consistently use the same grammatical structures in her préferred language. The only consistent trend within a category was that'related to the use of piural nouns in. which three of five children received more practice. It is interesting to note that Julio, the child who interacted almost exclusively in Spanish, showed the most general increases in the practice receiyed with grammatical structures. The lack of more consistent trends ${ }^{3}$ can be explained by the inconsistency with which Spanish language lessons were carried out at the site, which will be discussed further in the implementation subsection.

Practice in functional competerce in Spanish was limited largely to the category of giving verbal instructions where four of the five chifdren were observed to have some experience in the classroom.

Table 38 also presents. the overall language use by Englishpreferring children at AMANECER I. These subsample children rarely' utilized their second language; with one exception at the first obsepvation period at le'ast $75 \%$ of each of the children's language production for the year was in English. Standardized test results' show that four of the Engl ish-preferring subsample children -- Ruth, Gregorio, Clotilde, and David -- had a slight understanding of their second language on entering preschool. These are the children who exhibited the greatest use of Spanish for the year. The other two children -- Judy.and Martin -- demonstrated virtually no capacíty with their second language in the pretest.

General interaction patterns', shown in Table 39, reveal that teachers and peers directed their verbal input tg these crildren in English in the majority of cases. There was a trefd, however, for teachers to address English-preferring children in Spanish during midyear. This corresponds to the greater effort exercised by teachers to implement the model during this second observation period. Ruth and Judy, both members of classroom A, were the recipients of a sustained, albeít weak, effort by teachers to address them jut their

- second language.. As will be shown in the implementation subsection, this was also the classroom which received the highest scores related to the language use strategies suggested by the model.

English-preferring subsample children' experienced little practice with Spanish. Most of the use of the second language was accounted for by two children, Ruth and David, who had shown some ability with their second language at the pretest. Use of Spawjsh by any children for the areas of furetional competencies listed asj cross-model objectives was virtually nonexistent. (Appendix P).

English practice, though, was extensive and varied. 'By the end of the year, five of six English-preferring children had increased
their practice in six of the eight categories related to linguis.tic competence-in English and three of them had practice in all.eight. Within the categories the most general trends were use of the past tense and use of complete sentences

The patterns of children's obsersed behaviors relatedito the cross-model objectives in the area of language comprehenssion generally paralleled those of language production. The experiences engaged in by the children were principally those of recalling information about the classroom itself or the home environment (seẹ Appendix Q ). English-speaking children demonstrated recall and comprehension abilities largely in their first language, whereas Spanish-preferring children showed such abilities in both languages. Again, in the latter instance it was the three Spanish-preferring children with the greatest initial ability in English who accounted for most of this practice. ${ }^{4}$

No differrences were noted in the amount of child language produced in different contexts. This was to be expected, as the model emphasized language interaction in.a number of activities including - large groups, language groups, independent play, and meals. The following examples of specific interactions of the children illustrate, through the learning experiences of individual children, the trends discussed above.

- Claudia, a chubby child with dark brown eyes, whose favorite area was the drama_center, was a Spanish-preferring child who. demonstrated some ability in English upon entering schoal. By the end of the year she was able to switch languages upon demand. She willingly participated in.large and "small group activities. In interactions with her peers she was assertive and often took the lead in organizing her classmates for games durỉng independent play.

Typical-of the Spanish-preferring children at Site 1 , Claudia's performance in her second language at the beginning of the year was largely limited to language lessons. The following exchange recorded during an English second-language group circle time activity illustrates, these interactions:

TThe day's lesson focus is milk products.
The teacher has a sampling of cream,
The teacher has a sampling of cream, cheddar, arid cottage cheeses.)
feacher: (Asks children to identify the piece of cheddar cheese she is holding.)

## Claudia: Cheese: <br> Teacher: Right, what kind of c̀hee'se? <br> Claudiá: Yellow.

Teacher: I didn't say what color. I said what kind of cheese. (Interrupts lesson to discipline two male students who are fighting and
then distributes pieces of cheese on, toothpicks.)

At fhis time, Claudia's English teaded to the in incomplete utterancel in response to the questions of the teacher. She was able to understand very simple questions in her second language such as "what is this?" but had trouble when the teacher tried to elicit less common vocabulary requiring the child to classify the object.

The teacher qorrected the child, pointing out the error and repeating the trouble source. As called for by the model, the second language lesson occurred at a concrete level with samples of the physical object - cheese -- being distributed as a reinforcement appealing to the children's sanse of taste.

The child's prsference for Spanifh, however, was evident from her speech when playing in the block area with tinkertoys on the same day:

Claudia: No, eeso es mía. Eso es mía. Julio : 'Garra otro.
(As he takes the truck.)
Teacher: (Tells Jaime to return some pegs to bis playmate.)
Claudia: Teacher, yo quiero más d'éstos.,
(Referring to the pegs.)
Teacher: Ahit tienen muchogs $L$
(And leaves:)
Julio: : Voy hacer una casita.
Claudia: Hey, mira, ven pa'cá. Te doy éstos.
(As she hands him some roind pegs and takes some long ones:.)

Although at this stage of her first language development Claudia still had problems in gender agreement, she spoke in com-- Plete senterices, made repeated use of the present tense, and was able to effectively give verbal instruations in her. preferted language. She also periodically mixed languages. (using "teacher"), as was common for all spanish-preferring children in the classroom.
'Late in the yeär Claudia was observed generarly using the language appropriate to her addressee. While withithe teachers she . tended to use: Engrish, she addressed her peers in their preferred language, as. is evident from this language sample from independent play:

Julio: ¿Por gué no más las mujer(es)?
Claudia: .No más yo y Cathy.

Teacher: (Calls to Julio to move to the other side of the rug for circle time and threatens the punishment of no outside play.)
(To Julio'.)

## Claudia:

Go over der. Go over der. You're not gonna get to 'go outside. He's a baby. He no wanna go over der:'

She spontaneously responded to her classmate in his preferred language. When the adult entered into the context, however, she switched with ease to her second language, 'Her English exhibited many of the characteristics of Spanish \$peakers learning English as a second language -- difficulty in the pronunciation of the phoneme /th/ ("over der"). and absence of the do-AUX in English negation ("no- wanne", go"). Thus, over the course of the school year, she appeared to have acguirêd communicative competence in her second language, while maintaining natural development in her preferred language.
$l$ The following excerpt from the middle of the preschood year serves to contrast Ramona, the Spanish'preferring child who avoided verbal interactions, with Claudia. Ramona was a petite button-nosed female with a soft voice who scorsd well below her Spanish-preferring peeirs on pretest measures of her preferred language. When ordered to speak, she would use only one or two words in Spanish. In dramatic play, Ramona often assumed the role of a baby and spent the entire period'with a, bottle hanging from her mouth. She seldom participated in the games or singing of large group activities, but, rather sat quietly observing the other children interact.

Ramona is at. the housekeeping)drama center. The teacher "walks into the center and engages in play with her. Ramona sticks iwo wooden bread slices into a toy toaster.

Teacher: ¿Qué es to que me hiciste; Ramona?
Ramona : Papa.
Teacher: ¿Qué? ¿Pàpas?
Ramona : (Nods. She gets a bowl and ladle from a nearby cabinet, stirs, then "serves" the teacher a plate: She gets the molcajete and stone and begins grinding.)
Teacher: ¿Ya me hiciste mi lonche?
Ramona : . (Nods? She grabs a mop and maps on the rug area.) :
Teacher: Ramona, 'ta muy sabrosa tu comida. . f Yo ya me voy. O.K.?

- Ramona : (Nods.) (Elena comes over, and hands the teacher a painting. The teacher leaves the area. with Elena.)

Teacher: (To`Elena.) T Ohthis is so pretty.
Ramona : (Continues mopping.)
This example of Ramona's behavior during independent play illustrates the way in which she was able to interact throughout the * year with little need to verbalize... Here one notes the teacher addressing her in her preferred language and Ramona's obvious comprehension of the questions. Most-of her responses were, however, nonverbal. When forced to answer a WH question, she responded with a single word. Her láck of verbal practice in the classroom was reflected in her posttest scores which dropped on-all measures in her first language and were virtually nonexistent in English.

The similarity of the experience of the English-preferring children can be typifjed by David, an English-preferring child who had some demonstrated understanding of Spanish.

- David, a slim well-dressed child who was the second youngest in a seven-sibling family, was well liked by students in his site I. classroom. His popularity often caused competition among his male peers, who vied for his companionship during play periods. Like , many of the Hispanic children at Site I, David was an Englishpreferring bilingual. He eagerly participated in most activities, sfowing special enthusiasm during language lessons when he would frequently volunteer answers.

At the stàrt of the school year, David tended to speak his

- preferred language to both teachers and peers uniless he was addressed by a classmate in Spanish', when he would respond $i^{\circ} n^{\circ}$ his second
?. language. The following"exchange, which tcok place early in the provides the English dominant language circle count early in the year, lesson on cheeses-reviewed in the example of Claudia:

David : (Tastes the cottage cheese, wrinkles his nose, and puckers his lips registering his dislike.)
Teacher: (Asks the names of the different cheeses.)
David : (Points-to the cheddar cheese:)
I liked this one. I'm gonna tell my motha'
I liked the chedda' cheese.
Although he had not yet mastered the difficult phoneme $/ r /$ in final position in his preferred language, David successfully verbalized in complete sentences to describe bis own feelings. He readily incorporated the newly learned lexical item -- a type of cheese -- into his linguistic repertoire.

Even at, the beginning of the year, however, he exhibited a receptive ablity in his second language and limited productive ability
as witnessed by the following lunch-time conversation with his peers:
David : (Sits at a U-shaped table, waiting. for the bowl to be passed. Pedro and George, his classmazes, compete for a seat next to him.)
Pedro : (To Dayid:)
David : - Pedro
Pedro : Hay silla.
(Points to the chair next to George.)
David: Sí, hay.
George: , Stop it, Pedro.
$\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { After Pedro kicks George's chair.) } \\ \text { To George.) }\end{array}\right.$
David: (To George.)
You like to box?
David: (Playfully punches George.)
George: No, David.
David : Poke your eyes.
(Pokes at George's eyes.)
Say" "poke your eyes," slow.
Georgè: Poke jour eyests
(Slowly.)
Although David was much more verbal in his preferred language and, in this example, demonstrated a larger functional and syntactic repertoire, including use of the interrogative and an ability to give verbal instructions., he had no, problems in understanding the speech of his Spanish-preferring peers and in using a short utterance to describe his classroom environment.

Late in the year, David continued to demonstrate some interest in learning and conmunicating in. his second language, although his ability continued to be at a fairly elementary level. This language sample is taken from a second language cikcte time for English language dominant children. The lesson is on things found in the kitchen:

| Teacher: | (Asks him to point to a designated area on, a picture of a refrigerator. abajo en el regrigerador. |
| :---: | :---: |
| David | (Points to low point on refrigerator.) |
| Teacher: | (Reviewing lesson:) |
|  | la ver, David, qué es otro nombre para hielera (nevera)? |
| David | Friger-, friger-. |
| Teacher: | Refrigerador. |
| David | Ref-, refrigeradow. |
| Teacher: | Good, David. |

The teacher provided the child with a variety of lexical items for the object "refrigerator." Although exhibiting difficulty with the five-syllable word "refrigerator," David patiently attended to the modeling of the teacher to produce a perfect "refrigerador" and was rewarded with a compliment in his preferred language.

His continued preference for and development in English, however, was evident during this lunch-time conversation recorded at the end of the year:

David : (Sitting at the head of the table, he takes a biscuit from the plate, which he then passes on to his classmate, George.) Eat the biscuit.
(Addresses next statement to the teacher, seated at the opposite end of the table:).
Teacho, they should put jelly on it.
Teacho, I saw a movie about the lion.
Gearge : (Tries to interrupt the conversation.)
David. : Wait! And the lion. . . and.the witch died.
Angelica: I laughed cuz the witch died.
George : . It's not funny.
David : (Agroes.)
Teacher :- David, are you going to the carnival?

- David : (Nods.)

Teacher, where's the carnival gonna be?
Teacher : Down by the water next to the Coliseum. And there's gonna be fireworks -- cohetes.
David': Oh, we get those in Mexico.
Julio : Nosotros 'ámo' a México a comprạ' mucha comida.
Here David exnibited his substantial grammatical repertoire, successfully employing the interrogative form, regular and irregular past tense ("saw"), and the model "should" to give advice. His variable use of the /r/ (as appeared in "teacher") exhibited progress toward complete phonological development. Within the context of the efassroom, in which English became the primary meanss of communication, David demonstrated greater devotopment in his preferred language than in his second language, which remajned limited in lexical and functional variety to the demands of language-focused activities ánd of his monolingual Spanish-speaking peers.
(2) Concept Development. Experience with concepts is one of the fundamental goals of the AMANECER model. That experience is to be provided in a child's first and second language.: However, it appears from the results of psychometric tests and observations that practice in the use of concepts followed a pattern similar to that for language production in that English, was stressed. As evident from Table 40, early in the year all subsample children's practice with

concepts identified as cross-model objectives was largely limited to their preferred language and to areas that were nonlangurage specific. Spanish-preferring children in general tended to have more practice in their second language than the English-preferring group. ${ }^{5}$ The English-preferring subsample children experienced practice with concepts largely in English throughout the year.

Four of the five Spanish-preferring children increased their . practice with concepts in English from the first to subsequent observation periods. There was also an increase in the pradtice of nonlanguage-specific concepts for most children. Ramona, sustaining her nonverbal strategy, engaged almost entirely in nonlanguagespecific practice throughout the year. Only one English-preferring child was observed to increase her practice with condepts in Spanish. - This was the child who showed the most ability with that language at the pretest.

Eight of the total of 11 subsample children displayed diversification in their practice with concepts, with the Spanishpreferring children. rećeiving broader practice primarily in their second language and English-preferring children primarily in their first: The variety of experiences with concepts differed in the two language preference groups. Whereas Spanish-preferring children's experience was concentrated in the areas of matching/classification of objects arid symbolic representation at the first observation and symbolic representation and visual discrimination at subsequent observations, English-preferring children had more diverse experience with the categories within the construct of concept development. Visual discrimination in Eng?ish was the category in which children were observed to most consistently increase their practice, with four out offive Spanish-preferring children and, all six English-preferring children displaying behaviors, related to this area of concept-development. Practice centered on the identification of objects for Spanish-preferring children and identification of attributes of an object for English-preferring children. In addition, both groups of children receiyed practice in symbolic representation, usually in rale play situations". As will be discussed in the implementation subsection, the lack of structured adult-child interactions, especially in Spanish, allowed children of that language preference to function on their own during free play. This led to a concentration of these children in the drama and manipulative areas late in the year. That these areas lended themselyes to symbolic representation and visualdiscrimination is evident from an examination of Appendixes $R$ and $S$.

Ás with language productioh; concept development occurred in a variety of contexts. Lunch was especiaNy amenable to cončept development as it presented concrete objects from which the abstract extrapolations called for by the model could be made.

Julio illustrates the trends for the Spanish-preferring children while Judy serves to characterize the experience of the English-preferring subsample children.

Spalio, a husky child who came from a large family, was a
Sreferring child. He spent most of his time in.the block are constructing street or city scenes. His progress in concept development was typical of many Spariish speakers at AMAMECER, who exhibited more evidence of understanding concepts in their second language late in the year.

Early in the year, Ju'rio's exploration of concepts was largely limited to his preferred language. The following interaction was observed during dominant lảnguage circle time:

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Teacher: Pedro, itu mama usà los limones en
    tu casa?
    Pedro : Si. Pa' comer eon şál ....
        Teacher: (Cuts the lemon into slices, gives
                        each child a piece to taste, and
                        asks him or her to describe the
                        taste: - She then asks for the lemon's
                        color.).
            Julió : 'Marillo.
                Teacher: Amarillo! iy a qué sabe?
                        Julio : Agrio.
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As the activity was in the child's preferred language, the teacher explored two concepts -- color and taste =- appealing to the sense of taste through use of the concrete physical object. She repeated Julio's correct response for emphasis and to ensure modeling of the correct form and attempted torencourage conversation among the children by inquiring'abbout customs at home.

The teachers used lunch time also as a means of relating concepts learned in lessons to the cultural reality of individual children, as exhibited by this brief.interchange recorded at the beginning of the year.

Teacher: * (Asks the boys to sit at the table.)
Does anybody know what werre having for "breakfast?
Julio : Atole.
Teacher: ¿C6mo sabes?
Julio : Porque trajeron la.cuchara.
(Referring to the ladle.)
When the teacher received a response in Spanish, she immediately switched to Julio's dominant language when asking a, question requiring a logical explanation. sulio responded with the correct answer, arrived at through a somewhat unique pattern of reasoning but nonetheless correct.

By the end of the year, Julio had progressed in his understanding of concepts in his second language, as evident from this exchange observed during a large group review lesson after nap time. Earlier in the day during-dominant language circle time and second language development circle, the teacher had used pictures of objects to Kave the children employ, their sense of touch:


Although obviously much more comfortable with the concepts of "hot" and "cold" in his preferred language, Julio was able to provide at least part of the correct response before being interrupted by his English-preferring classmate. Unlike his Engl ish-preferring peers, then, he showed progress in the area of concept development in both his preferred and his second language.
${ }^{\text {E }}$ : Judy, a blond bwe-eyed girl with a small upturned nose and an engaging smile, was a socially oriented child with well-developed verbal skills in English. She demonstrated no verbal abilities or understanding of concepts in her second lawguage at the pretest. At posttest she received close to maximum scores on the English concept devel opment measure but continuod to demonstrate no ability inspanish. Her lack of ability in Spanish forced her to limit her interactions to English-speaking children; this also somewhat limited her choice of centers in which to play." Eventuatly; however, her, outgoing personality made her one of the favorites in the class, and. she was sought out by the Spanish-preferring children' with some knowl edge of English. By the end of the year, with the combined influence of preschool and fer two older sisters, she had mastered colors and the alphabet in her preferred language:

Although Judy was one of the few children who began and ended the school year nearly English monolingual as indicated by the test results, early in the year she was observed effectively participating in this' second language circle time focusing on the five senses:
(In first circle time, the children have been introduced to tasting and

- smelling pepper, salt; and sugar, with emphasis on the differences between sweet and sour.)
Teacher: Esta es mi boca.
(Points to her mouth.)
Judy.: : Boca.
Teacher: _Usamos la boca para comer. A ver, todos. Judy :- (Repeats in unison with other children.)
Teacher: (Asks each child what the mouth is: used for.)

In this second language circle time the children were introduced to a limited number of concepts, emphasizing both the identification of the object "boca" and the function of taste performed by the mouth. Judy's participation was limited to the repetition of the lexical item elicited by the teacher.

Often independent-play provided Judy with opportunities to explore concepts in her preferred language. The following interaction was observed early in the year when budy was playing with her peers in the art area:

| y | (Pounds clay with a plastic bowl in the art center while sitting at a rectangular table next to a classmate, Doretta. She shapes the dough with her hands.) <br> (To Jorge.) |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | Get some more play dough. Just play dough. That's all you can play with. |
| Jorge Judy | (Pounds.Judy's clay and laughs.) <br> (Judy ignores him and begins rolling the dough.) |
|  | I'm £onna make a big snake -- a rattlesnake (She drops, some clay and addresses Jorge: Will you gimme that? |
| Do | (Takes Judy's clay |
| Jud | That's my big rattlesnake. |

Here Judy exhibited behavior typical of AMANECER children early in the school year, using materials symbolically to create a snake. She alsơ successfully identified the size of the object as "big."

Midway through the year, Judy was opserved exhibiting her growing understanding of concepts in her preferred language:


In this case, the children were encouraged by the teachers to abstract the shape and color of the fruits they had learned during circle time to the concrete paper fruits pinned to their clothes. Judy demonstrated her understanding of sthe lesson in a vivid form by imitating the behavior of the teacher in drilling her peer.

Finally, late in the year, Judy exhibited a similar pride in-: her understanding of English concepts in the following sequence which took pTace during independent play:
(Judy is in the block area building a large tower of blocks.)
(To the observer.) Look it, Mr.
(Tower wobbTes.)
It's gonna fall.
(Then reassuring herself:) It won't fall.
$\therefore$ (Robert, a classmate, walks by and accidentally brushes the tower, causing the blocks to topple to the floor.)
Robert, Robert did it. Robert broke
it down: I gotta fix it again.
(Turning to Nancy, a classmatte.)
Can you hand me a small one? I might
not need any. Careful, careful.
Nancy : (Counts the blocks in the column.)
Judy :
the wigint of the new blocks, Judy.
rearranges the blocks until they are
balanced and in a column about three
feet high.)
Look it, Look it, Mr.
(She counts to 14 correctly, pointing to the blocks.
I kno how to count. I'm a good coúnter, right?
(Nods.)
Observer:
Judy I'm a good builder.
Typical of the English-preferring children at Site I, Judy by the end of the year demonstrated a greater diversity of behavior in the area of concept development. She exhibitèd a growing understanding of seriation and sequencing by employing the correct sequence of numbers in her preferred language, as well as pointing out the cause/effect relationships between her peers' actions and the resulting destruction of her tower., She also was able to differentiate objects by size ("small" and "big") and make compari-.). sons of size ("bigger").
(3) Socioemotional Functioning. Although classroom observations were limited in this construct, they show relatively consistent trends for most children: With the exception of two children at the initial observation period, all children exhibited relatively greater appropriate socioemotional behavior than inappropriate behavior (Table 41). This was especially true in the areas of self-esteem and motivation where only one instance of inappropriate behavior was observed for a child at any of the three obserwation periods.

For Spanish-preferring children much of the appropriate behavfor in the area of school readiness could be attributed to two children -- Ramona and Julio. Although Julio showed a tendency to fail to follow directions and to distract other children throughout the year, there was a decrease in such behaviors over time. Ramona, on the other hand, exhibited an increasing tendency not to engage in

Table 41. Refative frequency of observed appropriate and inappropriate socioemotional behavior for individual subsample childręn over three,points in time: AMANECER. ${ }^{1}$


1 Percentage totals may not equal $100 \%$ due tó rolunding.
group activities as the year progressed.
Among the English-preferring children, one child, Clotilde, accounted for most of the behaviors that reflected the lack of school readiness noted during the first two observation periods. Like Julio, she tended to distract other children and also often failed to participate in group activities. . The relative increases in nonparticipation noted for six of the subsample children at the last observation period was probably a function of waning enthusiasm for school, related to the approach of summer vacation (see Appendixes $T$ and $U$ ).

Almost all of the children exhibjted relatively more experience in carrying out activities independently, a model objective which was probably facimitated by the emphasis on the horquilla system of classroom management. This same tendency toward greater Independence was also evident in the children's decreased dependence on the teacher's positive reinforcement and in the demonstration of pride in accompl ishments. Toward the end of the year, observations such as the following, in which the children played independently in their chiosen area, were common:

Barbara at the water sink pours water from a measuring cup into an orange juice container. She brings a chair for Judy and pushes it under her.

Both Sparish- and English-preferting children generàlly exhibited adaptation to the schoolday routine, erpecially the customs surrounding meal times when the children were often obseived spon. taneously cooperating in clean-up duties, as in the following. obserkation: "Cathy finishes with the lunch, crushes the milik carton, and carries it and the paper plate to the trash."

## 3. Parent Outcomes

## a. Parient Sample

Parent interviews provided information on the background characteristics of the children's families and on changes in parental attitudes." These data were gathered for a total of 117 families. At Site I, 27 int-rviews had preschoolers enrolled in the AMANECER Head Start pro ram. Twenty-five interviewees were parents of comparison children. At Site II, 35 of the 65 interviewees were parents of experimental group children. Results indicate, that the great majority of parents at. both sites were Hispanics . whose language preference was Spanish: At both sites an average of
nine years of school had been completed by all parent groups. The average number of persons per household was five. (See Appendix L for complete parent background characteristics.)

## b. Mothers' Attitudes and 'Perceptions,

The results of the comparisons of experimental and comparison group mothers' attitudes were' similar at both sites (see Taple 42). At each site no significant differences were found in mathers' beliefs that schools were doing a good job of educating their children and that the schools were providing an educational experience that would help the children prepare for a career. Educational aspirations were similar for each group of parents at the two sites, as all desired a college education for their children.

No significant differences were found between experimental and comparison groups at either site in ers' assessment of their children!'s language ability. Respondent Site I, however, perceived their children's English to be better than. their Spanish language ability, whereas mothers at AMANECER II hel.d the opposite perception. This is consistent with the general language use within the' two cities in which the sítes were found.

While no significant changes in their role as teachers were reported by the AMANECER II mothers over the year, mothers at AMANECER $I_{\text {a }}$ were found to provide less formal instruction than the controi group mothers. Conversely, those same experimental group mothers reported providing more instructional playthings than their control group counterparts. This situation was a result of the greater amount of interaction between the mother and child in the - "stay-at-home" control group them between the Head Start children and their mothers.

To investigate any additional instructional input outside the classroom which might influence test results, mothers of both experimental and comparison children were asked to identify the daily activities of their children. At, Site I it, was found that during the time the experimental children were in school, control children spent most of their time either playing or watching. television. The activities of both groups were similar outside of classroom hours, and parents seldom identified any formal learning activities as occupying their children!s time (Appendix $V$ ).

Site II comparison children's activities more closely. paralleled those of their experimental counterparts. They spent - most of their time at school, watching television, or at play. For both groups, instructional activities in addition to those of preschool were rare. Thus, it appears that for all children at both sites experiences related to the cross-model objectives generally occurred during school.

Table 42 . Comparison of the attitudes and perceptions of mothers of all sample children: AMANECER.

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## 2. Teacher Outcomes

a. Teacher Sample. As both sites were characterized by a flux in teaching personnel, the number of classroom staff that experiented a tomplete year with the AMANECER model and comprised the teacher sample was limited to three (two teachers and one aide) at Site I and three teachers and one atbe at Site II. At Site I, changes were made in the teaching staffs of all three classrooms during the course of the year because of resignations by teachers to pursue other employment and by the reassignment of personnel. Site II lost two aides for similaf reasons.

Initidy, the AMANECER teaching staff at both sites was composed of Mexican American women who were reared in the local communities. Later in the year, a Black woman was hired as a replacement teacher in AMANECER I. Except for this replacement teacher at Site I, all teachers and aides were bilingual and the majority reported that most of their verbal interactions were either in Spanish or equally divided between Spanish and English. The age's of the teaching staff ranged from the mid-20s to the early 30 s .

Educational background and teaching experience of the classroom staff were similar. The majority of the' staffs' formad education was limíted to having attained a high school diploma. Two teachers at Site I, however, had also been certified as Child Development Associates, and two others, who servech during part of the year, were taking classes in hopes of attaining Child Development Associate certification. At Site II, two staff members were working toward A.A. degrees in child development by attending part-time classes at. a local junior college. AMANECER Il teachers averaged 3-1/2 years in the classroom. The AMANECER.I teachers had an average of 15 months of classroom experience.
b. Teachers' Attitudes. Teachers implementing AMANECER at both sites were positive toward the model. In informal discussions with fieldworkers, they stated that it gave structure to the preschool day and provided thent with new ideas. They were especially happy with the classroom management using horquillas, or clothespins, to limit the use of individual learning centers.

All 1 teachers valued the in-service training sessions which provided them with new concrete ideas for implementation of the curriculum. AMANECER I teachers, however, received more training during the evaluation year thian those at. AMANECER II, and even at Corpus Christi; workshops which had taken place at least once a month the previous'school year were infrequently carried out in 1979$1980 .{ }^{6}$ Most teachers expressed the need for more guidance from the model developers. Teachers.at Corpus Christi al so voiced concern over the lack of adequate materials. which; they felt was a result of
problems at the central office.
At both sites *eachers and aides felt that to effectively carry otit the directives of the model, extra work for which they were not compensatéd was required: They were vocad about their dislike of the paperwork required to implement the model's directives regarding grouping of children by language preference'. They perceived their 'jabs as low-paying and were constantly rooking for improved opporturtities.

Teachers and aides at the AMANECER sites continued to display redorinantly integrative orientation towar both bilingualism and bilingulal education over the course of the evaluation year. Principal benefits listed by the clastroom staff were cultural awareness, intercultural cormunication, and socialization: They did, however, increasingly come to value the Avantages of heightened education and career opportunities. There was a consistent trend at both Corpus Christi and Laredo toward a greater emphasis on these I pragmatic aspects of bilingualism, especially for Spanish-préferring children. As teachers had to deal primariky with Hispanic. children, it is probable that they came to see the advantage of bilingualism for Hispanic's as closely linked with the educational process.. As regarss their orientationtoward a bilingual/bicultural curricai, at site I the instructor at the posttest identified a greater diversity in advantages for native Spanjsh-prefîring children thath

* for English-preferring children. This was not the case at Site II where teachers and aides voiced a mixed integrative-instrumental
- orientation for both English- and Spanisp-preferring youngsters. At both pread dind posttest, teachers were stiongly in favor.of incorporating Hisp, culture into the class room... This included activities based.role modełs and to utilize Hispanic celebrations, to provide conmunitysongs, (dances, and curriculum materials.

No significant, trends were found in the AMANECER- teachers' attitud toward the type of language that should be used by Spaliishor Englith-speaking_children. Teaching staffs at both AMANECER sites were genérally in favor of the native and second language being spoken as it is in the home and community. At posttest, Site I teaching staff contimued supporting the use of textbooks as the language model for English-speaking children. They a7so agreed that Spanish speakers learn a second language, as it is presented in text ooks, but were ambivalent about how they should learn in their native language. There was, however, a tendency at Site II to maintain their opposition toward the use of textbooks as -language models for either English-or. Spanisth-speaking children:

Most of the teachers at both AMANECER sites stressed the importance of parental participation in the classroom (Table 43). Site II/teachers, however, seemed to see parent involvement slightly

Table $43^{\circ}$. Attitudes toward parent involvement of experimental Head. Start teachers.: AMANECER.
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-Parents should be involved
in the classroom If parențs cannot be in the classroow, teacher should have freguent contact with them

Teacher should attempt to involve seemingly uninterested parents

Teacher, personal success in - involving parents

Teacher could do a better job with more parent participation

Parents provide accurate information to teachers
more positively than did those from Site I where teachers had experienced difficult situations with'some parent volunteers. Both groups generally felt that teachers should have frequent contact with those parents unable to come to the classroom and that parent participation could help them in their teaching duties. They also felt that they had had success in involving parents in the ir programs as well-as confidence in the type of information provided by parents.

## B. Implementation

This section provides the findings of the evaluation related to the implementation of the AMANECER curriculum at the two experimental sites. The discussion presented here is supplemented by Appendix $\gamma_{5}$ which provides descriptions of (1) the sociocultural environment of the communities, (2) the administrative aspects of each site, and (3) the Head Start settings: A description of the principal features of the AMANECER surriculum model initiates this section. The success ' of each site and each classroom within a site in meeting the goals of the model in five areas -- schedule and organization, physical setting, instructional-materials, individual behavion, and instructional strategies -- is then discussed. A description of the comparison . group at each site completes the section.

## 1. Rrincipal Features

The curriculum model known as AMANECER was developed by the Intercultural Development Résearch Association (IDRA). The developors, who geared their model to address the concemns raised by teachers In surveys conducted by IDRA, describe their model as a process, a method of organizing materials, and a framework for putting together a bilingual approach. The mader utilizes an ec]ectic theoretical approach, taking philosophical underpinnings from the Piagetian and Montessorian approaches as well as others.

## a. Model Goals

Physical growth and intellectual development are viewed as integral processes that occur in sequential stages. All children develop specific skills which help them"progress to higher stages of development. All early learning begins at a concrete level. Thus, a child must be introduced to a physical object before she or he develops a concept or idea of that object.

The model aims to facilitate the child's learning and development by introducing into the class room those aspects of his or her life style which serve as a bridge between the home and the school. The model developers.hold that "children learn best in a setting which
respects.and uses their culture and language, and that this culture and language should be the means through which children's knowledge is extended" (Barrera', 1978: , 18, Booklet T).

This ideal is reflected in the fallowing classroom objectives: (a) "teachers will create a learning environment which addresses the developmental needs of children, by providing appropri-. ate learning experiences which reflect their language and cultural characteristics"; (b)-teachers are to develop skills enabling them to personalize instruction, "create a safe and healthy learning environment, support the child's cultural identity, and involve parents in the learning process"; and (c) teachers ar to facilitate parental participation in classroom activities to ensure a smooth, natural transition from home to school (Ibid.: 23-25),

The developers dewised a set, of booklets which explain the AMANECER model and a series of supplementary materials designed to facilitate its implementation:* The color-coded booklets are organized into packets which address different aspects of the curriculum, including a description of the model and its theoretical underpinnings, acquisition and usé of materials, the linkage be'tween home and school, and a synthesis of the model's ppproach. The supplementary materials include various file systemp aid the teacher in pre-: paring, organizing; and evaluating classroomiactivifies so as to ensure a well-balanced curriculum. A variety of checklists, folders, in the ange profiles are provided to record, the child's progress as well as insights into the child's life style and "deep" culture. Such record systems are aimed at providing each child with an individualized program of Pnstruction appropriate to his or her cultural reality and stage 8 t"devel gnent.

## b. Classroom Manageme, <br> 

The model AMANECER classfoom is divided into learning centers Whose function is the development of. cr civity, coordination, and social skills. - The model deyelopers recommend a vartity of centers: art center, blocks, discoverÿ, dramatic play, library, manipulation, music, sand and water play; and woodworking. As a means of providing order and structure to the classroom setting as well as of avoiding overcrowding in any. one center, use of a specially designed classroom management system is suggested. In order to limit the number of children that may use an interest center at any one time, a designated number of clothespins (horquillas) are placed on a cardboard and tacked on to some areas in the center. Before a child can play, in a. center, she or he must obtain a clothespin which is then at tached to the child's clothes. If no clothespins appear in a center, a child múst wait until one is ayailable before playing in that centef. It is recommended that the first three weeks of the school year be spent drilling the children of the elothespin system and on how to use and
put away materials in a center. Once children have internalized the routine, the developers point out, teachers are freed from the duty of directing actions so as to concentrate on working with children on an individual basis.

## c. Classroom Schedule *

Scheduling of activities is considered a basic model feature. It not only allows steachers to use their time wisely and accomplish more but also provides a routine for, children, imparting a sense of order and. security which enables them to (predict and plan their actions. The importance of scheduling lies not so much in defining the amount of 'time allotted tolyctitities as in assuring the sequence of events.

The model recommends that teachers include the following activities in their schedules: arrival, breakfast, dominant language circle, transition, independent play, second language developmeqt circle, outside play, lunch, and nap time.

Arrival: This period is designed to ease the anxiety of transition from home to schoor. Independept activities may occur during this period.

Breakfast: Breakfast serves to ease the hunger pangs as well as allow planning for the day. Children can help serve the meal and clean up.

Dominant Language Circle Time: According to the model, there are to be at-least two groups: the English dominant language group and the Spanish dominant language group. Teachers are to plan the - lessons for the circle times using the supplementary curriculum materials provided by the model developers. Only English is to be spoken during the English language circle time, while only Spanish is to be used in the Spanish language circle time. The techniques to be employed for language development are modeling, expansion, elaboration, description, questioningand/or listing. The language circle in which the children speak their dominant language is to be conducted at a higher level of complexity than the one in which the children are learning a new language. In addition, the teacher should encourage spontaneous conversation among the children.

Transition: According to the AMANECER model, a transition is designed to move children in a "natural, orderly manner" from one activity to another (Barrera, 1978: 18, Booklet 1). The transition from the first circle time to the next activity is unique. It is at this time that teachers have a chance to implement some personalized a teacher . Should the model be implemented to its fullest extent, personal folder, would diagnose the individual's weaknesses and designate the centers whose activities would help the child overcome
such weaknesses. Thus, she would give the child a set of centers from which she or he could choose tol play. This allows children to practice their decision-making skills while also aiding in their development.

Independent Play: Once a child has selected a center, he or she must put on a clothespin before playing in that area. While the children engage in independent play in their chosen learning centers, the teacher circulates throughout the class attending to individual children's needs.

Second Language Development Circle:- The language.development during this activity is to be conducted on a much more elementary level than in dominant language circle time. Using modeling, the teacher introduces a maximum of two concepts per session.

Outside Play: The model suggests that, just as in the class'room, children be allowed to choose a play, area in the outside environment. In addition, teachers are to plan activities which will allow them to rate the children's developrent in using different musctes.

Lunch: Lunch serves to provide a meal as well as a time to socialize. Teachers are to eat with the childiren so that they can aid the children and serve as models for table manners. Food and lunchtime conversation may also serve as a means to review new concepts or łanguage items learned during circle time.

Nap Time: A nap-time period is recommended so that children may rest. Teachers can help children reiax by talking with them or rubbing their backs. A snack time and independent play activity may be scheduled for the all-day programs.

The AMANECER model, then, aims its program at the total development of the child. The various activities and materials are designed for the development of physical cbordination, analytical thought, and social. skills.

## 2. Model Level Implementation

Assessment of the degree of implementation was carried out by means of the implementation checklist described previously in the methodology chapter. Table 44 presents data on the implementation of the model at the two AMANECER replication sites. This is auginented by Figure 5 which presents the relative frequencies of the various implementation categories for each'site over time. Varied patterns of overall implementation are.evident in the table. Although scores are similar at the two sites, implementation at Site I peaks at the midpoint observation, whereas Site II's scores display a decreasing trend over time. The mjdyeăr peak of Site I seems to be the combined result of the training received by the staff immedtately prior to the observation period and to the closing of the school during that time. Two training workshops, took, place near the

Table 44. AMAMECER implementation scores by site over time.


FIGURE 5

- AMANECER DEGREE OF IMPLENENTATION BY SITE OVER TIME

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end of the calendar year and installation of a heating system forced closing down of the school, allowing teachers to use the time as a work week. This provided ample time for the teachers at Site I to evaluate their performance up to that date, plan activities, and prepare classroom materials.

The decreasing, scores for Site II are the result of the staff's less frequent exposure and interaction with the trainer through . workshops, which led in part to less success in taking advantáge of their limited resources and in maintaining instructional activities over the entire year. The higher initial scorescat site II appear to be a result of the staff's strict adherence to the schedule during the early part of the year and their ability to consistently provide adult. direction in those activities which occurred in the classroom.

Although both sites appear to have been highly successful in carrying. out the schedule as planned, site I was more successful as the year went on, whereas site II teachers were relatively consistent in completing scheduled activities over the course of the evaluation year. The lower scores for Site I at the first observation reflect adjustments made by the teachers to deal with fluctuating bus schedules and loss of personnel who accompanied the buses.:

The physical setting category details higher overall scores for Site I than Site II. While at both sites, the recormended learning centers were found in the room, class room size at Site II prevented the addition of supplementary centers at appropriate times during the year and at times resulted in the removal of a center. The roon sizes at Site II also teinded to obstruct free movement as shelves or tables at times blocked access to specific centers.

* Classrooms at Site I were considerably larger aflowing for mobility in addition to providing space for additional centers.

The category of instructional materials assesses the presence and use of the appropriate materials, including culturally relevant materials, in each area. Site I scores tend to increase across the three observation periods as a resuit of both the new materials created in training sessions and the increased number of materials in new learning centers. Site 15, however, had generally higher, overall scores. Thts-was-due to the inciusion of more culturally relevant materials at the latter site. In addition to the presence of items common to both sites, such as terros and molcajetes, Site II's classrooms abounded in depictions of culturally and ethnicaliy diverse "food and pictures/dranings.

In comparing the scores for individual behaviors, which focuses of the interactions of the classroom population, with the total possible points in that category, one notes that the scores are relatively low at both sites; neither approaches half of the possible points. Contributing to the low scores were the lack of parent participation in the classroom, as called for by the model, and a
tendency to rely on the use of one language in teacher-child interactions.

Finally, the greatest differences between Site I and Site II are in the instructional strategies category. Whereas both sites showed a decrease-in scores over the evaluation year, Site II received near maximum scores at all three observation periods while Site I achieved Tess than half the possible points. Contributing to the higher scores at Site II was the fact that language activities were carried out more consistently and more adult-directed activities occurred, especially during independent play.

Differences in implementation also existed across classrooms within a site. In order to better understand the dynamics of implementation which have influenced the scores, it is necessary to examine the implementation process by classroom. The next portion $>$, of the report describes this process in each classroom within each site.

## 3. Classroom Implementation Factors (Site I) -

All AMANECER I classrooms experienced a midyear peak in overall implementation scores, as Table 45 makes evident. By the final observation period, overall scores for the three classrooms approached the same level, suggesting that an optimal "threshold" of implementation was being approached. Similarity across' classrooms was particularly apparent with in the schedule/organization and instructional materials components of implementation, revealing coordination in the timing of classroom activities and use of the same types of display and lesson materials. Variation can be noted between classrooms in other implementation categories and at different points in time. Factors affecting each of the five categories are considered in turn.
a. Schedule and Organization

Implementation scores across all three MANECER I classrooms in this category are relatively similar. The following schedule was posted in all the classrooms:

Arrival, washing up, and breakfast
Transition - clean-up 10 mimutes
Large group
20 minutes
Transition
lst language lesson * 10 minutes

Table 45. AMANECER I implementation scores
by classroom over time.


| Independent play | 30-45 minutes |
| :---: | :---: |
| Transition | 10 minutes |
| 2nd language lesson | 10 minutes |
| Transition | 3 minutes |
| Outside play | 45 minutes |
| Wasti-up and lunch | 60 minutes |
| Transition - clean-up | 10 minutes |
| Nap time - | 75 minutes |
| Transition | 10 minutes |
| Snack | 20 minutes |
| Transition - prepare and departure | 10 minutes |
| Teacher planning | 90 minutes |

Early in the year, schedule variations were commonplace as instructors had to cope with problems of staff turnover, inclement weather, and extra duties. As can be seen in Table 45, the highest scores were recorded for this category during the second observation period. Prior to this series of observations, cold spells had forced the administrators to close the site as the classrooms had no hearing system. During this time teachers made classroom materials, planned lessons, and caught up with their paperwork. The additional preparation was reflected in the higher scores for all classrooms during the set of observations made upon the reopening of classes. Scores remained relatively constant for the third observation, during Which period teachers planned and carried out various school-ending rituals. Language lessons and independent play tended to be shortened to accommodate practice periods for marching in a parade, for the graduation exercises, and for making materials to decorate the walls.

The weather also affected scheduling when at the beginning of the school year a major storm with high winds and rain caused majorflooding in corpus Christi. The site was closed for a day and classroom attendance was poor for the entire week, delaying the initial organization and contributing to low scores in this category at Time 1.

Location of the Head Start center a) so impinged on implementation in the area of scheduling and organization. Busing made for láte, starts
 begh at 8:00 A.M., buses generally arrived at the site between and 9:00 A.M. At the beginning of the year, children were on their way home at $2: 30$ P.M. Following parents' complaints concerning late arrivals at the drop-off points, the bus carrying the majority of the AMANECER children began leaving at $2 ; 20$ P.M. and by the end of the year:it would leave as early as $2: 10^{\circ}$ P.M. The schedule was thus progressively shortened to accommodate the bus. schedules.

## D. Physical Setting

As Table 45 reveals, all of the classrooms at stte' 1 followed the overall site pattern of relatively high scores throughout the year. with ,wpeak during the middle observation period. Several variables combined tis roduce this situation. During the initial observation, the classrooms had centers which had not been opened for use. Tead'ers, following. AMANECER reçommendations, allowed the children to get fully acquainter with a learning center before opening another. In additionto learning the functions of materials in open centers, children also had to learn to return items to their proper place and to follow the horgailla, (elothespin) system in choosing areas. The low scores at Time for all class rooms are thus a result of both closed centers and a low level of center use. The smaller size of room A compounded this trend, accounting for that classroom's lowest' score in this area. By Time 2 ałl centers were open and being consistently used by all chirdren. The teacher in classroom A had rearranged the room to include all learning çenters. However, by Time 3 the more popular centers (the block area, the art area, and the drama center) had the highest clusters of children as the horquilla system befgan to be used less consistently. Scores reflect this drop. in the total number of centers bring used.

## c. Instructional Materials

Table 45 records an increase in the instructional material scores for rooms $A$ and 8 from the $f$ irst to the third time periods. The ... teachers in these two classrooms spent considerable time in providing materials for different centers. Room A's score dropped during Time 2 due to a lack of materials resulting from departurepf one of the instructors. By Time $z^{\circ}$ however, scores underwent a dramatic increase as instructors made a'pactice of decorating the room with materials appropriate to the lesson. When studying colprs; for example, the room abounded in streamers, ballopns, or other 1 tems in the color to be learned: Room B. instructon ofilized the same technique, chaniging bulletin board material to ref it the week's theme. In addition, they in tide books in Spanisind their library corner, exchaging books every two weeks through the public library. The drop in score for room $C$ at the third observation period reveals a decreasing
involvement of the aide in activities requiring room arrangeme
The category of instructional materialsialso included the presence and use of materials from distinct cultures. Materials representing different cultures woe varied and frequently used. They 'included lotto games; records with music played by home-town ar regionally based bands, item -such as Jarros and molcajetes in the dramatic play area; and boo ind tapes in Spanish. In all thee classrooms, the dramatic play center (a housekeeping center) grew napidly in popularity. The molicajete; a grinding toy, was one of the more popular items. In the music area, instruments were rarely played, . but all three classrooms often played Spanish language records reflecting the regional culture.
V.
d. Individual-Behaviors

The individual behavior category encompasses- language use by teachers and children, involvement of parents, and children's patterns of working a tone or in a group. From Table 45 it can be seen that classroom A received its highest score at the second observation period; classroom B at the first, and classroom C at the third. The lack of consistent pattern can be directly related to instructor turnover within the classrooms. Language use is the best example of this:

English language use predominated across the teaching pairs in all class rooms under observation at this site. Table 46 shows that alluteachers and aiders tended overwhelmingly to use English in the classroom except for the aide in classroom A at It mes 2 and 3 . Reliance on English as the language of adult interaction with the - nhdren increased dramatically throughout the year in classroom C.

Two factors can be identified as influencing adult language use in the classroom. One factor is classroom composition. As: noted previously there was. a high percentage of English-preferring and binagual children in the classrooms. Thus teachers werenot deterred in their use of English. by the Tack of knowledge of English on the . part of most children.

Another factor which influenced language was the shifts in peris ${ }^{\prime}$ onnel which occurred in the various cl ass rooms.: By time 2, all classrooms had undergone changes in their teaching teams.

With the resignation of the teacher and the transfer of the original aide, the replacement aide was the sole adult in classroom $A$. This accounts "for the relatively low percentage of teacher utterances recorded in classroom A during the first observation period and is reflected in the low implementation score for individual be-: havior at this time. The teacher appointed at the start of the second observation period was new to the position, and the low.

Table 46. AMANEEER. $\mathbb{I}$ classroom language production by teaching unit.





percentage of recorded lánguage production reflects her adjustment to her role as teacher.

The pattern of English language usage remained consistent for classroons $B$ and $C$, the highest frequencies having been recorded for the tean in classroom c. Here, again, changes in the teaching personnel help. accouit for this result. In classroom $B$, a new aide, anxious to perform well as she was recently hired, was observed making materials, preparing lessons, and taking a more prominent role in the classroom during the second observation period. Her behavior influenced the scores at the second and .third observation periods by pushing these up at the midpoint and bringing them down at the last period once she adjusted to the classroom setting. In classiroom C, an English monolingual instructor was hired to replace a bilingual one, contributing significantly to the increasingly high English use by the teaching team.

As suggested by both the model and the trainer, instructors in all classrooms tended to engage in verbal interaction most frequently during meal times and language lessons. Such a pattern remained consistent throughout the year. Language use during transitional periods showed a marked drop during the final observation period. This drop attests to the children having internalized the routine,. thus requiring fewer verbal directions on the part of, the instructors:

In terms of the type of utterances used, instructors relied overwhelmingly on informational statements and questions in their verbal interactions with children. Teaching teams also tended to use more praise than discipline with their pupils, a strategy emphasjzed by the model and the trainer. However, this category had the lowest overall frequency. Direct comnands were used less frequently over the course of the year by the teams in classrooms $A$ and $B$, while they were generally higher in classroom $C$ due to the high absenteeism of one instructor whith forced the lone person to rely more on directing the actions of the children.

Another component of this category is parent participation, which at Corpus Christi was influenced by the site's isolation. Because the preschool was located so far from its catchment areas and the closest bus stopawas about one mile away, parents had to drive to the school. Some parents did come to the site in the "school bus and thus had to leave when the children left. At- parents' meeting, however, many expressed an untllingness to spend a whole day at the school and complained of their inability to participate because of their lack-of transportation. The majority at the meeting hadmbeen able to attênd only because transportation to and from the site was provided by the center. They made clear their desire to participate, but added chat they could only do so for a few hours. All-day volunteer assignment appeared too much of a strain on their schedules and lack of transportation made_nrt-time participetion difficult.

Isolation of the site also influenced teachers' behavior in the classrocm. Individuals who rode the pus were physically tired and usually less enthusiastic in their partiçipation in classroom activities. Jwo of the teachers who resigned attributed their decision to the low pay as well as to their dissatisfaction with serving on the bus route.

- Child behavior influenced the fimilementation process as well. All classrooms had one or more children wha required special attention because of disruptive behavior. Such behavior prevailed throughout the , year and though psychologists worked with these children, few behaviora1 changes occurred.

In addition, children became unusually excitable toward the . end of the school year, contributing to the drop in implementation scores. Teachers complained about their inabjility to get everyone's attention during the language lessons. 'At times, the clothespin. management systen broke down as children ignored the use of the pins until. directed to use them by the teachers. Childreir spoke of their desire to be at home and began to lose fnterest in the learning centers. One student, for example, considered by his teacilits to be one of the outstanding students at the sitte, informed his-teacher that he was tired. of school and wanted it to end. "He, began to wander from center to center and at: times simply watched others play while remaining uninvolved in groups or centers. This-waning enthusiasm for school'was also reflected in the results of children's sochoemotional functioning reported previously in the child outcomes section. a

## e. Instructional Strategies

The instructional strategies category consists of scoring for aduit-directed activities, child-directed actixities, the use of first and second language groups, and the use of jboth languages: The generally low scores in this category are a reflection of teacher turnover which placed relatively inoxperienced personnel in all classrooms. Fram Table 45, one notes that classnooms $A$ and $B$ recelyed the highest scores during the second observation period while classroom C's highest score was at the first period: As has. been, pointed out, the highest total scores obtained during the second observation perfod stemed from the sfinultaneoys closing of the schoof for repairs and a training workshop, providing, teachers with a work week before the start of the second observation period. Classroom C's.scores. reflect the changes in schodule Ge to the aide's high absenteeism; Both larg'e apdeall group activities as well as activities in Spanish tended to thpitited during her absences.

The following excerpt is fromi an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects of the implementation process at AMNECER I reflected in the preceding discussion.

It is first language circle time and the week's theme is vegetables. In one corner of the room sits the English-preferring group of five youngsters with Mrs. Jones, one of the teachers. She passes around the foll-cowered "feely box," with the words "touch,me" and a variety of shapes and objects pasted on the top. While one of the children sings quietly to himself, Carlos guesses at the contents of the box, "It's a coke!" His peers unanimously reject his suggestion with "no!" and the teacher asks, "Is a coke a vegetable?" Juidy'repites, "Ho, It's a drink:"

Meanwhile. in the discovery area the Spanish-preferring group sits around a table with Mrs. Perez, the aide. Dora leans against the child-size 'table intently watching her teacher peel a cucumber. Juan states, "I like it with cascara (peel)." As the teacher proceeds to distribute pieces of the vegetable to each child, she responds to Juan $\boldsymbol{\text { wfth }}$ a question, You like it, with câscará?" Berta, receiving her slice of cucumber, remarks, "It don't have cáscara on it." juan shakes his head no and Berta asks him, "You like it?" Juan nods. Dora delicately picks off the seeds from her slice. Juan protests. "Teacher, I don't like it." Berta asks hin, "You like the cascara?" Juan nods again. The teacher, returning to the language of the lesson, asks "¿Como se llama esto?" Berta and others respond correctly, "Pepino fresco." As a closure to her short lesson the teacher asks, "Robert, ¿Como se llama esto?" Robert answers, "Pepino verdura." Then, anxious to go out for outside play, he asks, "¿Ahora puedo. ir jugar?" The teacher repeats for the.last time, "Pepino fresco." She then adds, "Y es una verdura, muy,bien.": She then releases the restless students for outside play.

As recommended by the model, these first language lessons took place as scheduled. The Spanish language session took. place in the discovery area which the model suggested was an area where children should have new experiences. The "feely box," which was introduced and used frequently in this ciassroom after' the teacher training workshop in December, exemplified creative use of 'instructional materials to encourage experiential learning. Since this was the first language session, both teachers attenpted to move from the concrete (cucumber) to a higher' level of abstraction by classifying the object (vegetable). Mrs. Perez also offered posit'ive reinforcement to help build her young student's self-concept. Engish, however, was the primary language medium in both the English and-Spanish circles. According to the model, the Spanish session chould have been conducted entirely in Spanish. The children, however, spontaneously used English when they themselves direcked the conversation. The lesson only returned to its intended first
language focus through the efforts of the teacher, who asked a question In Spanish. Keeping the two languages distinct during language lessons was one of the primary problemis faced by AMANECER I teachers at this site where Engilish-preferring children and Spanish-preferring childrea with both productive and receptive bilingual apility predominated.

## 4. Classroom Implementation Factors (Site II)

As evident from Table 47 which displays the scores for the implementation catepories at Site II, all alassrocms experienced a drop in overall implementation scores from the first to the third observation period. Physical setting, instrictional materials, and individual behaviors were consistently the most problenatic areas. There was considerable variation between classrooms, however, in the categories of instructional materials and instructional strategites.

## a. Schedule and Organization

All classrooms at Site II planned and carried out activities scheduled throughout the year. Each classroom had posted on the wall. the general schedule of events and weekly planning guide. The schedule utilized at AMANECER II was as follows:


Teachers concentrated on socializing the chifdren- to the schedule, and from early in the year it was followed closely even during tran-

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Table 47. MANECER II implementation scores by classroom over time.

sftion periods. Activities were begun and finished on time with late arrivals or stragglers allowed to finish particular tasks by themselves as teachers and the majority of the students went on to the next planned activity. The less than maximum scores are an artifact of a checklist item related to planned parent activities within the classroom: Although the model suggests that participation of parents within the classroon should be planned for, local policy allowing enly the admission of working parents into the progran made the category - Irrelevant as such activities were never poserved. The socialization of the children to the routine, which alluwed them to change activities almost inmediately on cue from an adult, is reflected in the midyear Implementation scores. During this observation period, although new aides relatively unfailiar with the model were hired in two of the classroons, scores dipped ofly minimajly and the dip was largeiy the result of adjustments made for inclement weather. To accommodate poor. weather conditions, teachers generally omitted outside play during this time. The fluctuations in scores at the third observation period reflect the change in schedules as a result of a change in center policy which required aides to leave the classrooms at various times over the observation period to monitor bus rideswon children's trips to the rehabilitation therapy centers.

## b. Physical Setting

All of Site Il's classrooms contained most of the learning centers specified by the AMANECER model such as art, dramațic play, discovery, music, manipulative area, library, blocks, and sand/water area. Note, however, that the implementation scores for this category average sifghtly over half of the maximum possible. The primary factor influencing the results was the size of the classrooms themselves.
it. As previously mentioned, the classrooms at site II were exceedingly simall, averaging only about two thirds of che square footage found in the.classrooms at Site I. In addition, 19 or 20 children were generally present in each room and movement was at times obstructed. As a result of the iimited space, none of the rooms had a separate small group area, aid with the exception of classroom A at the first observation; none had woodworking area. Children's lack of interest and the difficulty in obtaining matefials were cited by teachers as reasons. for the area's removal. Although no area was specifically designated as a small group area, this activity mas carried. out in learning centers such as the library. Also, the relatively low overall scores do not reflect the fact that all centers need not be in use at all perfods of - She day for adequate use of the physical setting to be made. often activities which involved all of the children occurred in one or two areas as in the case of the language groups.' Thus a maximum implementation score for the physical setting did not result, although model directives were being followed.

Across the three classrooms, there was a gradual decline in this category from the first to the last observation period. This was largely
result of the removal of particular learning centers' either because of a lack of materials or their unpopularity with the children.

## c. Instructional Materials.

High implementation scores for this category mirror the fact that Site II's classroons were well stocked with a variety of instruc-: tidnal materials. These included manipulative toys such as puzzles, legos, and blocks as well as art supplies and books. In each center, materials were placed on shelves that were easily acccessible to small children. In addition, all of the rooms utilized various forms of multicultural materials, such as clothing typical of ferent ethnic groups prominently displayed. Musical iñstruments reflected a variety of cultures, and records included songs from different parts of the United States and Mexico. A factor contributing to lowered scores in this category is that the teaching staff neglected to label the materials in English and Spanish as suggested in the model. However, they did label' the interest centers in both languagés.

Fluctuations over time within classrooms, noted in Table 47, signal changing classroom arrangenents in the use of wall decorations. The lack of children's art work used as wall displays served to lower ratings at the initial and midyear observations in classroom $A$, at the final time period for clats sroom $B$, and at midyear for classroom $C$.

## d. Individual Behaviors

This category appears to be that in whtch the most difficulty in meeting model goals was encountered at AMANECER II, as it is the only category where less than half the possible points was achieved. The generally low scores in this category are largely a result of the absence of parental participation in the classroom, as called for by the model. As mantioned previously, lack of parent participation resulted from the stipulation that to be eligible for Head Start service, both parents had to be employed. This stipulation effectively precluded the possibility of volunteers and for the most part limited parental participation to the occasional donation of classroom materials. The slightly higher score for classroom $C$ during the first observation period reflects the only observed participation of a parent in the classroom. Although present in the classibom, this individual contributed largely through the making of tnstructional materials.

The consistent trend to slightly lower scores in classroom B reflects the inffuence of the physical detting on individual behaviors. The small size of the classroom, which limited the size of each area such that $i_{t}$ had space for a maximum of two to three children, eliminated group work by children during independent play and cut down on
aduit-child interactions during that period. In addition-the teacher in this classroom was a quiet individual who at times dia not seek out children but rather let them come to her.

Changes in teaching personnel appear to have had some effect on the instructor's interactions with the children. Preceding the second observation period, two new aides were hired as replacements for individuals leaving the program. Although the aides were introduced into the classrocons quickly and teachers were not left handiling the classrocm alone, a short period of adaptation to the AMMECZR routine was needed by the newcomers and this adaptation is reflected in the scores at the second observation.

In addition, the model calls for a balanced use of languages by the teaching staff.. However, in no classroom was such a balance found, and there was great variation in the ratio of English to Spanish usage by adults with in the three classrooms over the course of the year. Although the individual who was the designated language model generalify spoke more of a particular language, the patterns of teachers' ${ }^{\circ}$ l anguage usage reflect the dominance of one adult within the classroom. Such was the situation with class oooms $A$ and $B$, where more yerbal utterances were consistently recorded for the teacher in the former case and the alde in the latter case. As is evident in Table 48, the dominance of one individual in verbal interactions usually brought about a pre- $\mathcal{Z}$ dominance of one language over another. Classroom $C$ varied from this pattern as in verbal interactions the predominance of one indjuidual. did not dictate the principal
the third observation period.

Language usage in both classrooms $B$, and $C$ shows an overall decline of English usage throughout the year. However, these classroons differed in that where English remained domirant in cl assrom 3 , Spanish became dominant in classroor. $C$. In each case the trend is a result of the teacher taking an increasingly active part -in classroom interactions over the course of the year.

- The mote of verbal responses used by teachers and aides was found to have a siailar plattern for all three classrooms. In a.ll of the rocms, there was a predominant usage of informational statements; these accounted for 41-46\% of all utterances. The next wost frequent type of interaction was the use of questioning by teachers and aides, comprising $25-32 \%$ of recorded utterances. A less frequent usage of comvands and reinforcoment was found in all classrooms, accounting in. equal proportion for 10-16\% of the total sample recorded.

All of the classrooms showad comparable trends in the use of verbal models. In each, statements gradually increased during the year at the expense of questions. By the latter half of the year, teachers appeared to be speaking more and eliciting responses from children through direct questioning less often. Thit was partly the result of

Table 48. AMANECER II cla'ssroom language production by teaching unit.

the late and infrequent training that was provided to the teaching staff.

## e. Instructional Strategies

Teachers had great success in carrying out all of the instructiomal endeavors called for by the AMANECER model as shown by the consistently high scores achieved in this category. In an effort to. wiaintain a workable situation in the limited space avallable to then; instructors created all of the learning experiences suggested in the model gididelines.

Two of the cTassrooms demonstrated close to maximum implementation scores. at. the beginning of the year and maximum scores at the midyear observation but lower scores at the end of rthe year. The main factor influencing the drop in score tor clastroom. $C$ was the cancellation
of the daily circle time lesson, a change in schedule that brought about the omission of two model-suggested activities. With the substitution of independent play for circle time, there were no activities using the chtides. second language (English), nor were there adult-directed activitiee during the observations. The reason for the schedule change wh 5 the impossibility of conducting circle, lessons because of * the aide's. absence from the classroom due to the morning bus rides with'rehabilitation children. Oitside of the English circle lesson, there was a preponderance of Spanish usage by this teacher and the majority of children in thè room.

For classrooin $B$ the score declined because neither adult-directed activities nor activities involving the first and second language occurred during the third observation perfod. During former observa-- tion pertods, the teacher and aide were observed interacting and directing children in individual activities. However, they did not engage in, such ibehavior during the final. observation.

Classron A showed high inftial and final scores in thit category but experienced a midyear dip. The lower score indicates a lessening of adult-directed activities, during independent play at that observation period because of the new aide's adaptation to her role in. the classroom.

The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects' of the implementation process of AMANECER II reflected in the preceding :discussion.

The Spanish-preferring children are gathered in a circle around. the teacher for second language development circle. The teacher holds a picture of a table with food and plates, but lacking a cup, and asks, "What i"missing?" To cue the children to the proper response she turns the card over to show a picture of a cup. A chorus of voices chimes "taza" along with one child's response of "cafe." The teacher then attempts to give an additional hint in English: With what do we drink it? Cup the . What is here?" and points to the cup. When the group persists with "taza," the teacher finally Indicates the desired response, "cup," which the children repeat. The teacher then rennds the children of why she insisted on the Engtish.word: "This is an English circle. Now l're going to show you a picture. Who is it. Who is the lady?" She holds up a picture of a woman serving d drink to a little boy and girl. The children, picking. up on the vocabulary word "ladys" respond in unison, "lady." When the teacher asks, "What are they doing?" Sara. answets, "boy," and the group repeats after her. The teacher then turns to another chitd, "Mason, what are theyudoing? ¿Qué están haciendo?" Mason replies appropriately, "Están tomando Koolaide," to which the teacher'replies, "In.English, Mason. They are drinking Koolaide." While Mason tries to repeat the English phrase, the children start to stir restlessiy. The teacher closes the lesson with a suggestion: "I want you to talk English at home'. Quiero que practiquen hablar inglés con sus hermanos." Sine then addresses a question to Amaranta: " $2 T u$ mami habla ingles? " When the child nods affirmatively, the teacher advises, "Tienes que hablar. con ella." The children listen as the teacher announces the next activity. This is. the end -- now we are going to make exercises in a big circle because it's too cold to play outside." Then they eagerly stand and move to the circle area.

In this, example, the teacher at AMANECER II carried out the scheduled language adult-directed activity. The socialization of the children into the daily poutine was evident from the teacher's closing line signaling the end of the lesson. As happened frequently, bad weather curtailed the usual "outdoor play" period. The. lesson itself was conducted at a semiabstract level with the teacher employing appropriate pictures as instructional materials. The difficulty of maintaining the use of Engłish only during second language development time, however, was painfully evident. The teacher adapted her language use to the limited second language abilities of the children only after
repeated questions and reformulations to help the children understand and respond appropriately in English. Although the children rapeated isolated words in English, the content of the question was beyond their receptive abllity.

## 5. The Comparison Groups.

As previously mentioned, comparison group children consisted of two types: stay-at-home in corpus Christi and a mixture of stay-athome and preschool children at Laredo. The children, at Corpus Christi, whe 1ike the experimental children were mainly English-preferring Hispanics, received bealth services for participating in the evaluation. They were not significantly d'fferent from the AMANECER children in terms of either age or sex.

All but nine of the MMANECER II comparison children attended Head Start centers structured much like the program of the experimental site. There were 15 to 20 children per classroom enrolled in six classrooms at three different Head Start sites. The programs ran from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. or to 5:00 P.M.

The classrooms had a number of learning centers with a variety of materials. Teaching strategies varied from classroom to classroom, though most teachers tried to present concepts and language activitits. in' rotating small groups. After group time, children engaged in free pray until lunch. During this time the children wandered into the different centers with no particular projects in mind.

The curriculum used by comparison classrooms emphasized socialization to the classroom as well as acquisition of concepts. Socioemotional development was geared toward letting the child learn to share, to respect the rights of others, to respect classroom rules, to internalize the classroon routine, to cooperate, and to make decisions. Concept develoment aimed at developing analytic.skills in classification, sequend $a$, and matching "as well as skills in visual discrimination. Language lessons in small or large groups. sought to develop the children's verbal ability. ?*

## C. Sumary and. Feasibility of Transfer

Both-the test results and the classroom observations reflect, the distinctive process of implementation at each AMANECER site. Although only quantitative data are avallable for Site II, the sig-: nificant gains made by children in Emglish Language Acquisition and the consistent gains, made in English and Spanish Concept Development suggest that even in a predominantly Span!ish-speaking enviromment with children who are close to Spanish monolinguals, systematic implementation of the $\operatorname{mANECER}$ language activities can ensure second
language development.
Observational data from the AMANECER I classrooms showed that Spanish-preferring experimental children made a good deal of progress in their second language, especially in the areas of Language Acquisition and Concept Development. English-speaking children, while showing progress in their first language, had little need to develop their second language skills in the largely English language environment of the classroom.

The children at both sites showed. increasing ability to carry out activities independently. This was a result of the experience with the horquilla, or clothesptn, system of classrom management which developed school readiness skills.

Experimental and comparison parents at both sites were generaNy favorable toward biljngual education and had similar perceptions of the 'importance of education in general for their children. Reports of their children's language ability differed markedly, with respondents of both experimental and control groups at Corpus Christi perceiving their children to be English-preferring and those at Laredo reporting a Spanish preference for their children.

The classroom staff were generally favorable toward bilingual education and saw that it had advantages for both Spanish- and -English-preferring children. They were positive toward the model, especially its classroom managenent aspect. The anount of paperwork, however, and infrequency of in-service training caused some staff dissatisfaction. All teachers were supportive of parental participation in the classroom and viewed bilingualism and bilingual education as important' for its social value.

Both AMANECER replication sites were relatively successful in carrying out the directives of the model. There was; however, considerable variation in the pattern of implementation. Scheduling/ , organization and instructional materials were the two aspects of programing most easily implemented at the sites. Both sites were well provided with instructional materiais. The majority of, these beyond the nomal preschool fare of blocks, puzzlés, and art and crafts materials were furnished by the teachers. As the teachers and students generally shared the same cultural heritage (Metican American Texans), the materiats were culturally appropriate: $\qquad$
In the area of physical setting, size became an important variable in taking full advantage of the classroom. As shown by the situation at Site II, the lack of available space prevepted the addition of new learning centers over the year and impeded the free movement of children during activities. Lack of space, howiever, was largely overcome through accustoming children to the use of the harquilla system and systematically carrying out activities in the sequence prescribed by AMANECER.

Problens of teacher turnover at both sites were at least temporarily detrimental to implementation, especially in the area of finstructional strategies. All classrooms showed lower implementation scores at those periods when new instructors were adjusting to the roittines and derends of the model. The experjence of the two sites suggests, however, that such inexperience can be overcome with twining workshops.

Traching staffs at both'sites exhibited. a reliance on one language within the classroon. Site I teachers tended to spaak more English with the children, whereas Site II teachers utilized Spanish in the same types of interactions. The tendency to use one langunge was related to the language ability of the children. The presemce of an overwhelaing number of Spanish-preferring children at Site II led teachers to erploy Spanish in the majority of interactions. The sta situation arose in Site I where the composition of the student sample included a large proportion of English-preferring preschoolers.

The isolation of the Head Start centers in relation to the general comaunity combined with lack of adequate transportation contributed to low parental, involvement in the classrooms. Parents, however, showed their sapport of the program in alternate ways by donating labor, food, or time at home to make materials.

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1. The interactions are a result of the superior performance by female comparison children over their male counterparts.
2. At Site 1 similar trends were found." Experimental chijdren wth no demonstrated ability in English had average posttest geins over control children of: EmLU 2.4 vs. 1.4; PSIE 9 vs. 3. For children with some ability in English as measured by pretest scores, comparisons were as follows: EnLU 2.5 vs. .9; ECOMP 7.1 vs. 5.3; PSIE 9.9 vs. 9.2.

3. This is further reflected in the rank order correlations between test performance on the measure of language acquisition and classroom behaviors in that area, which were higher for Engl ish (.86) than for Spanish (.69), (Appendix W).
4. While there was a high correlation between test results and observed classroom: behavior related to English comprehension, there appears to be little relationship between those Spanish comprehension, behaviors observed in the classroom and those. sampled by the tests (see Appendix $\mathbf{*}$ for correlation coefficients).
5. The lack of practice ill Spanish concept development by the end of thr preschool year is reflected in the differences in the correlations of test results and classroom obseryations between English (.96) and Spanish (.02) conceptr.development.
6. Teachers and aides at Site I received a site visit from the miodel developers in September of the evaluation year during which the goals of the model were reviewed and they obtained AMANECER materials. This was followed up with a one-day workshop in November, a materials workshop in becember, and a two-day training workshop for the new teachers in January. Those at Site II received gnty one two-day training workshop on parent participation in Febridry, 1970.

## VI

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The ALERTA curriculum model was developed by the staff of Teachers College, Colymbia University. This model is based on the assumption that a child's learning capacities develop in an orderly and sequential manner as the child engages in more complex ways of thinking, feeling, and acting. As the total enviromment is central to the learning process, the home, familf, and community are incorporated into the learning context. Parents are strongly encouraged to participate in the child's preschool through materials development and/ or as volunteers. Bilingual development is achieved through planned, teacher-directed activities. Teacher language patterns are such that cfildren are encouraged to associate one language with a single instructor.
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This chapter presents the results of the evaluation of the ALERTA curriculum model. The chapter is divided into three sections. The first section provides the findings related to the impact of the model 'on children, parents, and teachers over the Head Start year. The second section deals with the implementation of the model at the two evaluation sites. Thenthird section summarizes and integrates the impact and implementation findings.

## A. Imfact of the Model

The focus of this section is on the outcomes of participation in the ALERTA model. Child outcomes include a discussion of the characteristics of the sample and the results of both standardized tests and classroom observations. This is followed by a discussion of parent outcomes. The findings for teachers conclude this section. 1. Child Outcomes

## a. Child sample

The two Alerta sites were located in New York. City. Site In where 25 experimental group children experienced the ALERTA curriculum Wodel, was in the South Bronx. At Site II in the lower East Side, the experimental group was composed of 15 children. A high transiency rate, recruitment, and administrative problems, combined with the presence of a large number of control children on the Head Start waiting list, reduced the control groups at the South Bronx and Lower East Side
sites to efgint and four, respectively. Consequently, the test results of the experimental children at the two ALERTA sites are presented in terms of descriptive statistics.

Site I children were predoninantly Hispanic (16); all but one of the remaiaing children were 8lack. Sixteen of the experimental children were Engil preferring. There were 17 females and 12 males in the experfmental group.

The Site II experimental sample was also predominantly Hispanic (9) with Blacks (6) comprising the rest of the experimental group. There was a stiaflar distribution of males (7) and females (8) in the expertmental group. The majority (12) of the experimental citldren was English preferring.
b. Fest Resoits
(1) Spanish-preferring Children. The resultsipresented here cannot be interkreted in the same way as those presented for the other models. They do; however, tend to reflect the ALERTA model's emphasis on developing the Einglish skills of Spanish-preferring children. At both sites, Spanish-preferring experimental children improved their test scores on all English measures at posttest (See Table 49). Children at ALERTA I also improved their performance on all of the posttest measures in Spanish. Site II children increased their test scores on six of the seven Spanish measures. An examination of Spanish-preferring children by entry-level ability suggests a trend consistent with the classroom observations and similar to that found for other experimental programs. Experimental children at site I who entered the progran with no demonstrated ability in English showed far greater mean gainsfin English than comparison children (EM.U. $=3.1$ vs. $0 ; E^{2} C_{M P}=7.0 \mathrm{vs} .0 ;$ PSIE $_{\bar{x}}=16.0 \mathrm{lis} .0$ ). Experimental children at both sites with demonstrated ability at pretest performed similarly to comparison children (EMLU $U_{V}=3.9$ vs. $3.6 ;$ ECONP $_{\bar{x}}=9.4$ vs. 6.5; RSIE $=14.5 \mathrm{vs} .15 .3$ ) with the greatest mean difference in the area bf Efiglish comprehension.
(2) English-preferining Children. English-preferring experfuental children at Site I made posttest gatns on all seven English language measures (see Table50). At Site II, English-preferring children finproved their performance of three of the seven English measures. English-preferring experimental children at bgth sites fmproved their performance on all posttest Spanish.measures.
c. Classroom Observations

Site I was selected by the ALERTA curriculum developers is most representative of their model: The subsample grouping at this site selected for intensive observation at three points in time over the

Table 49. ALERTA mean scores on six constructs at pre and postteist for spanish-preferring experimental children.
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Table 50 . ALERTA mean scores on six constructs at pre and 'posttest for English-preferphing experimental chtidren.

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evaluation year, was comprised of nine (9) Hispanics, five (5) Blacks, and one (1) Filipino. Language preference was fairly equally divided between eight (8) English-preferring and six (6) Spanish-preferring children. Patterns of the subsample children's observed behavior In the areas of language production, concept development, and soctoemotional fuadioning generally support the test findings.
(1) Language Usage. The overalt language use for the children of each language preference as a group is presented in Figure 6 . As can be seen, even early in the year much of the Spanish-preferring children's language practice in the Largely English language environments of the ALERTA classrooms was in the ir second language. The increasing tendency of these children to use their first language as the year progressed corresponds to an tncreased emphasis on Spanish by the teachers, especially; during the midyear observation period. English-preferring children, on the other hand, received 1ittle practice with Spanish. Over $90 \%$ of their verbal interactions at any observation period were in English.

An examination of the individual experiences of the Spanishpreferring subsample children (Table 51) shows that practice in English during the initial observation period was limited to four of the subsample children. Of these children, the three who spoke entirely in English during the initial observation period -- Judith, Shirley, and Veronica -- had some verbal ability in English, and their comprehension of that language was near that of their Englishpreferring classmates (as measured by pretest scores) on entering school: A fourth Spanish-preferring child, Alicia; demonstrated an understanding of her second language similar to that of the other three children but was unable to-produce the minimum of three utterances in English required to calculate an MLU at the pretest. In the classroom, however, this gregarious child was regularly observed speaking English, although she continued to prefer Spanish for ner verbal interactions throughout the year.

The final two Spanish-preferring children -. Francisco and Maria -- were not observed to use either language during the first observation period. Both children were somenbat shy early in the year. Marla had entered preschool slightly after the year began and appeared to need some time to accustom herself to the classroom, after which she became quite verbal. Francisco remained rather withdrawn throughout the year. Neither chipedemonstrated verbal abilfty in his and her second lapguage, although Máría exhibited some understanding of English at the preteat.

- The direct verbal imput receive by the children (Table 52) is reflected in their language use patterns over the preschool year. Shirley and Judith, the children, who maintained the highest levels of. English use througbont the year, ${ }^{3}$ were addressed almost entirely in English by both thor teachers and peers. Veronica, the only subsample child to show consistent increases in her use of Spanish over the year.

Figure 6. Classroom observations of child language use were obtained for a subsample of Spanish-preferring and English-preferring children during Fall, Winter, and Spring. The figure below shows the proportion of Spanish and English in ALERTA subsample children's language use over time.


Spanish-preferring children


Table 51. Hifative froquancy of observed usage of Spanish and Eulich by individual subsamile childrey over throp points in time:

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was also the only Spanish-preferring child who received direct input frem both teachers and peers primarily in Spanish. Maria, whose use of English increased at each observation period, was abserved to receive input primarily in Spanish during initial observations. Sub; - sequently, her teachers addressed her equally' in Spanish and English and, when peer input was observed; it was entirely in' English. -francisco; who aliso. increased his English usage by the final observation period, recelved inpuit from teachers in both Spanish and English during, his infrequent direct classroóm interactions. Alicia's input from teachers remained primarily in Spanish. as did her own utterances. She was, however, observed to receive tnput from peers only in English at the end of the year.

As inight be expected, given the amount of English used by) .. the Spanish-preferring subsemple children, their practice with English gramatical forms increased over the year. (see, Appendix R.). All of the children practiced a greater variety of forms and by, the end of the year those thiree children who had exhibited the most ability in English on entering school were afforded the opportunity to practice all. the linguistic competences listed as cross-medel objectives. The most general patterns were, in the ouse of the negative form, where all Ehildren increased their practice, and use of the future tense, where all but Francisco. showed gains. The use of incomplete sentences also increased for four of the 'six children as practice in English often came as the result of a'short answer to a structured drill. All children were observed to use more gramiatically incorrect structures as they experimented with their second language. Fuhctionally, although the majority of all children's practice was in the area of verbal instruction throughout the year, five of the six children diversifié theír experience.

Despite the large amount of English used by the Spanishpreferining subsample, these children also demonsträted greater linguistic competence in their. preferred language. All of the children increased the diversity of the competencies practiced. As in the second language, incomplete sentences increased for alt but one of, the children. antrali but one had relatively more practice with the interrogative as the year progressed. Those receiving the most general practice were the three chizdren who continued to speak the greatest proportion of \} Spanish at each observation. As in English, the functional competencies practiced by the children were largely limited to the area of verbal instructịons
${ }^{1}$. The English-preferring subsample children appeared to have had simil experiences in the ALERTA I classraoms over. the preschool year: Only one child, Jody, was observed to use her second zaguage with 'any consistency over: the three observation periods and eventher usage decreased. Both she and Jaime, who also exhibited a slight tendeacy to use Spanish, were the only chldren to have measurable productive ability at the, prétest. Theother six English-preferming subsample.children!s (Kurt, Wanda, Kunjani, Donald. Elizabeth, and

Marold) use of. Spanish was largely conftned to structured Spanish lessons in which isolated lexical itens in the second language were practiced.

Direct input from teachers and peers to individual childoren peneraily paralleled the children's languige use. Chifiren who never used Spanish (Kunjant and Kurt) were also never coserved to be spoten to individually to thet language (Table 52 ). Other chilidren va increased their use of Spanish were addressed move often in Spanish ovei the yoor than they, had been at" the inftial obs ervation pertod: Jody, whe decreasedher Spanish use, receivod input entirely. in Engilsh after the first obstervation, whereas Warold was selidion coserved receiving ingut during early obstivations.

The Engifish-proforrien children's use of Spanich mas pridcilpally In the fortis of inctmplete sentences. Brimatically ficorrect utterances were-aliso conmon in those few instances when the children used

* Spanish: One child, Jody, showed more diverse practice with Spenish gramatical forms. This practice occurred primarjly at the second observation period when the child increased her use of complete sentencest, the present tense, and the interrogative form. (Appendix 0 ). Similarly, practice with-functional competencies was largely 1 imited to this child and occurred only in the area of providing verbal instruction.

In their preferred language all but one English-preferring child were observed to use more diverse "gramatical forms as the. year progressed. The most general patterns were the use of the negative fonm where seven out of eight children showed relative infcreases and use of the interrogative form and the future tense where six of the eight chifdren increased their practice. As with the-Spanistr-preferring chlldren, mast of the practice observed in the area of funclional coupeterice wis/in the category of. verbal instruction. Five of the eight children diof however, exhibit a slight tendency to diversify theic, practice in this area.

Patterins of observed behavior releted to lenguage omprehension and recall for children of both language preferences were similar to those obseryed for lanfuage use in general. The childrew's practice was principally in wealling or providing details about the classroom or home (Appendy Q). The observations of children -Identifying comion scuunds or spoken phrises with pictures reflects the use of songs and rhymes in both Spanish and. English at this site. While the practice of the English-preferring children was almost complettely in their preferred language, the three Spanish-preferring children who generally spoke Engliṣh in the class socm had nost of their practice in their second language.

- The greatest amount, of lechguage production for both Englishand Spanish-preferring subsample childrea occurred, as would be expected, durting: snall group activities. This $4($ consistent with
the implementation data wich show that teachers at Site I carried out structured language activities aimed at providing children with an opportunity to expand their language, espectally English. The following expmples taken from the observations of two subsample children over the year illustrate how the general trends reported :above are reflected in the experiences of individual children
- Maria, a rather swall "camela"-complexioned girl with long wavy hair, was described as being one of the more intell igent children at this MLERTA site. Although at the beginning of the year she exhibited a reluctance to relate to her classmates, by midyear the teachers had successfully drawn her into preater classroom participation. Marla was a Spanish-preferring ch/id who exhibited some understanding, of English but no product/ve ability in English at the pretest.

Maria was typical of many of the Spanish-preferring chirdren in the ALERTA program model, however, as her interaction throughout the year was primarily in English. This reflected on her posttest scores where she scored slightly higher on the comprehension and production measures in her second language than she did in her first. The following speech sample is taken from an exchange with her teacher when she was engaged in one of her favorite activities.putting together puzzles by herself in the manipulative toy area.

Maria : This is the father and this is the mother.
(Pointing to a puzzle fil the Three Bears.)
This is cabeza, the mano.
(Correctly fdentifying the animal's body pa:ts.).
Ese, yo lo sé poner?' This mine. This go. over there, not over there. This for the mother, this for the father:
Teacher: What is.this?
(Pointing to the animal's trousers and shoes.)
Maria : El pantalén y los zapatos This is the mother clothes, this over there. I- yid it, I did it, urs.
(Upon successfully positioning the prece in the puzzle and then placing more pieces.)
This over there, ${ }^{2} 00$. This for the nent to.
(FIpishing with the Three Bears
puzzle, she goes to the cupboard"
for still another, puzzle.)

## . bet find fore puzzle -- another puzzle.

(Retums with a puzzle featuring pooplas in miny occupations.)
f This fac go over there. it found
the flode.
GAfter fotching still another puazis, the teacher asks in English E. 2 the names of the ffigures. Ptating to them she correctiy (t)atifites the following:)

Fepd (Pescado) : cat apple, silia
stet . . tints. go of tick.
( .pep the teacher asks what it is, sin porriectly answers:)

## clock. <br> (She continues with the Identification:) <br> Agato es cat. $y$ casa es house

"ch-o es fish.
Maria's Qigilish exhtbited many of the typical charactertstics of Španish. speakers at' an eariy, age of English second language developmente She-still had riot mastered the copura and third person "-s" worphemes and thirs prodeced such grapintically. faperfect utterances. is "This for the father" ald "Thjs face go over there." similarly, 'she bad not yet acquired whe. ossessive "- $5^{n}$ 'form, referring to mother clothes" and "This for "the nenito.". Although stili in the process of" mastering some of. the more basic English morphemes, she successfully utilized the past tense of twa.irregular verbs "did" and "found." In spiteiof the general granetigal incorrectnes's of her. speech, she Wib comunicated her mealing by supplementing her secoid language with movements such as pofinting and use of mer first language in a form of languge-switching to substitute for unknown lexical items: In hep first language she spoke in coinplete sentences; axcept when merely respotiding to the teachor? $f$ questions, used the copula, and siccossfully pluralized nouns ("los zapitos"). . ).

At this pofnt, Maria tended to make most of her 1 dentifications ?. in her preferred language -- e.9.. "This is cabezt and mano"," afthough she knew a muber of comon fexical twems for aninils, foods, and fantiy, as mell as the more diffifult English concept of the noise produced by a.clock. Also, the teachyr. requesting faforintion limited to basic visual discrimination, asked biH quastions in Englis so as to fincourdge Marig's use of her seebin latnguage. finally, thenspeech sample also provides evidence of Maria's metalinguistic amareness of the distefinction between the two languages, as she pointediout "a gato es cat. . y casa es housen.

By the end of the year, Maria_appeared to make some use of her preferred language in the classroom, while maintaining her communicattve competence in English (speaking English 80\% of the time). The following language smple was taken from a lesson on identification of antimals.

Teacher: Leobn.
(Showing a picture of a lion and modeling.)
Moria : León.
Teacher: (Showing a picture of a giraffe.)
Marta. : Giraffe.
Teacher: En espapiol.
Meria : (Mo response.)
Teacher: Girafa.
Marla : © Girafa.
Teacher: (Asks if one could haye a giraffe. in the house.)
Maria -: (Stakes head:)
Teacher: Why?
Maria :
$\mathrm{E}(\mathrm{s})$ muy grande. M1 prima tiene un perro
y tumbo la cosa de la estufa.
Ieacher: (Asks if you could have a gorilia in the house.)
Marla : Porque rompe la casa.
(Group activity ends and Maria goes to the manipulative toy area where she pulls out a puzzle with giraffes.)
Maria : Look, Miss ogiraffes.
Teacher: LDe qué color?
Maria : Yellow, blanco, green.

- Teacler: (Reviews coiors in Span.tsh.)

Unlike the begiming of the year, the teacher was now eliciting information in spanfsh, as evidenced by her more frequent questions in that languqge (en espaniol, iDe qué color?). When the teacher asked a wiflity question in English, involving a more complex verpal response than a simple yes/no question of Whatidentification, Maria responded in Spanish. with the reason and spontaneously recalled a happening in thy home correctly using the past tense in her preferredlanguage. Certain concepts, however, such as those of colors, seen to be internalized in her second language; as witnessed by her response primarily in. English to the ' teacher's question about colors. She may have' resorted to Spanish to meet more cognitively complex demands, majntaining her Engitsh for concrete, classrom .needs.

- Francisco was': Spanish-preferring chird who exhibited no receptive or productive abilities in his second language on trepretest measures., His light brown complexion matched the colortey his
eves. As mentioned, Franci'sco was shy, withdrawn, and reluctant to speak at the beginning of the year. He was slow in socializing to the classroom environment and only took part in classroom activiti under duress, as shown by the following classrom excerpt:

All the children are gathered around Mris: $\qquad$ as she discusses the different vegetables they wlll be drawing later that day. Francisco sits in the rug area playing with blocks. He does mot appear to be ristening to the teacher oven though she's speaking Spanish (his preferred language). moving to a corner, he kneels and touches the heater. Still kneeling he looks around the room to observe the classroom activity without speaking. The other teacher walks over to him and takes Ina by the arm in order to bring him back to the group where Mrs. $\qquad$ is now weighing the vegetables. :He sits with the group but says nothing.

By midyear the child began to take-part in some classtroom activities. Francisco still seemed relyctant to speak but would seek out .Spanish-preferring playmates and at times use his preferred language spontaneously with both peers and his teachers. In the instance presented. below, Francisco uses both the past tense and interrogative form correctly. in his preferred language. His speech, however, is still sonewhat egocentric in that he fails to wait for 8 response to his question, and instead answers it himself. Francisco and several classmates are busily making puppets from brown paper bags, construction paper, and bits of plastic and string:

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Francisco: . (Pointing to Jucty's puppet, he says
                                    excitedly:)
                    Mira que hizo. Mira que hizo.
                    - - (Grasping the bag and a piece of
                    construction paper, he asks the aide:\
                    LA fonde le pongo e'to?
                                    (Mithout waiting, for her answer.
                                    he remarks to no one in particular:)
                    Le voy pegar e'to.
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By the end of the school year, the child oxhibited sufficient English mastery to be able to interact with his English-preferring classmates. Francisco and Harold each take a wooden vehicie from the shelf.
Francisco: (Holding is toy gasoline pump

| Wich is sitt ing on the rug |
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| area and.pretending to fill |
| the car.) |

(Pretending to pour gas from the hose into. the car he makes a. "sshing" noise.) Le voy dar gasolina.
(Hareld aceidentallys runs his car over francisco's hand.)

## Franicisco: Ouch, I tell my mother.

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\begin{gathered}
\text { Harold }: \quad \text { (Harold } \\
\therefore \quad \text { smiles.) }
\end{gathered}
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Francisco: All right.
In contrast to his isolation and stlence at the beginning of the year, Francisco conmunicated effectively in English with his playmates. The form of his new second language was not always gramatical. Francisco had not yet acquired the difficult auxiliary "do," as evident from his command "no take that car" and his question "want gasoline?". He also substituted. the simplified form, "I tell my mother," to express the future ("I'm gonna teli" or "I will "tell"). His playmate, however, understood Francisco's warning as he proceeded to apologize. Uni.ike his behavior at the beginning of the year, Francisco appeared to be more aware of the speakers around him as he listened to the apology and then acknowledged "all right." Francisco reverted spontaneously to his preferred language when talking to himself as he played the role of gasoline attendant in filling his toy car with gas. Thus, by the end of the year Francisco could call on his second language when communicative needs of the situation cemanded. In the est situation at the end of the year, however, he failed to exhibit this productive ability.

The following speech sanples illustrate the general experience of the English-preferring children at ALERTA-I.
two bralds, following the custom of his native Mest indian coun was an enthusiastic and avid student. He was a very verbal English preferring child who exhibited no. productive ability in Spanish in the pretest.

Harold was always attentive during hisusing 11 group, languagefocused session and early in the year was obsetved eagerly repeating Spanish after the teacher during a lesson on the identification of vegetables. The teacher described the sweet potato in Spanish and Harold repeated after her, "Batata, duro, batata, comida." Amused by the shape of the vegetable she held up next, he exclarmed, "Let me feel it!" He then dutifully repeated after the teaçer; "Yautia, nime.
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His English continued to maintain features of dialectical English, but he now used more varied tenses, as exhibited in this sample of his speech taken while working on a puzzle with an Englishspeaking companion:

Harold: Me too, hurry, Janie! Who don't got' time? I finishing. I Hd $t t$ ?
(Upon successfully completing
the puzzle:)
He did it! We did it!
(Reacting to the teacher's announcement of an excursion to the park:)
Let's go, let!s go . . . Janie,
wanna be my partner only this week?
Then you could be Ralph's partner.
Harold made appropriate use of the past tense in his native language and even expressed the conditional state, "Then you could be Ralph's partner.". Harold's lạnguage development was typical of that of many. monolingual English speakers in the ALERTA model who exhibited an expanding complexity and linguistic repertoire in their first language, while gaining, a limited lexicon in their second language.
(2) Concept Development." The ALERTA model aims. at developing various problem-solving strategies and abilities to make statements about the world and at developing greater linguistic competence. As with language use there was a tendency on the part of teachers to. provide the children, with experiences relating to concept development in English throughout the year. Practice with concepts occurred mostoften during teacher-directed activities such as those which took place in the small group sessions, but concept development was also incorporated into most of the daily activities. 4

The trends observed. in the subsample children's concept development were consistent with those observed in individual language use. Although little behavior related to concept development was ob< served during the first observation, over the course of the year two of - the six Spanish-preferring Isubsample children were observed using only English with concepts while two others increased their relative use of that. language in the area of concept development (Table 53): The two childrefis who did not increase their English usage were those who tended. the use Spanish throughout the year. Four of the children had most of their practice with concepts in their first language at the second Spanish in the classroom at that 'time. English-preferring subsample children received practice in concepts largely in English and/or nonlanguage-specific activities. Reflective of the teachers' increased

Table 53 . Relative frequency of observed practice with concepts by language.for individual subsample childrenover three points in time: ALERTA

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emphasis on both languages during the second observation period is the practice six of the seven children received frispanish at that time.

The few observed behaviors in the area of concept developmient during the first observation period were principally in the category of visual discrimination for both groups of children (see Appendix S ). This is understandable given the emphasis on familiarizing the children with the classroom environment early in the year. At the first observation, English-preferring children exhibited a greater diversity in their use of concepts thian their Spanish-preferring countérparts. Both groups, however, showed increased diversity over the year in their use of concepts in Spanish, English, and nonlanguage-specific behaviors. Whereas, with the exception of the second observation period, the English-prefetring children's increased diversity wàs largely limited to their first language, the Spanish-preferring chil-. : dren tended to diversify in their second language, throughout the year. The one exception was the child whose relative English use decreased at each observation period. In terms of specific categories in which the children were observed to increase their practice, consistent trends for Spanish-preferring children were in the areas of seriation/sequencing and symbolic representation where four of the six children and-all of the subsample $e_{*}$ respectively $y_{3}$ showed rel ative increases. The only consistent trend for Englisht-preferring children was in the category of matching/classification where six of the eight children increased their practice ovep the year.

Alicia and Jaime typify, the expraence in learning concepts of a-Spanish-preferring, and English-preferring child, respectively, over. the course of the school year.

- Alicia, as was typical of many of the Spanish-preferining children at the beginning of the year, often identified objects in English. -During the earily morning greeting gesjion which tapk place daily in the rug: area, Alicia was observed pointing to her peersignd correctly identifytng "girl, girl,' boy, boy." When the Engilik. dominant aide conducting the calendar review asked the children what- month it was, Alicia correctly replied, "Movember," demonstrating her understanding of time relations.

By, the second observation period, Alicia had progressed to, more difficult conceptual, relations, identifying the correct sequence of numbers in both Spapilsh and Engl ish and demonstrating an understanding of likeness by pointing out similar shapes. The following. language sample was taken from a smad 1 group activity at midyear whenAlicta was sitting at a table in the manipulative toy area with two.
 of her péers, cutting out pictures numbered one to. four from a magazine and pasting them on construction paper in the form of a house:

Alicia: Uno, dos, tres.
(Counting the pegs.in a peg board and then turning her attention to the assignment.)
Estoy haciendo una casita. (Turning to one of the other children at the table:)
Eso no va aht. Esto(s) no son ras, los mif(s)-mos. A round circle. ir Míralo aqui. Ya e(s)to están hecho. Tu ve io raismo -- el insmo color. Yo e(s)toy ayudando a e(s)te porque êl no sabe. This one there, you see.

Here Alicia demonstrated her counting ability in Spanish, an activity in which she had engaged earlier the same day in English when she correctly counted the children for the teacher taking. attendancè. She also exhibited hier mastery of the curricular objective for that day, understanding of the concept of "the same" -mismo in Spanish. Evidence of a pattern of balanced concept develop-ment in both languages is her correct jdentification of a shape in English -- "a round circle."

Alicia's progress toward recognition of comparisons in her preferred language is evident from this language sample taken during a watercolor painting activity late in the school year:

Alicia: (To an English-speaking classmate:)
I'm not playing with you.
I'm bigger than him.
I'm bigger than you.
Stand up, stand up.
Túno wás grande que yo.
Yo soy mís- grànde que tú.
(To another English dominant
classmate:)
And I got this color. You got
the same color. You got all of
them.
(To a Spanish speaker, itho was painting circular shapes:)
Ti'ta 'ciendo una bola. Look it
what you did me.
(Referring to her painted fingers.)
Éddie, tô no tiene(s) ésto, esto,
Esto.

In addition to correctly identifying the round shapes in Spanish, Alicia successfully expressed a comparison of size in both languages; having acquired a mastery of the difficult $\begin{aligned} & \text { linguistic }\end{aligned}$ contrast between the formation of the English comparative "adjective + -er" fonm and the Spanish maks + adjective" form. She also identified the likeness of objects, using "the same" in English as she had done in the earlier observation when she expressed similarity in her preferred language. The result of Alicia's practice is reflected in her test scores, scoring near maximum on both the English and Spanish measures of concepts at the posttest, despite receiving a relatively low score in English at the pretest.

- Jaime, unlike the Spanisti-preferring children who exhibited considerable progress in their understandipoof concepts in both languages, tended to demonstrate greater ability in understanding of concepts in his preferred language; as did the other English-preferring children. Jaime, a very sociable child who generally would rather play (drama) than work on small group assignments and who had some knowledge of Spanish, was considered to have achieved average concept development in his first language by the end of the year.

Early in the year, the following- exchange was witnessed during a period in which the children threaded cut-up straws and a variety of small paper shapes with a hole in the middle onto a string of - yarn to form a necklace.

| Jaime : | I want some straw: This ifone straw right here. I'm gonna use some of this. that color? |
| :---: | :---: |
| Jatme | This white one. |
| Teacher: | Show me what you're using. |
| Jaime | Purple, Mrs.* . Purple. |
| $\because$ | (He then holds up. a plece of red yarn and says:) |
|  | Black. |
| Teacher: | filicks up and shows the young boy other pieces of red yarn and asks:) |
|  | Is that the same? |
| Jaime | (Mods.) , |
|  | Red, Mrs. $\qquad$ what color is that? (Helds up Tight purple piece.) |
| Teacher: | Light purple. |
| Jaime | Mrs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ this is the same th |
|  | (Matching two yellow pieces of yarn.) |

At this eally stage of the year, Jaime's performance in identifying the colbr characteristics of objects was still variable as he correctly, identified yellow, purple, and white but missed red.

The teacher used the art activity not, only to explore the concepts of color but to begin to give the child practice in identifying similarities and differences. The boy seemed to have a good. grasp of this concept; he was' able to match two yeltow pieces and recognize the similarity between the two red pi yos. The teacher addressed all questions to hifm in his preferred langurge and at this point. in his development made no attempt. to yntroduce him to .Spanish coricepts.-

By mid-March, the teacher had begun to try to introduce, Jaime to Spanish concepts, although he proved somewhat unreceptive to her attempts, as is evident from this verbal Interaction recorded when the children were painting with multiṣhaped spoinges:


Gimme, I get that sponge. You get thils one. I'm getting all of it. (Repeats twice, in reference to the paint.
Gerry , : (Counts the numbers 1 to 9 in English.)
datme : Ten.
Although Jafme conitinued to have papblems identifying colors and shapes even in his first language, he demonstrated progress in other concept areas by spontaneousily identifying the correct sequence of numbers from one to 10 and the property of "bigness" in his native language. When the 'teacher probed his knowledge, of concepts in his second language, he understood the question, although . he failed to produce the proper response for colors. He did, however, exhibit a limited knowledge of Spanish numbets, as did a number of the English-preferring children at this site.
(3) Socioemotional Behavior. Ohserved behaviors in this area were. related to three categories $\mu$ scoll readiness, self-esteem, and motivation. As can be seen from Table 54, at the beginning of the school year 100\% approppiate behaviors were recorded for four of the six Spanish-preferring children and five of the eight. Englishpreferring children: In the case of the first group, Francisco and Maria refused to participate in group activities and had difficulty relating to other children. Both improved at midyear as they became better socialized to the classroom enviromment, but Maria reverted to moodiness and whining at the end of the school year. Teachers hypothesized that she needed a vacation.

Of the English-preferring children.. Kurt and Jody exhibtted some inappropriate classroom behaviors. Kurt was one of the youngest children in the ctassrom and had difficultymaintaining interest in group activities. He had greatly improved by the end of the year. Jody seemed to interact well with children and adults but sometfmes: defied teachers by refusing to eat. Overall inappropriate behavior for subsample children in both groups increased over time. The rise in behavior reflectfing lack of adaptation to the classroom context, for English-preferring children during periot 2 stemmed principally from their tendency to refrain from participation to group activities. This was due in part to the childrenis failure to respond to the iocreasting use of Spanish by the teachers. The remaining instances were attributable to a few children who persistëntly refused to participate in specific activities; this was indicated by an observer's remarks such as."G, as usual, would nat participate even when he was called to attention repeatedly."

The increase in the failure to follow directions, which became evident tn the Spanish-preferring group during period, 3, appeared to be a result of the approach of sumer. The marked increase in

Table 54 . Relative frequency of observed appropriate and tnappropriate sactoemotional behavior for individual subsample eildren over three points in time: Alerta.


1 Percentage totals may not equal $100 \%$ due to rounding.

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appropriate behavior for both English- and \$panish-preferring groups in the area of "motivation" during the final observation period was attributed to the teachers' nore frequent complimenting of the students on their work, which served to encourage the child's self-- acceptance -- a stated model objective.

Especialiy at the beginning of the year and probably due to the novelty of the classrom context, the children expressed enthusiastic finterest in group activities. Situations such as the following were common:

Student: Mrs. Is ${ }^{\text {(pfter }}$ it:
(After successfully drawing a vegetable.)
Like to do banana: (Student takes a greem bahana from liearby table, sits, down with green crayon in hand, and begins drawing, the fruit.)
(The observer often made notations such as "The teacher instructed, her to put water in the cup from the pitcher, which she did,". reflecting the increasing frequency with which the children successfutly followed instructions.

## 2. Parent Outcomes

## a. Parent Sample

Twenty experimental mothers and six control mothers comprised the parent sample at Site I. Ten experimental and four control mothers were interviewed at site II.
$\because \quad$ Charac'teristics of parents of both experimental and control children at the two sites were similar and appear to riflect those of the community as whole. The ethnicity of 70\% of the parents at both sites was Hispanic; 26 \% were Black and the remainder West Indiañ. ALERTA I parents had been in the continental United States an ayerage of 19 years and ALERTA II parents averaged 23 years in the United States; several-of the latter were recent imigrants: Mean family size, number of children, and age of children were similar for experimental and-control. groups at each site. (For complete parent backgroyind characteristics see Appendix L),

## b. Mothers' Attitudes and Perceptions

ALERTA parental perceptions and attitudes äre discussed in terms of trends in the mean responses of these individuals; the meins themsel ves are found in Appendix $X$. Concerning language usage, both English and Spartish were used at home in all groups, although English was more likely for teaching. Parents of both experimental groups rated themselves and their children as higher in English ability. They did, however, perceive a slight gain in their children's ability to speak both languages at the end of the year, a perception which was not shared by control parents.

Parental aspirations for their children were high for all groups. A majority of parents desired professional-level careers for their children, and 15 or more years was the level of schooling that parents reported as desirable. Experimental and control group parents at kpth sites held a positive view of education in general and bilingual picultural education in particular, and saw a positive self-concept as contributing to school success at both the pre- and posttests.

ALEPTA control children did not spend their time on instructional activities which might have provided them with preschool-related skills. As would be expected, the major difference between experimental and control children at both sites in how they spent their day was in school-related activities. Between the.hours of 9:00 A.M. and 3:00, P.M. the primary activity of all experimental children was school (see Appendixy). Some play and television watching were reported during these hours because of the half-day preschool schedule. Control chfluren at the two sites differed somewhat in that those.at Site I were reported to spend their time primarily in play activities and secondarily watching television while the reverse was true for their Site II counterparts.

## 3. Teacher Outcomes

## a. Teacher Sample

The sample was comprised of three members of the ALERTA teach-, ing staff at Site I and two at Site II. Except for the ALERTA II aide, the teachers and aides at the two ALERTA sites were female. ALERTA I personnel ranged in age from mid-20s to mid-40s. Both teachers were bil ingual, island-born Puerto Ricans. One aide was a bilingual Puerto Rican from New York, and the other aide, who served only part of the year, was a Hest Indian who'spoke English, French, and some Spanish. All staff members who worked the entire year at Site I. reported speaking Spanish and English in equal. proportion in their interactions with others.

All but one of the staff had. had at least three years of aide experience, and the teachers an additional one to three years as teachers. At least three of the staff began as voluneers and two had been Head Start parents themselves. Except for the one new aide who held a high school diploma, each of the staff had had some : college-level education ranging from course work to a B.A. degree. One staff member held a COA certificate.

At ALERTA 11, the teacher was a monolingual woman in her 50s and the aide a bilingual Panamantan man in his 305. Both had worked over five years as aides, and the teacher had been at the Head Start center for its full 15 years. Both teacher and aide had university degrees and both lived in the Head Start neighborhood. (For complete teacher background characteristics see Appendix M.)

## b. Teachers' Attitudes

Teachers at both sites supported the model's multicultural. emphasis and liked the physical division of the room into learning centers and the use of a wide range of materials. However, the "paperwork" associated with observing individyal children was seen to complicate a rapidly paced daily routine with its doubTe sessions, active children, and (at least for ALERTA II) frequently busy lunch hours. The ALERTA I staff was in general receptive to the philosophical tenets of the model, including bilingualism. However, at ALERTA II, questions were voiced regarding Spanish instruction and the practicality of language separation and groupings as called for by the model. Teachers and aides at both sites consistently viewed cultural awareness. and comunication as the major penefits, indicating an integrative orientation.

Both groups of teachers also exhibited fairly consistent attitudes over time toward the type of language wich should be used by Spanish-or English-speaking children. The three teachers at Site I expressed unanimous support of textbooks as models for language use for Spanish- and English-preferring chiddren at both pre- and posttest. The two staff members at Site II differed at both pre- and posttest in their attitudes toward the importance of various language models. One staff member viewed hone and community languages as inportant.models for language use whereas the other did not.

The attitudes of teachers and aides toward parent involvement in-education changed silightly during the evaluation year (Table 55). Both groups of teachers consistently belfeved that parents should be involved in the classroom and that teachers shoald keep frequent contact with parents. All teachers, especially those at Site II, felt they should attempt to involve seemingly uninterested parents in their progran. Site II teachers also expressed confidence in the quality of information received from parents, while site I teachers were neutral about such information.

Table-55. Attitudes toward parent, involvement of experimental Head Start'teachers: ALERTA.

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Teachers' and aides' opinions at Site II with respect to what should be included in a curriculum tended to remain consistent over the year while Site I teachers had a dramatic change. At the pretest, two of the three respondents at Site I considered teaching children Hispanic lifeways, objects, dress, songs, and dance as of little importance. By posttest these were identified as very important by all respondents. This change may be related to the teachers' additional familiarity with the ALERTA model and their experience with attempting to-implement its multicultural goals. The teaching staff at Site II viewed introduction of cultural. items as important in \$heir program.

## B. Implementation

This section provides the results of the evaluation related to The factors affecting the implementation of the ALERTA curriculum. The discussion is augmented by Appendix $Y$, which contains descriptions of (1) the sociocultural environment of the communities, (2) the administrative aspects of each site, and (3) the Head Start settings. A discussion of the principal features of the ALERTA curriculum injtiates the section. The success of both experimental sites and the individual classrooms within each site in meeting the goals of the model in five areas -- schedule and organization, physical setting, instructional materials, individual behaviors, and instructional strategies -- is described in the remainder of the section.

## 1. Principal Features

The model developers consider ALERTA to be a process for developing a curriculum based on continuity between children's life expepiences and classroom learning activities. The qodel outlines goals and objectives by which connections are drawin between learning and the total social context, rather than presenting a concrete set of materials and detailed activities which may or may not relate to a child's sense of reality. The teacher's manual does present a sample specific objectives. This format allows to a general goal and several to any population, although it was designed for an urban enviromment that includes both Hispanic and Black children and in which tit least 50\% of the, children speak Spants as a first language. Pirents and community. resources are integral to the multicultural empliasis, and bilingualism is embedded within all aspects of. the program.

## a. Model Goals and Strátegies

Assumptions about how children learn are stated clearly in the teacher's manual:' growth proceeds as an individual engages in progressively more complex thoughts, feetings'; and actions, while the enviromment plays an influential role in determining that' growth process. Emphasis on bilingual and multicultural programming extends this understanding of the role of the enviromment (including home, family, community, and language) to the child's development.

Coals and objectives are presented in the three domains of socioemotional, cognitive/language, and psychomotor development: Goals under the socioemotional domain include realization of capabilities and worth of self and others, coping with emotions, group participation, independence, and cultural awareness. Under languager and cognition are goals relating to problem-solving strategites, making statements about the world, peproducing sound and language patterns, and developing more complex Tinguistic structures. Psychomotor development goals relate to body control; movement, and spatial relations.

Language learning for ALERTA is distinguisked by language separation through the association of one language with one teacher and through large and small groupings. Corresponding to the two languages spoken in the cormunity, at least one teacher is to use English and another to use Spanish during the teacher-directed portions of the schedule.

In addition to keeping the two languages distinct, ALERTA is based on a premise of reinforcing a child's primary language béfore supplementing with a second language., Classifying children by their language dominance, small groups (of five to six children) are alternated so tha', children receive "irst le nguage instruction one day and second language instruction the next. Language instruction also occurs during large group periods, one pr two of which are scheduled daily. Presentation of languages is to be alternated each week, but an introduction in the other language is recomended to capture the ; $\xi$ attention of the other children.'

The model calls for a balance in content of activities: . child-adult, child-child, and child-material relation's. Botn smm l! and large group activities comprise the teacher-directed parts of the day. Child-initiated or "free play". activities involve the relatively unrestricted movement of childrèn between areas. Teachers may interact with children during these periods or use them to informally observe children's behavior. Particular skills to be learned, sych as writing and reading roadiness, are not specified by the curriculum. In addition, although it is oriented to reflect the life. experiences of the children within the program, the manual makes no detarted reference to parents, home visits, or supportive resources.

ALERTA calls for regularly formulating plans through a series of linked goals, the specifics of which are based on direct observations of children. The teacher.'s manual suggests certain objectives to be used flexibly, as a framework, to which teachers fit needs of individual children. A set of observation guides enables teachers to track and récord each child's progress, "balancing, out" the manual with activities that are, relevant to individual needs and interests. In addition to this comprehensive assessment, teachers keep anecdotal records of individual children's achievements over time and in different parts of the daily schedule. In a continuous process, then, teachers observe to détérmine â child's needs and jnterests, design activities to meet those needs, and reobserve after the child has been introduced to the activity.

## b. Classroom Structure.

The ALERTA teacher's manual details the set-up of learning/ activity centers in the classrom and the development of a daily schedule. Cरassrooms are to be divided into Hous@keeping, blockbuilding, sand, water, art, table materials, woodworking (optinal), music and movement, andscience areas. Each area is to be accessible to several children at a time, and the particular placement of areas, (e.g., blockbuilding and housekeeping adjacent) is recommended to en'courage certain inter'fictions. All areas contain appropriate materials which can be manipulated and which relate to children's home and cultural backgrounds. Although the curriculum itself provides no materials for children's use, the importance of having a variety of materials and of making or acquiring progressively more complex items that represent a higher level of learning difficulty is stressed by Alerta.

The teacher's manual provides sample schedules for both fulland $1 f$-day sessions. Modeled after Head Start guidelines, they provide for a balance between large and small groups, teacher-"directed and child-initiated activities, "active" and "quiet" periods, and meals and preparation time.

## 3.' Model Level Implementation:

Figure 7 presents the relative frequencies for the various. implementation categories for each site over time whereas Table furnishes a summary of the individual scores in each category. . There is a relatively similar overall implementation score at both sites Huring the initial observation period. Site I appears to have. the highest implementation at midyear while at Site-ll there is a rise-late in the year. The pattern observed at Site I may be related to the training which was: received primarily during the first part of the year. In-service was rarely conducted at Site II until the latter half of the year, which helps to account for the higher score during the third
observatfon period. The overall moderate scores at both sites were probably affected most critically by the work schegule of the staff. Conducting two three-hour sessions a day with few breaks, five days a×week, teachers became physically and emotionally drainee. There was genarally insufficient'tine for preparing materials or for. carefully and creatively plinning activities according to model objectives.

- Although staff structure wasisimilar and no turñover was
- experienced át either site particular attitudes and compatibility of staff members may have differentially affected implementation at the two tenters. There was some ambivalence about Spanish instruction at Site 'II which led to underutilization of the Spanish-speaking aide in instructicnal activities. "At both sites, however; the multicultural aims of ALERTA were supported.

Schedule and organization reflects teachers' familiarity with the model at Site I as most planned activities pccurred. during each day of observation across the time periods. The pressures of time relating to the twice-daily sessfons and the lack of adequate prior planning ${ }^{\text {l }}$ led to the deletiow of some planned activities at site II. These factors, combined with infrequent second language activities, led to the lower schedule scores at Site II. Attrition relating to the mobility of the population at Site I does. not appedar to have 'affected scheduling, while the tardiness and absenteeism resulting from harsh ervironmental conditions (especially during the winter months) appears to have negatively impacted on scheduling at Site II but not at Site I.

The use of classroon physical setting was similar at both sites in that most of the centers prescribed by the model were present and in use througliout the year. Offierences in scores reflect an increasing prevalence of large group activities at Site I as the year progressed and poor heating wich sometimes forced this center to close and otherwise impinged on the use of some colder areas. At Site II? the incremental rise in settiny scores relates to children's - increasing familiarity with and use of diversity of classroon areas during child-initiated play activities.

Increasing reliance on instructional materfals, which are central, to ALERTA, is suggested by the increase in scores at both sites from the first observational. period to the third. Less, than optimal scores relate to the general lack of culturally specific materiais and to their infrequent use, in addition to the absence of labeling of utilized materials in both languages.

- Under the category of individual behaviors; site I exhtbits a pettern of gradual decline over the year while. Site Il scores are initially lower and rise at the end of the year. These scores appear to relate to the willingness of site I teachers to interact with children in their preferred language, followed by a tendency during the
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Table 56 . ALERTA implementation scores by site over Time

third observational period to have large group activities that were directed by a single adult or by chilidren themselves (e.g., outdoor exercise). The relatively consistent scores at Site II reflect the English-predownant adult-child relations throughout the year, given the lesser bilingual ability of the staff compared with Site I. Parent participation in the classroom was rare at both sites; parents took instructional roles only when a staff member was absent. Parents were actively involved in policy formulation and decisions of the center through comitiee participation, although this situation is not reflected by the checklist items.

There are sinilar scores at both sites concerning instructional strategies. The decrease between the first and third observation periods relates to an energetic start. at the beginning of the school year and increasing staff fatigue thereafter $\mathrm{r}_{0}$ There were fewer adultdirected activities and language groupings later in the year and more child-initiated and large group activities.

As the following section suggests, the checklist results for these two sites may be strongly affected by single variables and may not reflect all of the factors that are critical to implementation of a curriculum:

## 4. ". Classroom Implementation Factörs (Site 1)

As can be seen from Table 57, each of the classrooms within the South Bronx site has a pattern of implementation similar to that found at the site level. Implementation for each classroon reaches its peink during the second observation period with some dropeff occurring in each at the end of the year. . This decrease can be attributed to an increase in time spent in large group and individual activities at the expense of smal! group activiltes at the end of the year. At that time, the teachers felt that the children were tired and needed a réspite from the structured, classroom activities. All classes often. went to a local park, cutting down the frequency and the amount of time spent in other activities.

Although all classroons exhibit similar overall patterns of implementation, variation exists within individual implementation categories. What follows is a discussion of such differences across the five categories of implementation.

## a. Schedule and Organization

The dally schedule yaried somewhat among the morning and afternoon. classes implementing the ALERTA model, although the sane activities were generally carried out in each classroom. The schedule was as follows:

Table 57 . ALERTAI implementation scores by crass room over time.


Breakfast
Large Groub
Gym
Cómbination (languagé/free play)
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Dismissa]
15-30 minutes
15-30 minutes
45 minutes
60 minutes
30 minutes
-5-10 minutes
Breakfast was the first activity in the morning, whereas large group began the afternoon sessions. The afternoon classes also alternated use of the gym; one class engaged in large-muscle activities im that locale while the other had its combination period. .

Activitiés were usually carried out as planned in all'classrooms. The duration of activities was affected by such factors as short excursions and inclement weather wich forced children or teachers to stay at home. The generally lower scores in this implementation category at'the first observation period appear to be a result of extended transition times as children adapted to the classroom routine. In addition; although the hour-long combination group was- usually carried out during the observation periods, iall of the activities to be included in that period (language groups; learning center free play, and teacher-directed nonlanguage lessons) did not always occur, accounting in part for the generalily less than max frum scores.

## B. Physical Setting

The areas avallable and their use rmained fairly consistent over time for all of the classrooms at KLERTA I. The classroomis all had sufficient space for all of the learring centers prescribed by the model and ample row for large-muscle activity in the upstairs gym. The lower scores recorded during the second observation period reflect the lack of a mater area at that thme and the infrequent use of the sand area in classrboms A and B. The water area was not made avaliable during the winter months, at the request of the parents who felt that the children would get their clothes wet and consequently be subject to illness and colds. While the sand area did exist in all three classrooms, in classrooms $F$ and $B$ it served more a storage area and was generally covered with other cTassioom materials. In classroom C, however, this area was used throughout the year. Lower scores across all classrooms during the third observation period are related to the increased time spent outside the classrodir. As mentioned previously, in the spring when the teachers perceflued that the children were tired of the ciassroom routine, almost daily field trips were made to local parks; cutting down on the time avallable to use the various areas, especiaily during combination activities.
inile not directly reflected in the implementation forms, two factors in the physical setting outside the classioom itself did relate to the use of the prescribed classrocm areas. The cold weather coupled with the breakdown of heating facilities caused the building to close on several occasions. The cold conditions also limited the use of the gym which was most affected by the lack of heating. The teachers generally improvised by using the parents' room or the classrocms for dancing and mild exercising. However, both the time involved and the types of activities carried out varied from those allowed by the gym and its furnishings.

## c. Instructional Materials

The three classrooms differed in their patterns of implementation in this category. Classrooms $A$ and $B$ account for the patterns of the site as a whole by reaching their highest level of implementation at the midyear, observation, then tailing off somewhat at the end of the year. .Classroom $C_{\text {, }}$, on the other hand, shows steady gains throughout the year. The less than maximum scorés in all classrooms are a result of a general lack of labeled materials and of pictures of fanous historical figures called for by the model. The increases recorded during the midyear observation may be related to the new furniture and materials such as puzizles and manipulative toys which were added to all classrooms at this tine.

Pictures and posters in all classrooms represented a variety of ethnic groups working and living in urban enviromments. Actual culturally specific maţerials, however, were generally those found among Hispanic groûps of Caribbean origin. These were concentrated in the housekeeping and music areas and included such items as pavas (straw hats), maracas, ind tostoneras (plartain presses). Rerional foods were regularly served at mealtfme and were occasionally used for lessons in the housekeeping center.

## d. Indjvidual Behaviors

Only classroom A follows the general pattern found in the utiter implemeptation categories. Rather than reaching its highest degree of implenentation at the second observation period, classroom $B$ has its lowest implemmentation of the category at that point, and class-
room $C$ shows a steady decrease over all three obseryation perids Although this category has in general the lowest level of implementation, this is to same extent a result of including parent participation in the classroon as an implementation item even though such participation is not explicitily called for by the model. The level-of implementation in this category also relates to the teacher's tendency to use both languages in the classroom despite model directives which suggest separate adult models for each language.

* As can be seen frón Table 58, although teachers were to serve as Spanish Vanguage models in all of the classroons studied, they tended to use both languages in the classroon, even in those teacher-directed activities which called for the use of Spanish only, largely because the Spanish-preferring children in the classroons were bilingual. With the exception of classrocm B during the midyear observation, English tended to be the predominant language in, all classrooms throughout the year. Teachers were generally involved in a greater number of language interactions than were aldes, with the single exception of classroom $C$ during the first observation period.' In classrom $C$, the aide was the English language model, and a large number of activities during that period, especially those of large group, focused on familiarizing the chitidren with the English lexicon.... for classroom materials.

In all classrooms informational statements, which made up more than half of the total, formed the principal mode of interaction. These occurred most often during combination-period lanquage. groups and during circle time. Questions, which made up more than $30 \%$ of the total verbal interactions; occurred most frequently in language groups, as it was during this activity that teachers concentrated on exploring the children's knowledge of concepts and lexicon. Commands generally occurred doring transition periods and meals, whereas verbal reinforcement either in the form of praise or discipline was the least used verbal interaction mode.

Parental participation was almost nonexistent within the classroom. The lone excention was a mother who helped out several times in each clasisroiom when a teacher or aide was absent. This individual did not, however, take an instructional role but performed custodial duties, served food, and occasionally assisted individual children. A number of pareits did contribute their time to make. materials in the parents' room and to attend centerwide activities such as workshops and trips., Also, several parents were on the Center Policy Comittee.

- Instructional Stratiegies

As Table 57 indicates, the thriee classrooins at ALERTA Site I had different patterns of success in carrying oint the instituctional activittes outlined by the model. Classroom B follows the pattern of the site as a whole, achieving'its highest score at the midyear observation. Classroon $C$ is relatively consistent over the first two observation perfods but shows a decifrie at year end. Clasrocm $A$ shows a steady decrease for the category over the evaluation year. As previously mentioned, the general decrease across all classrooms at the third observation period is attributable to the larger anount - of time toward the end of the year spent in large group or individual activities.

Table 58 , ALERTA flassroom language production by teaching unit.


The jess than maximum scores received in'this category are a result of the variability in the way in which language activities were carried out. Often such acttvities were integrated with other ectivities such as art or occurred with children other than those within the scheduled group. In classrooms $A$ and $B$, teachers at times functioned as Engitish language models although they had been ascribed the Spanishmodel rolet The generally higher scores in classroom $C$ are a reflection of the instructional tean's ability to maintain. their separate language model roles.

The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's field notes. It fillustrates various aspects of the implementation process at ALERTA I reflected in the preceding di'scussion. $/$ -

The children are divided by language preference into two groups, sitting at two smali tables in the center of the room. On each table are scissors, paste, and colored construction paper circles. The teacher who. serves as the Spanish model sits with the Spanishpreferring children. She begins the activity by asking the children what they are going to do: ¿que es to que. varfos a hacer?" Juanita responds, "light," and her classinate, Wamber chimes in with the colors, "rojo, verde, $y$ amarilio." When the teacher fepeats the question, Juanita repeats her answer, but this time in spanish. The teacher expands on the youngster's answer, saying\%" "la luz del trafico" and Juanita automatically repeats "trafico." Wanda and Juanita then begin to talk among themselves. When Wanda asks her if she has all of her colored circles, Juanita responds, "Yeah, I have." Then, checking her materials more closely, she points to the red circle and says, "My red. You have two red. Ana took my red."

Meamwilie, at the other table, the Englishpreferring group is involved incthe some activity. Karen remarks, "We need them traffic lights." When the teacher inquires, "Why do we need them?" Karen replies simply, "Cuz." The teacher then asks a simpler question: "On what light will the cars go?" Karen responds correctly, "Green." Then, moving the lesson to the children's own experience, the teacher asks, "What color to we go? ${ }^{\text {n. }}$ Karen answers, "green."

Here the ALERTA I classroom was successfully, following the posted schedule, where small group language sessions for both English- and Spanish-preferring children,had been pranned. As happened frequently, the language activities.were integrated with art activities. Thls
sessfon, related to the week's topic of trainsportation and traffic signs, encouraged the children to work with a variety of materials. It brought into the classroom a topic of relevance to the community , and the home -- safety. The lesson also provided a natural context. in which the teacher could review concepts: of color and help devalop the children's language. By asking "why?" for example, the teacher in the English group gave Karen the opportunity to expand her first language by using a variety of vocabulary and structures. Finally, following ALERTA's directives, the teacher who was the Spanish model asked all her questions in Spanish. As happened frequently, however, even the Spanish-preferring children tended to answer spontaneously in English. As mentionet earlier, this occurred naturally as a result of the bilingual ability of many of the Site I Spanishpreferring children.

## 5. Classroom Implementation Factors (Site II)

As is evident from Table 59, the ALERTA II site experienced a moderate increase in implementation in classroom $A$ as the year progressed. There was a more varied pattern in classroom B, including both a leveling off and a moderate increase in implementation in that classroom following some midyear decline. Thefgeneral increase in the former classroom probably relates to growing familiarity by staff and children with model goals and appropriate routine. The generally lower scores in classroom $\mathbb{A}$ are a result of greater absenteetsm and behavioral problems. Higher year-end scores reftect increased understanding of the curriculum as a result of training. late in the year. Factors affecting the variation in degree of implementation between classrooms and within areas of implementation at different times are considered. in the remainder of this subsection.

## a. Schedule and Organization

The daily routine was similar for both the morning and afternoon sessions. There was a schedule posted near the main doorway wich remained unchanged but which approxipiated the observed schedule. The morning sequence was as follows:

Free play (including art, table toys, looking at books, blocks', housekeeping, etc.)
Clean-up time
Juicè' time
Circle time
Outdoor play time
Tolleting

55 minutes
10 minutes
10 minutes
15 minutes
45 minutes
10 minutes

Table 59. ALERTA II implementation scores hy classroom over time.


Quiet time
Lunch time and dismissal.

5 minutes
3 minutes

The posted afternoon schedule varied in that juice time poreceded free play, and circle and outdoor play times followed lunch and immediately. preceded dismissal.

Not all activities required by the model were executed in either morning or afternoon class. Generally absent were second language activities. In addition, aide-directed activities and combined first and second language activities were missing during the second otiservation period. Omission of most language activities was the result of unfamiliarity with the demands of the model with respect to groupings and team teaching responsibilities (one language, one teacher).

The slightly lower scores in classroom $A$ may be related to the greater tardiness for the morning starting time, with some children arriving up to 30 minutes late. This produced a longer. free play period and sometimes a cancellation of one of the later activities. In the afternoon, on the other hand, some parents regularly picked up their children, 15 to 30 minutes before scheduled dismissal time. Scheduling curtailment was most noticeable during the winter months and this, along with cancellation of outdoor play, helps account for the lower scores of the second observation period. Full-day excursions to museums, the beach, a pumpkin or apple farm, and an arboretum also led, to cancellation of regularly scheduled classroom. activities.

## b. Physiel Setting

Both sessions used the same classroom so all children experienced a similar environment. While the room was relatively , small and therefore somewhat crowded with materials and furniture, all eight areas outlined by the ALERTA teacher's manual were present: blockbuilding, large muscle/music, sand, library, table materials, art, water table, and housekeeping.

Both classrooms show en increase in the use of the areas over time. There is, however, some variation in the use of the different areas $y_{m}$ especially during the free play period. Early in the year, classroom B tended to have more activities involving all of the children in one area, which accounts for its lower scores at this. period. "The housekeeping and manipulative toy areas were those most likely to be used by all children during the course of the day. The sand and must areas were used less than the other areas, while the water table was never observed in use, which in part explains the. less" than optimum scores in this category. The block area. was frequented primarily by active boys and the manipulative area by
boys and girls whit were genprally quitet. There was usually a representative ratio of Engilish, Spanish, and bilingual children in each area. Both teacher-directed and child-initiated activities occurred, corresponding to the model guidelines. Teacher-direction occurred on an individual basis on in activities (e:g., some art activities designed for participation nod completion by all children). Teachers often divided latge and noisy groups. Otherwise, clitldren did what they 11 ked best and could mofe freely from one area to another. Some, particularly Spanish, monolingual, children, tended to play by themselves or sit out these activities.

## c. Instructional Materials

The ALERTA model stresses the development of cognitive and motor skilils assocrited with children's use of materials, and consequently materials were very much in evidence at Site II. There were many differently sized and shaped wooden blocks, cars, trucks, boats, trains and tracks, road signs; and boxes in the block area, in addition to several dozen wooden figures and plastic hand puppets representing ethnic and professional backgrounds. The housekeeping area included such ftems as a miniäture stove, refrigerator, food -containers, dress-up clothes, and multiethnic dolls. The sand table contained implements for digging and pouring. The art area had a variety of paper, markers, clay, and playdough. A "science" area roughly corresponded to the sheives holding plants, an aquarium, and items collected during field trips. The library corner housed 10 to 20 books at a time, as well as a small blackboard." The table materials area held a probiferation of manipulative toys. Largemuscle eqülpmient included large wooden blocks for indoor use and cl imbing bars, wagons', tricycles, and Fockers for autside. Music and movenent, while frequently occurring outside the classroom, could make use in class of a record player and box of musical instruments, which included tambourines, a thymb piano, maracas, and a steel drum.

With the exception of the instruments, which were usually kept in a locked cabinet, the materials were accessible to the children and appropriate to the area in which they were found. Figures and props were foend in the block-building area to suggest themes for play, as 'the moder recommends. The multicultural curriculium was reflected in multiethnic figures and dolis and multicultural musical instruments, puzzles, and books in Spanish and in English/Spanish.

The moderately high scores are bolstered by the appropriate placenent of areas anc materials but are deflated by the relative absence of multicuiltural and labeled display materials. ALERTA calls for a "total social context" which enables a child to exparience a variety of other cultures. Field trips into the neighborhood and local enviroment facilitated the achievement of this aim. However; children's fanily experiencesj and cultural backgrounds were not
systematically drawn upon in developing program materials and activities. Teachers! own ideas about materials sometimes complemented NLERTA in this regard. "There was a relative underutilization of books and wimiting implements, compared with the plethora of manipulative, blocky and housekeeping materials.

The general increase in scores over the year reflects the introduction of progressively more difficult manipulative toys, the periodic changing of books in the library corner, the labeling of some manipulative toys late in the year, and an increase in displays in both Spanish and, inglish.

## d. Individual Behaviors'

A critical aspect of implementation involves the types of interactions in which children are engaged, teachers' use of language with childran, and the participation of other adults in the program. Scores in this category were generally low, never reaching half of the maximum number of potnts possible. This is a result of predominance of English in teacher-child classroom interactions and a. lack of parent participation in the classrooms. There is some evidence of an increase in implementation in this area as the year progressed, with both classes attaining similar scores for the second and third observation periods. Șuch cbange appears to be the result of teachers attempting to use same of the ideas presented in training sessions which took place at this time. These sess.ions were of extended duration, providing ,teachers with an opportunity to receive feedback from trainers before implementing new techniques in the classroom. The low score in class roodit $A$ for the first implementation period may relate to adverse effects on classroom activities of children who were not yet socialized tinto the classroom routine and its acceptable behaviors and required particular attention or discipline. The inicially high score in classroom B is associated with parental participation and a relatively acisx involvement of the aide in working with Spanishspeaking children in particular.

With respect to teachers' language usage, the madel goals were generally not met, as can be seen in Táble 60 . ALERTA identifies'. one teacher with one language in order to keep the two languages distinct. This ideal was met with the teacher, who spoke Engitish almost' exclusively but was not met with the aide, who was the Spanish langyage model but who generally spoke less Spantish than English. For none of the implementation periods in either class did the ratio of adults' English to Spanish approach the balance suggested by the ALERTA model. A number of factors affected the predominance of English as the language of the classroom (Table 60): (1) the teacher was dominant by position and in verbal interactions, while the aide had low visibility and little encouragement to actively interact with children in Spanish or reinforce their use of Spanish; $(z)$ other staff (including the director and education director) were

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English monolingual; and (3) English' was the "majority". language of the wider.comunity.

The greater use of Spanish in classroom B is associated with : the presence of more Spanish-speaking children in that class. English was used in all activities, while the context of Spanish use was more restricted and came about primarily in directed large group asd language group activities and, to lesser extent, on a one-to-one basis during meals and free play. The large groups were most often conducted only in English; however, since all children were included, these could be considered combined first and second language activities. As such activities included all children, quiet children who also tended to be the monolingual Spanish speakers were sometimes "lost" during the activities by not being attended to or called on. Little concurrent translation occurred as epis was not important for the model, which was supposed to involve gobupings according to children!s ranguage preference..

Informatyonal statements were the principal mode of verbal interaction in both classes regardless of the language of instruction. These accounted for about $40 \%$ of all adult utterances, whilal direct commapds and questions each comprised $25-30 \%$ of the remaining interactions. Verbal reinforcement accounted for less. than $10 \%$ of all interactions; the teacher tended to use more negative reinforcement while the aide used similar amounts of positive and negative reinforciment.

The teacher and aide were observed to give an approximately equal number of comands, despite the greater number of teacher utterances overall. This suggests the importance of the alde during transitions and meals and in regulating free play. Some differences between the classes are evident, as in the greater use of cominands and reinforcement in classroom A related to the greater elassroon management problems with certain more active children in that class.

Adults at Site II included parents who were active in contributing to policy, education, and health questions through several parent and parent-staff comittiees. They were infrequently present in class, although the incorporation of parents into in-class activities is not specified by ALERTA as a necessary means by which the goals of multiculturalism and comunity-school links are to be achieved.

## e. Instructional Strategies

The instructional strategies employed at ALERTA Site II remained relatively the saine during the school year. The overall moderate scores reveal a greater emphasis on child-initiated activitiés compared with adult-directed instruction, an absence of second language activities, and sometimes an omission of large group activity. A midyear dip in classrocm $A$ and a siteady decline in classroom $B$ are evidence that
teachers tended to "let things slide" after" a more energetic stirt when the school year began. By the end of the year, the "fatigue" factor appears to have been operating especially in classroom B.

On most days there was a mix of group and individual, active and quiet, and child-initiated and adult-directed activities: The predominant teaching strategy was one-to-one or informal small group work with same children whlle others pursued activities of their oun chaice. Adult interactions with children included some question-and-answer and open-ended discussion techniques but not on a regular basis. Review of activities was infrequent. Language development was thus relegated primarily to informal child-child and child-adult interactions in addition to large group interactions. Stofies and $/$ some discussion during large group activities were augmented by songs.

Since free play was often extended to 75 minutes or more, socioemotional development ins encouraged through independence and cooperation as children circulated on their own initiative and learned to share space and materials with others. Psychomotor skills, which comprise one of the three major goal doma ins of ALERTA, were prominent in manipulative, fantasy; dance, and outdoor activities play. Areas were arranged so that activities could be continued in. different settings. There was no regular reinforcement or formal assessment of children's knowledge of numbers, infrequent clarifications of colors, and little emphasis on writing and reading readiness. The absence of preifteracy training corresponds to the lack of emphast's in ALERTA and the teacher's belief that this was inappropriate at the preschool level.

ALERTA calls for instruction primarily in the child's first language and for structured periods of both first and second language activities. At site II, children were provided opportunity for first language retention and second language iacquisition for English, but', not for Spanish. Language activities are to be embedded in a general scheme of experimentation, observation, and review of what was tried. Observations were not done systematicaliy, howiver, because teachers were not allotted time free from classpoom obligations to concentrate on these. In addition, there, was teacher resistance to setting up distinct language groups, reláting to the above-mentioned reluctance to share equal instruction responsifility with the aide.

The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects of the implementation process at ALERTA 11 reflected in the preceding discussion.

Nicole, a Spanish-preferring bilingual, child, and her English-preferring classmate Ernie are constructing an elaborate high-rise building with $2 \times 4$ blocks in the block area. Toy cars are in an imaginary groundfloor parking garige. Light and dark colored wooden figures of people stand and lie on three upper floors. The teacher who serves as the English language model enters the block area to observe. Ernie asks Nicole, "Is that the parking garage?" Nicole tells him, "No, that's the row for them to sleep in." She then identifies the standing figures, "You know what?. They're having a meetility." When the teacher asks what kind of meeting, Nicole gives the location, saying it's in "Far Rockawaj" (the nearest beach). Ernie explains that the people are having a meeting because there was a.fire in the puiliding. The teacher asks what the people will do. Nicole responds, "Put water." When the teacher asks what they would do about'a fire at the Head Start center, Nicole repeats the same answer, "Put water." The teacher explains that first they would all walk outside. Nicole nods and adds, "And all of da come, all the fire engines." She begins to move same figures and tells Ernie, "Come on." The peoples have to go to the meeting." She explains again to the teacher, "It was fire in the building, but we fixed it."

This sequence is typical of the way the model worked during independent play activities, which became quite extended at, ALERTA II by the end of the year. Here the children were engaged in the manipulation of differently sized afid shaped materials in the block area, in accordance witil the modei's goals for psychomotor de'jelopment: The children used the multiethnic figures, appropriate to the multicultural make-up of the chfldren. The predominant teaching strategy euployed at ALERTA II was one-to-one work in an informal sinall group rather than planned adult-directed groupings.. The teacher tried to reinforce the link between school and community by relating the child's experience at school to her symbolic creation. She did not, however, utilize the child-created situation to review concepts with the two children. As called for by the model, the activity provided the opportunity for children of different language preferences to interact informally.. AIl speech; however, occurred, In English; even the Spantsh-preferring child addressed the teacher in English. As the English, language model, the teacher responded appropriately in that language. In ways such as this, an imbalance of Spanish-and nglish usage occurred naturally.


## C. Sumary and. Feasibility of Transfer

Owing to the inability of the two New York sites to identify sufficient numbers of comparison children, only descriptive statistics could be used in the analyses of the ALERTA sites. Descriptive statistics used to investigate the trends for Spanish-preferring children with different English entry-level abilities showed results similar to those found for other models; that is, the greatest mean
abilities when contrasted with comparison children. As the observational data show, the bilingual nature of the classroom allowed such children access to classrocm learning situations in English.

In classroom observations, both groups exhibited an expanding gramatical repertoire in En-ish. The Spanish-preferring groups also showed a pattern of expanded guistic performance in their preferred language. The progress of English-preferring children in Spanish, however, due, to limited practice in their second language, was limited to memorizing isolated lexical items, songs, and numbers, which was minimaliy reflected in qualitative and quantitative child measures.

Bilingual education was generally considered favorably by community residents and parents at both ALERTA sites. However, given the status of English as the national language and its association with higher-paying employment, some parents, both Englishspeaking and Spanish-speaking, expressed the desire for only English instruction in the classroom.

Teachers, like parents, were found to be supportive of ALERTA's goals. Teachers favored parental inyolvement and expressed confidence in the information parents provided to them. Instructers also viewed teaching children about Hispanic life, dress, songs, and dances as important and favored the ir incorporation into the curriculum.

Both sites were relatively successful in implementing the ALERTA model, especially in the areas of scheduling and organization. physical setting, and instructional materials. The experience of the evaluation suggests that it is possible to fimplement the ALERTA prograp in half-day sessions as-was done at both sites. Double sessions, however, inhibited planning time and the individually based observations called for by the model, and at times led to teacher and student fatigue late in the year.

Overall implenentation generally improved as a function of training in the model. This was especially true where training was of more than one day's duration. As the ALERTA II experience revealed, failure to provide such training and advice can lead to a situation where the staff is unclear about various aspects of the model, particularly the relation of their own ideas to model objectives.

The maintenance of separate language models called for by the model appears to be the most difficult aspect of the curriculum to implement. At both sites there was a predominance of the majority language (in this case English) being spoken even by teachers whose Pirst language was Spanish. English generally predominated in all formal group activities, even those designated by the model to be conducted in Spanish, whereas informal child-adult interactions were usually carried out in the preferred language of the monolingual children and in English with bilinguals. This explains the finding of better performance on the English measures for the ALERTA children.

The location of both sites within churches, which allowed for space within the building but outside the classroom for such features as a large-muscie area, kitchen facilites, a parents' room, and a teachers' room, may not be readily availabie in many urban Head start settings. Involving parents, furnishing an environment for teachers to plan, and adjusting for inclement weather may prove difficult in other settings.

## FOOTNOTES

${ }^{1}$ The four Spanish-preferrting control children at Site. I exhibited increased posttest scores on three of the four English measures and Pour of seven Spanish measures. The two Spanish-preferring children showed increases on one of the four English measures and five of . seven Spanish measures (see Appendix C).

The four English-preferfing children at Site I increased their posttest scores on four of the seven English measure and all four Spanish measures (see Appendix C).
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${ }^{3}$ The extensive use of English by Judith in the classroom combined with the talkativeness of one Eng! tsh-preferring girl. .Elizabeth -- is a prime factor, in the unexpectedly fow correlation between classroom observations and test results in EMLU (see Appendix X ). Their rankings of first and second, respectively, in the classroom observations were not reflected in their fairly low performance, ninth and eighth, respectively, on the tests in this area, suggesting that the test situation for these two children may have been an inhibiting factor.

4High correlations between test results and classroom observations on the measures of English and Spanish concept developnent suggest the stmilarity of concept sidills being tapped in the two contexts.

## VII

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ: NUEVAS FRONTERAS

The Nuevas Fronteras curriculum model was developed at the University of Calffornia, Santa Cruz. This model is based on the assumption that children from different cultures develop different leprning- stylites as a function of their varied cultural experiences. The principal objective of the model is to help preschool children develop learning styles that are compatible with learning in more than one cultural or linguistic setting. To aid children in becoming bilingual ${ }^{\circ}$, concurrent use of both languages is employed in the classroom. However, experiences or concepts are first introduced and discussed in the child's primary language. Children receive structured experiences in the second la anguage through daily English as a second language ánd Spanish as a second language small group sessions. Informal second language experiences occur through situations in which Spanish-preferring-children interact with their English-preferring peers. Basic preliteracy sktlis are developed in conjunction with language and concept learning through number, letter, and name recognition, looking at books, and writing practice.

The results of the evaluation of the Nuevas Fronteras model are the subjeçt of this chapter. The findings of the study are presented in three sections. In the first section, the impact of the model on children, parents, and teachers is itscussed. The second section describes the implementation findings. The third section is an integration of the impact and implementation findings.

## A. Impact of the Model

This section discusses the children's test performance and observed behaviors within the classrom and the attitudinal changes of parents and teachers, over the course of the evaluation year. Each of the outcome subsections is introduced by a short discussion of the basic characteristics of the sample. This is followed by an extensive explanation of the results.

## 1. Child Outcomes

## a: Child Sample

The Nuevas. Fronteras evaluation sample was drawn from Rio Grande City, Jexas (Site I), and Corona, California (Site II). The Site I sample consisted of $32^{\circ}$ experimental children and a regular

Head Start comparison group of 35 children. Site II had 32 experimental and 36 regular head Start coitparison, childrerr.

At Site $I$, the children were primarily Spañish preferring ( 31 of 32 experimental children and 34 of 35 comparison children). At Site II, 22 of 32 experimental children and 20 out of 36 complarison children preferred. English. All children at. Site I. were of Hispanic background. At Site.II, nine of the experimental children and eight of the comparison children were non-Hispanic. At Site I, 19 of the experimental and 18 of the 35 compartson children were females. At Site 11,17 of the 32 experimental and 19 of the 36 comparison children were males.

## b. Test Results

(1) Spanish-preferring Children. At the beginning and end of the Head Start year, the children were administered a series of standardized tests to assess their linguistic, cognitiye, and perc behavior during testing was assessed by a téster's rating"form. Cell síze was sufficient to allow a comparison of Spanish- erring Nuevas Frontefas chil'ren to comparison children across the: Fites. The analyses, presented in Table 61, reveled a isingle stgusficant differencee favoring the experimental children on the coristruct of concept
Development in Spanish. Whei analyses were conducted at the level of
G the individual sites, results showed that at-Site I the experimental children significantly outper rmed the comparison children on the $\because$ Mesure of Spanish Language Acquisition and were favored over the Ceparison group at the 1 level of significance on the measure of EEnglish comprehension. No significant. differences favoring. either the Spanish-preferring exper'mental or comparison groups vere found at Site II.

At Site' 1 , Spanish-preferring experimental childmen who had 1 imitéd or no English abilities when they entered Head Start were contrasted with a simijar sample of comparison children. As shown in Table 62, significant differénces favored the experimental children on measures of Spanish acquisition and English comprehension A. lack of variance in the comparison group precluded analyzing the stores on, English acquisition through the use of amalysis of variance or co-

- variance. Contíngency tables, however, $\%$ evealed significant chaline favoring the experimental children on this measure. Fifteen (15) of 28 experimental children had posttest scores of greater than zero with a mean of $1: 33$ on thīs mexasure. By comparison only five (5) of 31 comparison children fad scores greater than zero ( $\bar{x}=.63$ ). Although the children at Rio Grande.-City were observed to use mostly Spanish throughout the year, the multiple language input provilded by the - bylingual bicultural curriculum to children who entered the program with some understanding of English is reflected in these cmiddren's significantly better formance in English comprehension: Likèwise,

Table 61. $\therefore$ Nuevas Fronteras Model-level ANCOVA and ANOVA results for spanish-preferring cllildren. Experimental and comparison Head Start children at both sites were compared on six constructs controlling for the effect of site.

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Table 62. Nuevas Fronteras Site I comparison of Spanish-preferring children grouped by English entry. level ability. Experimental and comparison Head Start children were compared on selected constructs.

the consistent practice the largely Spanish monolingual children at Rio Grande City were observed to receive in their second language can be related to the significant number of such children who were able to demonstrate some linguistic competence in English at posttest. Surprisingly, the extensive practice that these children were ab-1 served to receive with concepts, was not reflected on the outcomemeasures. This may be a result of the fact that preliteracy and premath skills stressed by the model were not directly related to those developmental abilities tapped by the tests. Such an interpretation is supported by the low rank order correlations (Appendix W) found between children's posttest scores and their observed behavior related to this construct.
(2) English-preferring Children: Due to the limited number of English-preferring children at Site I, statistical comparisons for English-preferring children were limited to Site II. As can be seen from Table 63, English-preferring, experimental children at this'site outperformed the comparison group on. the measure of English Comprehension. No significant differences were found favoring the comparison children. This suggests that not only were there no negative effects in terms of first language development for English-preferring children who participated in the bilingual bicultural model but that the emphasis given to recitation and recall by the Nuevas Fronteras model contributed to development of comprehension abilities beyond those developed in a Head Start program without such a model. With the ${ }^{\circ}$ exception of Spanish Comprehension, posttest scores for both groups of children on the Spanish measures remained at or near zero.

## c. Classroom Observations

The subset of 12 experimental children at Nuevas Fronteras I, which was the object of focused ethnographic observations at three times during the course of the preschool year, was composed of nine Spanish-preferring children and three English-preferring youngsters. The three cognitive styles recognized by the model -- field sensitive, field independent, and balanced -- were equally represented anong the seven male and five female subsample children. Frequency counts of their classroom behavior in the areas of language usage, concept development, and socioemotional functioning provide a-qualitative base against which to view test results.
(1) Language Usage. Figure '8 depicts the overalif classroom language usage patterns for subsample children during each of the three observation periods. Throughout the year all children received extensive practice with Spanish. There was, however, a consistent trend toward decretsed use of Spanish in the classroom for both Spanishpreferring children (98\% to 77\% Spanish interactions) and their Englishpreferring peers ( $81 \%$ to $65 \%$ Spanish interactions). Children's Ranguage

Table.63. Nuevas Fronteras site II ANCOVÁ and ANOVA results for English-preferring children. Experimental and compariṣon, Head Start children were compared on six constructs. 1













Figure 8, Classroom observations of child language use were obtained for a subsample of Spanish-preferring and English-preferring children during Fall, Winter, and Spring. The figure below shows the proportion of Spanish and English in tuevas Fronteras subsample children's language use over time.


usage patterns reflected here correspond to findings presented in the implementation section which show that the language environment of. the Muevas Fronteras classroom and community of Rio Grande City was primarily Spanish. ${ }^{2}$

An analysis of the experiences of individual children, presented in Table 64, reveals that all of the Spanish-preferring children increased their proportion of English usage over the year. There were, however, considerable differences ranging from $31 \%$ to $1 \%$, in the anount of increase.

The general case at Nuevas Fronteras I was represented by the seven children -- Linda, Arturo, Ray, Juan, Odon, Nelda, and Evelyn -who did not begin to interact in Engitish to any significant degree ( 11 to 25\%) until the latter part of the year. The two remaining Spanish-preferring subsample children -- Bonitia and Miguel -- varied from thits general pattern in contrasting ways. Bonita was the only child of the group who was observed to interact a significant mount of time (29\%) in English by the second observation period. She also showed the greatest increase in English use (31\%) from the beginning to the end of the preschool year. At the other extreme was Miguel, who throughout the year interacted almost totally in his preferred language.

The pattern of variability in children's classroom language use appeared to be related to the level of lingutstic development ait which the children entered school and to the frequency of individual input directed to the children at an early stage. Bonita was the only Spanish-preferring child to begin the preschool year with pretest scores indicating productive abilities in English. The eight rempining Spanish-preferring children were unable to meet the minimum criterion.. for scoring on the english acquisition measure. All, however, received a score in english comprehension on the pretest, indicating some receptive ability in that language. Given the lack of Englishpreferring children in the Site 1 classpooms, the amount of direct English input. received by the children was mainly dependent on the teachers. As evident from Table 65, only three of the Spanishpreferring subsample children were addressed in English with any frequency by the teachers at the beginning of the year: It was these same children -- Bonita, Linda, and Arturo .-- who underwent the greatest change in classroom language use patterns over the course of the year. Most other subsample children began receiving input addressed directly to them by teachers or peers in English only at the second observation period. Miguel, one of two children for whom this was not the case, was rarely addressed in English by his peepr.throdighout the entire year and had the lowest percentage of English addressed to himf by the teachers ( $16 \%$ ) at the last observation period. He also had a somewhat frregufar attendance pattern and tended to interact more frequently with adults than with his peers in the classroom.

Examindtion of language interaction data shows that the increase in English language use was primarily in the form of incomplete

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Table 65. Proportion of observed Spanish and Engiish inpe directed to individual subsample childrea by techers and peers over three points in time; Nuevas Frgteras. ${ }^{1}$
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utterances (see Appendix P). This probably indicates the effect of the children's expanded lexical repertoire in their second language. In addition, an increase in language mixing by seven of the nine subsample children supports the idea that the children were using isolated loan words in Engl ish in their basically Spanish sentences. Almost half of the children increased their practice with plural nouns in English also. Remaining gains, however, were made mainly by one or two children. Similarly, indications that the children were acquiring functional competence in their second language were limited to two children who wereson two occasions observed using English to give verbal instructions.

The Spanish-preferring children's progress in Spanish, however, was more generalized. Over the course of the year, all subsample children exhibited use of a greater variety of gramnatical structures such that by the third observation period, most of the children had increased their verbal output in the majority of observational categories in the area of linguistic competence.. These included more extensive use of the negative and interrogative forms, the present, f past, and future tenses, and complete sentences.

Data in the area of functional competence, presented in Appendix 0 , show that generally the children did not receive extensive practice in this area. The category in which most children expanded their practice was in giving verbal instructions; only a few children diversified their experience to include descriptions of themselves or others.

Observational data for the three English-preferring subsample children indicated that each of the children had acquired a substantial amount of Spanish prior to entering preschool (see Table 64). The functional competence of Janet, for example; was attested to by her use of Spanish for both descriptions anc directives at the first observation period (see Appendix P).

Over the course of 'the year, the direct injut provided by $\because$. teachers to each of the English-preferring subsample children was relatively uniform (approximately equal totals of Spanish and English). The direct language input provided to them by peers was largely in Spanish and appeared to be crucial in determining language use. Observational data in Table 65 șhow that Tommy was the only one of the three English-preferring subsample children who had almost totally Spanish input directed to him by hi's peers. Alberto, on the other hand, was the only one of the group who had another English- (nonsubsample) preferring peer in his classroom. The effect of a growing friendship with his English-preferring classmate is evident in the fact that by the third observation period 73\% of the peer input directed to him was in English.

An examination of the types of language interactions engaged in by individual children (Appendix $P$ ) suggests that except for Janet, who exhibited diversified grammatical. and functional abilities in her second
language at.the beginning of the year, the English-preferring group by the end of the year was receiving more varied and frequent practice with the negative and. interrogative forms and present tense in Spanish. In their preferred language, the English-preferring children exhibited a similar pattern. Two of three children expanded practice with a variety of grammatical forms -.. including plural nouns, the interrogative form, and the past tense. The increase of two of the three children in practice with incomplete sentences corresponded to the trend with Spanish-preferring children. It was probably a result of more frequent quastions in English by the teachers in the drills on number and letter or word recognition suggested by the model, to which the children appropriately responded with single words and phrases., Few instances of practice with functional competence in their preferred language were observed for these children ft any time during the preschool year.

Although observations for individual children were limited, children's practice in the area of recall/comprehension, depicted in Appendix $Q$, corresponded to the general language usage patterns of the classroom. For both the Spanish- and English-preferring groups, the majority of children increased their practice in Spanish rather than in English. Recall and comprehension practice was largely limited to the areas of recalling outstanding events fromi a story and providing details about the classroom. A third frequent recâll task undertaken by both groups was recitation of riymes and singing of songs, a practice emphasized by the model. Despite the Spanish-preferring children's increase in the general use of English, discussed earlier, when the childrent were required to employ tific complete syntax required by such processes as relating the sequence of events, they would resort to their preferred language. There was, however, some indication of the improved English comprehension of four of the nine. Spanish-prefering children in the decrease in fincorrect responses in. terms of content in that language which occurred frolii the second to 1 the third observation period. ${ }^{3}$

Verbal interaction of both groups of children was most \$requent during the two morning small group activjties ained at specific curricular objectives. Lunch period, too, provided a context in which the children tended to converse in Spanish with thcir peers. Ao review of a tample of interactions for tho Spanish-preferping chitdren who deyeloped distinct patterns of language usage illustrates the experiences of children of this language preference.

- Arturo was typical of most Spanish-preferring children at ${ }^{-}$ Nuevas Fronteris. He adapted fairly quickly to the clessroom environment and usually participated in most octivities. In independent groups he showed his sociability by frequently conversing yith his companions. At the beginning of the year Arturo performed like most of his Spanishi-preferming peers on the standardized tests. He exhibited no productive ability in his second language, and scored minimally in English comprehension and concept development.

The conversation below was taken from a small group session af the beginning of the year. Arturo, together with five Spanish-preferting peers, was seated around a table in the ari. area cutting out pictures from catalogues.

Sara : (Finding a suitable picture in the catalogue.)
La voy a cortar.
Bonita: (Holding a picfure of a car.) Mira este car.
Ray : Un car mion
Bonita: . Y tū no vas a cortar.
Arturo: (Following up on the topic of cars, and addressing Robert.)

Ray : $\quad$ Mi papi?
Spontaneous conversation happened frequently during small group sessions such as this. The children spoke totally in spanish except for use of the word "car," which was introduced by Bonita, the child who demonstrated the most productive ability in English. Arturo, however, unlike Ray, did not incorporate the English usage and spoke totally in Spanish which included correct use of past tense:

By the end of the year Arturo was using more English, but mainly in the fom of isolated lexical itemis. This was exemplified in the following language sample wich was taken from a large group storytelling session. The teacher was using the story about a Mother's Day visit as English vocabulary review and comprehension practice.

Teacher: (Models the names of the characters in the story.)
Arturo: (Repeating.)
Mrs. Rivas.
Joana's grandmother.
(Fidgets for a while without
repeating and then continues.)'.
(Hos)pital.
Teacher: (Asks a question about when the visit occurs and calls on Arturo.)
Arturo: in the morning. In the morning.
Teacher: (Asks the group a question abaut what the children in the story gave to their mothers.)
Arturo: (With hands in his mouth.)
Cards.
Teacher: Quítate las manos de lá boca (Akd continues to explain in Spanish why children shpuld niot. put their hands in their mouths.


Arturo :

Tểacher:
Arturo :
Teacher: . . . and Arturo rides: the bus.

Here the teacher as using questions to help the children recall the events and characters of a story, in their. second language. She also tried to relate the children's experience. to themstory. To. discipline and give an explanation of health habits, however, the teacher addressed Arturo in Spanish. - Arturo responded appropriately; dictating his comprehension of the: story and the question. His
interns, however, were thmited to single words or short phrases.
On the semele day, in lunchroom conversation with his peers,
Arturo engaged totally in Spanish conversation, as he had dene at the beginning of the year in smali-group activities:

- Arturo: ": (After talking in Spanish to the Spanish-preferring girl next to him, he sips milk from the carton which leaves a moustache of milk . $\bar{\sigma}$
on his face. He asks *a Spanishpreferring peer:) ¿Tengo bigot? (Looking around at the other tables and thencontinuing to 'eat;' he asks of the girl next to. him who hasn't' finished eating her meat:)
bTu quieres carne? . . ing ie gusto la carné?

Arturo's continued Spanish language preference is evidệ nt here. in spontaneous conversation; Arturo spoke Spanish, in: which he esd complete sentences to effectively request. information from his comparions. His Xanguagedevelopment was also effected in hiss test results where he 角proved more dramatically in Spanish language measures. In English, he continued to show little or no productive ability on the language acquisition measure, although he made major. gains !n English comprehension and concept development.

- Bonita, an ${ }^{6}$, active girl with stunning, large dark eyes, con-- tested with Arturo sind most Spanish-preferring children at Rio Grand. Although she was one of the younger children in her $\&$ class, the teachers considered her to be one of the brighter children. She was attentive in all classroom activities and often spontaneously answered questions out.
of turn in her eagerness to participate. Althous he was Spanishpreferring, her mother and older siblings spoke to her in English at times, which perhaps explains on part why she entered the program with some productiva, pility in her second language as measured in the pretest. She also had an English-preferring, "boyfriend" in her closs, the pronunciation of yhose name by her classmates she periodically corrected.

Since the erwheluning majority of her clas ates were Spanish preferring and trée.general language environment was Spanish, by the end of the year she continued to speak her preferred language most (62\%) of the time. Unluke Ker classmates, however, she exhibited functional abilities in her seçond language. For example, one day while eatíng chicken at mealtime she asked her "boyfriend ${ }^{m_{m}}$. "You like crispy, Tonny?' Do you like that?" Although she omitted the noun referent for "crispy," her meaning was clear. She was able to talk in complete sentences) and use yes-no questions in English.

A large group activity late in the year which involved the identification of vocabulary for colors and animals illustrates ag, n Tiner pattern of development:

being directed to her "jy the teachers, as well as meet her conmunicative needs. This was supported by her test scores at the end of the year, which indicated substantial increases in her productive and receptive abilities in English but still superior performance in her preferred language.
-Given the limited number of English-preferring children at the Rio Grande site and the general similarity of their experiences, an cla rom interactions.

- Tomny was a short boy with curly, sandy hair and a medium build. Although at first he eagerly partictpated in class activities, being especially attentive when the activity was led by the teacher, toward tile end of the year he became disinterested and apathetic, at times causing discipline problems in clas. Despite Tomy's Spanish sur-. name; his preferred language was Efiglish and he reportedly knew little Spanish when he returned to Texas from out of state shortly after the beginning of the school year.

When Tommy entered the classroom he exhibited a good receptive ability in Spaaish. With his peers he tended to speak Spanish as he had no English-preferring classmates in his room. Given his growing bilingual ability, the teacher at the beginning of the year tended to speak an equal proportion of English and Spanish with him, as was recommended by the model. In these situátions with teachers, Tomn's English language preference became evident. This was seen in the following example of his speech taken from a curriculum lesson on shapes early in the yedar:
Teacher: Esto, ¿que es?
(Holds up a square.)

Tommy : Square.
Teacher: Muy bien. Cuadrado: Tonmy : Cuadrado.

Here the teacher reinforced in 'Spanish his correct answer in English. . She provided him with a model for the correct lexical item in Spanish, which Tommy subsequently repeated. His tendency to engage in repetition was exhibited a few minutes later in conversation with a peer. When', upon finishing his lesson in shapes, he playfully took his young classmate's lipsttck, she ordered "Damelo, Tomny." Tommy tried to echo her, but produced only a partially successful "dame$16,{ }^{\prime \prime}$ accenting both the first and last syllables of the complex, command. Although he preferred English in his speech with the teacher eaply in. the year, he was observed communicating with his Spanish-prefering peers. in Spanish and took advantage of the input o.f both adults and children in the classroom to practice his second language.

After seven months in the Nuevas Fronteras program; Tonmy was willing and able to respond to the teacher's questions in Spanish, using
much more varied and adyanced vocabulary. his successful, response to the teacher's WH' estions checking comprehension of the story of "The Three Pigs" in Spanish.. "In this instance, Tonny was observed to utter such statements as wera de ladrillo ${ }^{\text {" }}$ and "ep la chimenea" when recalling the material of the house.
Similarly, his Spanish. with his peers manifested an increase in the number of complete statements in that language and in his ability to effectively give directives, describe the classroom environment, and ask questiohs:


While Tommy's Spanish was improving he maintained his receptive and productive abilities in English. As opposed to the beginning of the year, he now tended to respond to questions and directives of the $\because$ teacher in the language in which he was addressed. The following exchangé was observed during a curriculum lesson involving numbers:

Tormy : ${ }^{4}$ (Writing numbers:)
Five . . . y eight . . . nine
eleven
Mirá.
(Asking the teacher to look as he wrote
some 7s. He then looks at the paper of a classmate who is drawing apples and indicates that he wants to do the same.)
Teacher: Finish this one first.
Tommy : (Writes 'a 7.)
Teacher: Hazlos bonitos.
Tommy : Ast, Miss?
Feacher: (Explains to him in English how to make 85 .)
Touny : I know how make it.
Teacher: Make them pretty and neat.
Although hils gramnar had not improved markedly (as is evident from his omission of the infinitive "to"), he remained communicatively competent in Engitsh. He was also able to express number concepts in his preferred language; although he used Șpanish to draw therteacher's attention to his work. At the end of the year the teacher cont fnued to direct a fairly equal proportion of the two languages to him: Within the predominantly Spanish language enviromment. of the classrobm, however, his preferred language had changed by the end of the year to Spanish.
(2) Concept Development. One of the major concerns of the Nuevas Fronteras model is the development of prereading and premath skills through the integration of language and concept learning. At the Rio Grande site, as will be discussed in the section on implementation, teachers consistently carried out activities oriented toward concept development. Group songs and recitation of 'rhymes provided by the model developers in both English and Spanish were enthusiastically engaged in by children at the beginning of almost evoty school day. Prereading activities such as' letter recognition and drills on concepts of shape, color, and size were also frequent.

As can be seen in Table 66, eight of the nine Spanish-preferring children dramatically increased their relative use of English in this area. ${ }^{4}$ This was accomipanied by an increase in nonlanguage-specific behaviors and a decrease for the majority of the children in first language use, which had predopinated in the area of concept development at the beginning of the year. ${ }_{4}^{5}$

The experience of the English-preferring group differed somewhat. While two of the three children, like the Spanish-preferring grolp, decreased their use of Spanish, this was accompanied for all the group by an fncrease in behaviors whtch did not require the use of language. Thus, for the majority of all children, by the end of the year practice ín concepts was occurring primarily eitrier in English or the nonlangtage-specific area.

Table 66. Dinlative frequency of observed practice with cencepts by lamuge for Individul substuple childrep over three points in time:


An examination of the distribution of observed behaviors by categories within the general area of concept development - reveals that visual discrimination and symbolic representation were the categories in which all children consistently received the most practice (see Appendix S5. Extensive practice in visual discrimination. reflected the emphasis on identification of objects.and their. attributes such as size, shape, and color. By the end of the year, " eight of the Spanish-preferring children had increased their use of English in the area of concept deyelopment. Emphasis on symbolic representation, a category which usually demanded little or no language usage, was related to the frequent imitation of actions and sounds, drawing in art actiyities, and practice in writing names and numbers.

There was a trend for most children of both language groups to diversify in concept use. Nine of the 12 subsample children expanded this trend. Generally, however, the Spanish-preferring children tended to drpersify more than their English-preferring pears. Three of them, for example -- Nelda, Miguel, and Odon -- had expanded their experience to include at least three new areas (seriation/sequencing, classification/matching, and utilization of objects) by the end of - the school year. Two of the three children of the English-preferring group, on the other hand, had at least $50 \%$ of their practice in concept development in the nonlanguage-specific category of symbolic representation țhroughout most of the year.
'As called for by the model, the curricular Tessons; which took place under the guidance of the teacher during small group periods, combined with routine classroom activities, which were exploited to emphasize specific areas of concept development, provided numerous opportunities for the children's practice in this area. The section that follows recreates the experiences of two subsample children, Linda and Janet, from two of the Site I classrooms. These typify - the variety of activities which fostered the children's concept. learning.

- Linda was a quiet young girl with medium-long brown hair and dark eyes. Although she was soft-spoken, she usually answered questions asked by her teachers and participated in the frequent large group singing and dancing activities. Like many of the Nuevas Fronteras children at Site I; by the end of the year the frequent prereading activities employed in this model had fostered Linda's interest and skill-in writing her own name.

Linda's progress in her, mastery of a variety of concepts was typical of many of the Spanish-preferring children at this site. Although pretest scores in concept development showed her to be somewhat above the site average in English concept development; she registered no verbal ability in her second language and her understanding of concepts in her preferred language was superior. Activies such 'as that recounted below, designed te prepare the children for reáding, took
place frequently at the beginning of the year:
Teacher: Let's review your names for a while (Choosing from a stack of name cards with large letters', she holds up a card with the namé "Sharon.")
Sharon : Mío.
Teacher: Come and get it. Sharon : : (Takes card from teacher.) ¿Quién es él dueño de este nombre?
Linda : Yo.
(Stands up and retrieves card.)
Here the teacher was conducting an activity aimed at fostering the children's understanding. of a few, printed words relevant to their sexperiences. Following the model's recommendations that concepts be introduced in the preferred language of the child, she addressed the question in Spanish. Linda recognized her name, a nonlanguagespecific behavior in the area of symbolic representation: Some of her more advanced peers were even able to recognize names of their classmates in addition'to their' own, a stage at which Linda had not yet arrived.
/ By the end of the year, "the teacher was focusing on prereading skills in both first and second ianguages. The following activity was recorded in May:
(The children are sitting in a circle on the rug, with the teacher showing a set of English alphabet cards. Linda sits crosslegged, her head propped on her left t.and.)
Linda : A.

- (In Spanish, identifying the letter "a" which the teacher holds up.)
Teacher : Ahora les voy a enseñar en ingles.
Estos son los sonidos en español.. (Teacher shows "r" with a picture of a ring. on it and asks children what it is.)
Children: (In unison:)
Anillo.
Teacher : What is it'in English?
Linda : . Ring.
Teacher : , Ring.
(And mentions rhyme that they have learned earlier.)

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Linda : Erré con erre cigarro. } \\
& \text { Erre con erre barril. } \\
& \text { Rápido ruedan los carros. } \\
& \text { Cargados de azứcar del ferrocarril. }
\end{aligned}
$$

Teacher : (Shows "c" çard.) Children: Car.

While the teacher contimued to use the preferred lage of the children, she drilled English symbols for the letters, which the children had now begun to master. The impact of the sound games employed by the teacher eaplier in the year was evident. Rhymes such as the preceding, which were used to practice language and rhythm, also served to promote the children's understanding that words are made up. of different sounds. Linda's spontaneous repetition of the "erre con erre". rhyme indicaed her growing awareness of this, as she could relate the symbol " $r$ " in English and Spanish. She also exhibited her ability to identify objects in her second language, such as "ring". -a behavior indicating development in visual discrimination. By the end of the year, Linda's scores in both English and Spanish concept development were among the best in her class.

The examples which follow characterize the experience of the English-preferring students at Rio Grande.

- Janet was a'fairly large girl for her age with an olive complexion and dark eyes accented by her long soft brown curls. ATthough at times she would fail to respond to questions addressed to her by the teacher, for the most part she participated in large group activities. Janet, like the other English-preferring subsample child who was tested at the beginning of the year, exhibited some knowledge of concepts in both English and Spanish.

One of the most common activities aimed at premath readiness, which frequently took place in Janet's classroom, was the participation of the students in counting their classmates. One child at a time would be designated to rise from his or her sitting position in a circle and, touching the heads of /his or her peers, count the children present while skipping around the glitside of the circle. Early in the year, Janet had already menarized the number sequence, up to 12; she was observed successfully-reaching that number in the attendance count before forgetting to count herself and one other child. She had not yet, however, reached the developmental stage in seriation and sequencing which enabled her to associate the number words with a set of objects; for example, she. was unable to answer the teacher's question "How many toes do you have?" Although at this stage she could identify some of the basic colors in her second language, her performance was variable. She was observed mistakenly identifying the color of red pegs in a peg. poard as "verde."

By the end of the year, Janet had moved past the mere memorization stage in number learning and was generally able to relate a variety of concepts to her personal experience. The following interaction was recorded late in the year after a small group of children including Janet-had been taken on a short field trip to the school parking'


In this example the teacher was exploring the concepts of shape, number, size, and color. She began the "lesson" with a question of relevance to the children and then moved to "how many" questions. Although Janet still exhibited a need to recite the sequence of numbers to arrive at the desired answer; she was now able to associate the number word with a set of objects she had just observed, as well as to identify their attributes of color, size, and shape in her first language. Here she appeared to show a tendency to express concepts in English as evidenced by her use of code-switching to the word "black" in her one Spanish utterance. On other occasfons, however, she was observed succesffully using Spanish to describe colors. Her test results in concept development supported the progress suggested by her classroom behaviors, as she made greater gains in concept development in her preferred lenguage, English, rather than in her second language.
(3) Socioemotional Development. The most evident trend in socioemotional development among all subsample children, depicted in Table 67; is a substantial ;increase in inappropriate behavior from the first to the second observational periods. Most of this increase for both Spantsh- and English-preferring groups is in the area of school readiness. This can be explained in part by the children's adaptation to change in teaching staff which occurred in one classroom at the beginning of the second observation period (see implementation section). At this time three of the four students in this classroom -Ray, Arturo, and. Tommy -- required readjus tmeat into the routine of a new teaching team. This was further complicated by the fact that the two children -- Ray and Tommy -- who even at the beginning of the year had often failed to participate in group activities and distracted other children, were both members of this class.

Table 67 . Relative frequency of observed appitiopriate and inappropriate socioemotional behavior for individual subsample children over three points in time: Nuevas Fronteras. ${ }^{1}$
$\therefore$
Spanish-Preferring
Mi gel
Evelyn
Mel da
odin.
Juan
Ray
Arturo
Linda
Bonita

## English-Preferring

Alberto
Janet
Tommy


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Percentage totals 'may not equal $100 \%$ due to rounding.

By the end of the year the socioemotional behavior of the Spanish-preferring group had improved considerably; with seven of the nine children exhibiting mostly appropriate behavior. Six of the nine children had increased behavior indicating-positive selfesteem.. Even those children such as Odon and Miguel, who at the beginning of the year had been shy and at times refused to speak or interact witt the ather children, were now observed demonstrating pride in aew accomplishments and in their ability to deal with new situations. Thé only area in which a trend continued toward more inappropriate behavior was in motivation, where some children by the end of the year appeared to become bored with the schedule of activities and required teacher intervention to maintain their interest.

The English-preferring children toa wad decreased the amount of inappropriate socioemotional behavior displayed. By the end of the year, however, two of the three -- Janet and Tomny -- still displayed inappropriate behavior. Still, there was a complete reyersal of their inappropriate behavior in the area of school readiness, Which accounted for a majority of their coded behaviors. By the end of the year they, like most of the Spanish-preferring children, exhibited a marked increase in sustaining interest in group activity and a : decrease in the failure to share or take turns. At the beginning of the year such observations as "Ândres asks a boy in a blue and red sweater, 'ime prestes el carritofi The latter says 'No' and continues to play' with it were common By the end of the year, observer's comments such as the following were the norm:

Sara marches as "Red, White; and Blue" is played on the record. player. She sings, too. She yatches the flag as it goes around the circle, from hand to hand, and takes it and passes it on when 't is her turn. She sings and marches.

## 2. Parent Outcomes

a. Parent Sample

The sample at Site 1 consisted of 21 experimental and 28 comparison group parents. At Site II, 29 experimental and 30 comparison group parents were interviewed.' All of the respondents at Site I were of Hispanic background. At Site II, one third of the experimental parents and one seventh of the comparison groups were non-Hispanics. Income, family size, and average age of children were similar for experimental and comparison group parents at each of the sites. At both Site I and Site II, experimental parents averaged approximately 1 two more years of schooling than their comparison group counterparts. (See Appendix L for all background characteristics.)


## b. Motber's Attitudes and Perceptions

Experimental and comparison mothers at each site had similar percéptions of their children's language abtility. Site I experimental and comparison parents considered their children's Spanish language ability to be better than their English language ability, while the reverse was true at Site II. Site I experimental and comparison mothers rated their own Spanish language ability as similar. However, experimental mothers saw themselves as having significantly more ability in English than did comparison mothers. Site II experimental me evaluated their Spanish ability significantly higher bl year's end than did their comparison group counterparts. (See Tabla 68).

There were no significant differences in the attitudes of experimental and comparison mothers at either Nuevas Fronteras site over the course of the year. Both samples expressed a favorable attitude toward education in general and biplingual bicultural education in particular. Parents in all groups expected their children 10 attain 15 or more years of schooling. They also agreed that schools in the communities were doing a good job of educating their children, and felt that they were providing the children with the necessary experience to help them prepare for a career.

No differences were found between experimental and control mothers at either site in the amount of formal.instruction-that they provided to the ir offspring. Experimental mothers at Site II, however, : reported providing significantly fewer playthings that might have an instructional function.

Parents were also asked to state their child's primary activity during distinct daily periods. The experimental and comparison chlldren at Nuevas Fronteras I were involved in similar activities at pretest and posttest (Appendix y). Both groups showed a decrease in time spent watching television, and an increase in sociai play and.school or schoolrelated activities. It may, be assumed, therefore, that changes in these children's test performance can be attributed to classroom treatment rather than to instruction received outside of the preschool environment.

This was also the case with Nuevas Fronteras II, as no differences were found between the two groups over time, although experimental parents perceived their children's.major activity to be school or school related, while comparison parents reported their children's principal actfvity as playing. At posttest, parents of $/$ expenimental children reported a decrease in television watching as a primary activity, while comparison respondents perceived no differences in their children's daifly activities over time.


## 3. Teácher. Outcomes

## a. *eacher Sample

A total of 11 members of the classroom staff at both sites were administered questionnaires at the beginning and end of the school year. Two teachers and three aides at Site I remained with the progran for the entire year. At Site II, three complete teacher-aide pairs responded to the questionnaire.

The classroom staff at both Nuevas Fronteras replication sites were women and all but one had children of their own. At Site I, all were Mexidan American, either Spanish preferring or bilingual, and ranged in age from 19 to 61. With one-exception; all teachers and aides were born in the county- in which the Head Start center was located and resided in the community at the time of the study. Only one, however, lived in immediate proximity to the preschool. One teacher had a COA credential and a second was in the process of being evaluated for such Preschool certification. All aides had a high school diploma and some college training, and all but one, who was hired during the school year, lad sone prior work experience. Only one teacher-aide pair had taught at the center for"more than one year before the evaluation: The other sftaff members (apart fron the new aide) had worked at other Head Start centers for three or more years.

Țhe Site II teachers and aides ranged in age from their late 20 to mide40s. The three teachers were bilingual but considered themselves to be English preferring. Two were. Mexican American. A Mexican American aide spoke some Spanish but the two Ang to aides were Engl ish monotinguals. Each of the teachers had taught at the center for 10 or more years andnall began as community or teaching aides. Two hàd B.A. degrees and the third had some college experience and was in the process of obtaining the CDA credential. The aides held high school diplomas, had job experience in clerical and sales positions, and had served asyolunteer parents and substitutes before being hired for aide positions. Staff turnover was limited to site I where a teacher resigned and was replaced by an aide. (See Appendix M for, ah background characteristics.)

## O b. Teachers ' Attitudes

- The teaching staffs of both centers were generally positixe toward the Nuevas Fronteras curriculum model. Teachers liked certain aspects of the model, papticularly the curriculum units, which were. described by one teacher as "well done, with everythtng set out for you." - They agreed that the managenent system of assessing cognitive styles and planning on an individual level was time consuming. However, they beltevedrit could be helpful with proper training.

Over the evaluation year, the teachers in Nuevas Fronteras classrooms at both sites exhibited some change.in their understanding of
bilingualism in the context of early childhood education programs. Al. 1 teachers increased their feeling that the primary advantages of bilingualism for both English- and Spanish-preferring children were social. Whereas at the pretest at least one teacher at each site perceived the advantages of bilingualism as being primarily rejated to outside job benefits, by the end of the year teachers consilered language acquisition for communication and socialization as the primary benefits of bilingualism.

The importance of a pilingual multicultural curriculum was viewed differently by the teachers at Site I and Site II both at the beginning and end of the preschool year. While at the beginning ofthe year teachers at Síte I identified the advantages of bilingual education as communication skills and cyltural awareness for Engl ish-preferring children and pragmatic benefits of tetter job and educational opportunities for Spanish-preferring children, after the experience of the - Nuevas Fronteras curriculum they tended to show a more mixed integrative and instrumental orientation. At Site II, on the other Kand, the opposite trend occurred. Teachers who originally viewed educational. opportunities as an Ymportant adyantage for both English- and Spanishpreferring children overwhelmingly identified cultural awareness, communication, socialization, and language acquisition for its own sake as the primary benefits of bilingual education by the end of the year. The general trend woward a greater integrative orientation exhibited overall by teachers at both sites may be due in part to the model's emphasis on flexibility and thinking ability as the two major benefits of. bilingualism.

In the area of language attitudes, some differences were found between the two sites in trends in teachers' attitudes toward various language models. Over time, Site I teachers voiced stightly more posi-: tive af.titudes about children speaking their first language as it is heard in the home and their second language as it is heard in the conmunity, but commented more negatively on the first language as spoken in the community and first and second ranguages as presented in textbooks. Teachers at Site II, on the other hand, came to view more positively the use of textbooks as language models for first and second language learning for both Spanish- and English-preferring childrea. This may be related to the teachers' favorable experience with bitingual storybooks supplied by the model developers.

Table 69 shows that teachers at both sites felt that parent participation was very importante. They were positive about having. frequent contact with parents, their personal success in involving parents, and the accuracy of information parents provided teachers. Teachers at Site II appeared neutral with respect to whether teachers should attempt to involve seemingly uninterested parents, a feeling that can be traced to logistical problems they had faced in dealing with low
parent participation. At posttest, site 1 teachers were more favorable toward teachers' success in involving parents, than they were at pretest When asked what they considered to be the most important components of a

Table 69 . Attitudes toward parent involvement of experimental Head Start teachers: Nuevas Fronteras


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multicultural curriculum, teachers at both sites remained relatively consistent in their beliefs throughout the year.

## B. Implementation

This section presents the results of the evaluation related to the Nuevas Fronteras curritulum at the two replication sites. The discussion is complemented by Appendix $Y$, which provides descpiptions of (1) the sociocultural environment of the communities, (2) the administrative aspects of each site, and (3) the Head Start settings. A description of the principal features of the Nuevas Fronteras curriculum model begins this section. The discussion then focuses on the success of each site and each classroom within a site in meeting the goals of the model in five areas -- schedule and organization, physical setting, instructional materials, individual behavior, and instructional strategies. A description of the comparison group. at each. site completes the section.

## 1. Principal Features

The Nuevas Fronteras curriculum is based-on the assumption of cönnitive variation and emphasizes the necessity of recognizing and using all of a child's abilities and experiences to enable each child to move toward his or her potential. In addition to shared experiences, children's unique strength's and qualities are incorporated into the design of the program. A respect for individual and cultural differences is built into a comprehensive range of developmental and learning goals.

## a. Model Goals and Design of Act Pities

The primary goal of the Nuevas Fronteras model is to teach children in a way that is consonant. with their own learning styles. These relate to home and socialization experiences as well as cultural values and modes of communication. At the same time, the model provides opportunity to practice skills that are functional in today's complex society. This includes emphasizing preliteracy training and the advantages of bilingualism. To achjeve these goals, the program calls for structured learning settlings and close teacher-child relations based on personalized incentives añd model ing.

Individual differences among children are explained according to a cognitive styles dichotomy. Children are considered "field seasitive" if they exhibit group-oriented behavior and tend to seek quidance. "Field-independent" children rely more on their own resources. By initially encouraging the expression of the preferred style, teachers enhance a child's self-esteem. Subsequently, by purposefully' reinforcing' a child's "halance" of cognitive styles, they !ncrease a child!s development of cognițive flexibility.

A bilingual bicultural emphasis predominates in all aspects of the model. Based on a philosophy of "cultural democracy," the program maintains the rights of children to learn their own culture in their best-known language. Children thereby come to know that their own culture and language are valued. . Learning that there are many ways to commicate also promotes intercultural understanding. and flexibility in interacting with others.

The model is'designed to enhance a child's ability to verbalize and conceptualize in both Spanish and English. The two languages are to be emphasized equally, making the model appropriate for use with English-speaking, Spànish-speaking, and bilingual children. Large and small groups should use both languages concurrently and the order of presentation should be altered. In addition to developing conceptual and small motor skills, the focus of small groups is on chil] dren's production and comprehension of an increasing variety of yocabulary and gramatical structures.

The model calls for using cildren's primary language when describing and discussing new experiences or introducing .concepts. For groups with both English monolinguals and Spanish monolinguals,. teachers are \&nstructed to use a balance of both languages. For concept review or repetition of an activity, Nuevas Fronteras suggests use of the primary language followed by translation in the second language. In addition, second language learning is specifically ençouraged through English as a second language and Spanish as a second language in small groups and situations where Spanish-dominant and monolingual children interact with English-dominant and monolingual children. It' is recommended that the second language sessions be conducted daily for no longer than 10 minutes. Childrett, therefore, are to receive both informal and structured experiences in the second language. The model cautions that special stress may be needed on a language that is less predominant in the composition of the classroom or commanity. Presenting both languages in a positive way in turn engenders positive attitudes toward the respective cultures.

Concept learning goes together with language learning in the Nuevas Fronteras model, and the stress is on basic preliteracy skills. These include number, letter, and name recognition, writing practice, and looking at books, in addition to color and shape review, environmental awareness, and knowledge of community relations.
.-Psychomotor and socioemotional development are other parts of Nuevas Fronteras'.comprehensive' program. Large and small muscle coordination are developed through both indoor and outdoor activities. These skills are to be learned within a context appropriate for the learning of relatéd concepts as well. Socioemotional learning includes relations with others, developing concepts of self and others, selfexpréssion, and understanding feelings. In addition to interactions throughout the day in structured and transition times, socioemotional developint comes through dramatic play, recall, and sharing time.
b. Classroom Structure

A full range of learning situations is designed to meet the language, conceptual, psychomotor, and socioemotional'goals outlined abque. Activities include group discussion, review, games, stories, music, fantasy, arts and crafts, cooking, and manipulation of materials. The program includes activities that are teachepdirected and child initiated, group and individual, large group and small group, and modeling/imitative and discovery/initiated.

Special centers in the roon offer opportunities for both field-independent and field-sensitive learning to occur. Their setup allows children to learn in the manner most comfortable to them and provides space for a mix of children.

The learning schedule proposed in Nuevas Fronteras is developmentally sequenced over the school year and inserts daily instructional activities between informal learning situations. Planning is required on a daily. basis, as well as for a weekly period. Specific activities within each of the different learning situations (e.g., art, second language, language arts) are designed for the group, $\llcorner$ and work in a particular cognitive style may be arranged once or twice during the week'for individual children.

- Activities on an individual basis are to be conducted in a child's preferred cognitive style, with a gradual introduction to the less' familiar style. Cognitive flexibility is to be achieved by first. providing opportunities for expressing. the preferred style and then reinforcing it, while gradually reinforcing behaviors that evidence the second cognitive style. Adjusting their reinforcement and teaching styles requires teachers to assess the field-sensitive and fieldindependent behaviors that children display in class. Children are to be diagnosed early in the year, with periodic updating to follow at three subsequent times. Ideally, this evaluation enables the teacher to orient his or her teaching styles to individual needs. While. teachers may do this naturally, the structured assessments ensure comprehensive evaluation of each child over a similar set of criteria. However, it is possthe to utilizew the curriculum unit materials without doing all the assessments, although to less than full advantage than if units are geared to children's cognitive differences.


## c. Curriculum Units

The Nuevas Fronteras curriculum is presented through 13 distinct units which aré ordered seasonally and dévelopmentally. The materials of each unit are clearly laid out and oriented around a central theme, including "Myself," "Family," "Corn," "Weather," and "Pets."

Each unit contains the following explanatory materials for teachers: (1) Index: a graphic summary of which (and to what degree)
language, conceptual, social, and motor skills are appropriate to each of the various activities of the unit; (2) Introduction: a synopsis of the focus of the unit and appropriate displays and areas in the room environment; (3) Parent, Family, and Community Participation Folder: ideas for incorporating family and community members into the program through particular activities of each unit; (4) Additional Ideas: suggestions for making and obtaining further materials for the classroom and for follow-up activities.

Instructional materials for each unit consists of between seven and 19 activity folders, each of which describes an activiity or set of activities and their purpose, language development goals, encouragement of cognitive styles, second language aims, materials for display, materials for individual use by children, and procedures. Some of the activities have materials supplied by the model, including illustrated storybooks in Spanish and English, dittos for children's "mini-books," flannelboard patterns, and picture cards.

The curriculum units, therefore, are model-supplied materials which have a bilingual bicultural emphasis built into them and contain recommendations for developing flexibility in children's cognitive styles. They are viewed as sufficiently varied in subject area, cultural conterit', and activities th two languages as to not require many materials from other sources.

## 2. Model Leval Implementation

Results of the implementation observations for the two replication sites: of the Nuevas Fronteras model are presented in Table 70. Both sites showed relatively consistent overall implementation scores. However, their patterns of implementation varied (Figure 9 ). At all three observation periods the overall scores were higher at Site II, although this disparity was primarily in the categories of setting and organization and individual behaviors. The existence of a half-day program at Site II may have contributed to higher scores because teachers had a shorter work day, with more time for planning, and had to incorporate instructional activities inte a more intenstve period than was the case for the full-day sessions at Site I.

At both sfes there was an increase in the degree to which established schedules were arganized and followed. A marked rise in - scores between the first and second observation periods.at Site II carresponded to the positing of schesdules, which was recommended during an in-service held in the second month of schoot. Thereafter, scores_at Site II approached the maximum possible, evidence of a high degree of routinization of classroom activities. The generally higher scores at Site II reflected a situation where teachers were paid for five hours and taught for three, planning and preparing materials both before and after school. Planning time was more restricted at site I, particularly after aides were required to rịde buses after school.

Table70. Nuevas Fronteras implementation scores by site over time.


FIGURE 9
NUEVAS FRONTERAS DEGREE OF IHPLEMENTATION BY SITE OVER TIME


There was a slight decline at both sites in the degree of use of areas over the school year, related perhaps to the decrease in opportunities for independent play (including use of an area alone) as large group and movement activities were extended. The presence of ariath area at Site I and its absence at Site II accounted for the difference in physical setting scores.

A general availabifity at both sites of instructional materials called for by the model was revealed in scores that reached the maximum twice at-Site I and once at Site II: The greater number of culturally relevant materials and labeling at Site I was reflected in higher scores in this category at the first and third observation periods compared with Site II.

For the categories of individual behaviors and instructional strategies, convergent change was discernible; the year-end scores at both sites approached a sinilar level: The pattern of. individual behavior scores at Site I exhibited relative stability following a rise between the first and second observation periods, while a relative stability in scores at Site II followed an initial drop between th first and second periods. A lack of funding for home visits and parent programs resulted in low parental participation at both sites. A single parent regularly assisted late in the year at Site I. Several- parents attended occasionally at Site II, especially at the beginning. of the year, contributing to the high score during the initial observation period.

Instructional strategy scores were consistently high over the, year at both sites. Teachers at Site l carried out all of the language and concept development activitiés but gènerally did not organize outdoor activities. Scores at Site II stabilized after an initially high level, revealing an energetic start followed by a subsequent tendency to defer second lánguage aciivities, particularly those in Spanish; if the class was runninemind schedele.

These implementation findings in the area of instructional. strategies are consistent with the results of significant gains in the constructs discussed earlier. Since teachers generally carried out the learning activities specified by the model, experimental children appear to have receíved more regular English instruction than did comparison children. This was in spite of the fact that Spanish was the predominant chossroom language, as reflected in Site I children's sig-- nificant gains on the measure of Spanish language acquisition.

- Furthermore, the greater consistency with which second language activities occurred at Site I may account for the gains of Rio Grande City children (with significant gains varying by the entry-level ability © of the children in English language acquisition and comprehension) as compared with Site II children (with no significant differences for Spanin_-preferring chifdren).


## 3. Classroom Implementation Factors (Site I)

Beyond the general level of implementation some further trends can be noted through grouping implementation scores by classroom. The degree of overall implementation at Site I varied slightly by classroom, with the highest scores occurring in classroom $A$ and the lowest in classroom C (Table 71). Teacher turnover in the latter classroom almost certainly accounted for this lower implementation score, as during the second observation period a new aide was adapting to the procedures of the model. The overall increase in implementation scores from Time 1 to Time 3 was largely due to the rise in classroom A of scores for both schedule/organization and instructional strategies and in classroom C of the latter category scores. However, it would seem that as teachers and staff became more familiar with the model, they inadvertently selected certain of its aspects to emphasize, in their daily activities. This selectivity becomes apparent when considering each of the five categories in turn:

## a. Schedule and Organization

Of the categories assessed under implementation, schedule and organization was one of the least implemented at the Nuevas Fronteras experimental classrooms in Rio Grande City. Although the curriculum guide suggested a schedule of daily classroom activities, two of the teachers did not post their schedules and the third did so late in the school yeär.

The basic schedule was as follows:

> 8:30-9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 Wash hands, bathrooming; greeting, pledge of allegiance; etc.
9:30-10:30 Curriculum lessons (small groups)
10:30-11:00 Outdoor free play (supervised at all times)
11:00-11:45 Story time, art, and music
$11: 45-12: 00$ Free play or preparation.(clean-up) for Junch
$12: 50-1: 20$ Outdoor free play (supervised)
$1: 20-2: 00$ Rest

- Taple 71. - Nuevas fronteras I implèmentátion scores by classroom overime.


2:00-2:15 Snack
2:15-2:35 Reinforcement of lessons taught that day
2:35 - 2:45 Children prepare to go home
3:00-3:40. Planning period for teachers
3:40 - $3: 35$ Sign out
In all ciasses there was variability in.how much time was devoted to instructional activities and to noninstructional activities such as recess. Time spent at reces appeared to have increased during the year in one class, and though it was to be a teacher-supervised activity, recess became either a de facto break for the teachers or a time "for planning. Of, all the activitfes, review wais typically the least implemented. Teachers would expand the nap period and efiminate review either because they had difficulty getting the childiren to 's eep or because they needed time for planning. Often the modelprescribed periods of free time to play with available materials were not carried out, as classroom organizationiwas such that activities frequently ran over the allotted time. When fre\& time did occur it mas largely the result of an actiyity period ending unexpectedly early.

Observations made in the experimental classrooms, showed differences in degree of teacher planning, prior preparation, and general level of organization. Thesa differences were not, hewever, reflected in the schedule and organization subsiale of the implementation instrument.- For example, the teacher who had the mosti difficulty actorally carrying out. lessons had the highest ratings for implementation of schedule and organization. Hence, it seems there is an important difference between adherence to the formal organizational schedule and. the way in which actual classroom activity periods are carried out. As the classroom with the highest ratings in schedule and organization had the lowest overall ratings in individuel behavigrs àd instructional strategies, these categories would seem to provide more information on the classroom interactions of the teaching, staff.

## (b. Physical Setting

All chassroom areas specified by the thodel wre. in place and. as can be séen in Table 70, settings, were used extenstively. Wj th few exceptions the children ysed op were introgiced th areasegually. The major exception, reflected in the less tharo maximum scores, was that girls were seldom to be found in the block area (in fact, they were occasional ly sent buay from there by the teachers) ; which seems in - large part to have beep due to stereotypical ideas the teachers had about appropriate activitiles for littlegirls.

The three classrooms were well equipped and sufficiently large for a number of people to use the space. There were tables and a chair for each of the children and each teacher had her own desk. Work centers. were labeled in Spanish and"English according to the provisions of the model. Some indiyidual items within the centers were also labeled, although these were not necessarily the ones emphasized in the manual. ${ }^{\text {Children's art work was placed around the room and }}$ labeled by teachers or aides based on the children's verbal descriptions.

In two of the classrooms, childrents names were placed on individual chairs. In the remaining classroom, they were taped onto the tables, precluding 'flexibility in seating and placement as called for by the model.. As the year progressed post of the name tags in the classroom disappeared and were not replaced.
, c. Instructional Materials
Model developers furnished a variety of instructional materials and provided 1 imited funds ${ }^{\text {fin }}$ for purchase of add tional materials. This is reflected in the uniformly high scores in this.category. Teachers and aides relied almost exchisively on the curriculum units and materials provided by the model developers. The main exception was in the music area where, although the model called, for a music pertod, the developers provided 'no records.

Otherwise, the classrooms were well equipped Each had a color*

- television, record player, and filmstrip machine, in addition to artifacts. from both Mexican and Mexican American culture. The playground was the only area with few materials; although the-moder specified that they be present, outdoor equipment was usually stored inside classrooms.


## d. Individual Behavior

The relative stability in scores of individual behaviors betweena the first and third observation periods in the three Nuevas Fronteras I classrooms suggests that there was itttle change during the school Feár in teachers' language usage, pveralt involvement of adults, and types

## $\because$ of activities in which children were engaged.

Spanish was the first language of, all-teachers and aides., but there was.a great deal of variability in the 'degree to which either' standard Spanish or dialectical variants were spoken. Staff literacy skills were more developed in Engdish than in Spanish; as all had attended schools Where English was the language of classroom use. Dine teacher, for example, took home the Spanish storybooks in order to Prepare for storytelling sessions by revifwing the texts.

Given that the firstspoken language of the teachers was Spanish $A$ and that the model explicttly specified. that students should be addressed.
in their first language, which for the great majority was Spanish, it is not surprising that language production of both teachers and aides was heavily Spanish across all time periods (Table '72). Por all thres classrooms there was also a slight rise from Time 9 to Time 3 in the use of English. This may account for the observed increase in English usage in the classroom by both Spanish- and English-preferring students. The large, but temporary, increase in English during Time' 2

- in classroom B may have resulted from efforts on the part of the teacher to have, two English-prefersing 'children pair off and speak -to one another in English.

At the beginning of the school year, the teachers encouraged - the students to count and to identify colors and shapes in both languages: As. was. reported in the results of the classroom observations, by the second observation period the children were more likely to do these taskg spontaneously ${ }^{-1}$ English; $28 \%$ of the Spanish-preferring children's' bebayior related to concept development was in their second language. Teachers' early emphasis on such activities may account for this trend. Englis 5 was the "primary vehicle in all classes for scolding and reyarding children and for giving them directions, all, of which were important classroom control functions: The importance placed on English for specific functions is indicated by the fact that all children learned to ask to go to the bathraom in English.

As one might expect, most language production occurred during the periods of greatest instruction -- small and largé groups. Cormands, statements, and questions predominated as most frequent speech types, while verbal pratse and discipline rarely occurred.' Finally, even though teachers and their, aides interacted well and status differences appeared minimal, teachers were clearly most responsible for the
instructional aspects of, classroom interaction and the major portion of speech production was theits. The one exception was in classroom $C$ of the the inittal implemerpation period when, prior to the resignation There were, with ohy group of teachers, variations in teaching styles among the teaclers at site I. The teacher in classroom $A$ was conscientioas in her lesson planning and meticulous in terms. of ctassroon displays and art projects. She consistently provided times for chilare to talk, sthooth triansitions, activities for the children who finished tasks early, and one-to-one attention. She also saw to it that each child. responded correctly when celled upon. The aide's positive contribution to classroom functioning became apparent when, due to an inexperienced substitute assigned to the class yuring a lengthy fil zness of the. regular teacher, she was 'forced to assume management of the classroom. The compination of these factors accqunts for classroom $A$ recefiying the highest average score' for individual behaviors across the three observation peryods.
-The teacher in classroom B' was' les's structured in her approach; as is reflected in the relatively low average score across the observation

Table 72 : Nuevas Fron'teras I classroom language production by teaching unit

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|  | Eagl ish | Spatish | Translation | Lang. sifitci | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Indivisual } \\ & \text { Percent of } \\ & \text { Total } \end{aligned}$ |
| Teacher | 27 | 43 | 2 | 3. | 75 |
| Alde | 11 | . 12 | 1. | 16 | 25 |
| TOTN | 38 | 55 | 3 | 4 | 100 |


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| 13 | 18 | 0 | 0 | ${ }^{32}$ |
| 34 | 59 | $\%^{1}$ | $\lambda$ | 100 |



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| Alde : | 5 | 27 | 2. | 1 | 35 |
| TOTM | . 23 | 57 | 6 | 4 | 100 |


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| .41 | 23 | 1 | 4. | 69 |
| 9 | 19 | 1 | 2 | 31 |
| 50 | 42 | 2 | 6 | 100 |


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| 8 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 27. |
| 38 | 24 | 12 | 2 | 100 |


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periods. She would sametimes accept answers from any child rather than wait for the called-upon child to respond and might ignore incornect responses. Children finishing an activity early were not always directed elsewhere. Lesson plans were not always reviewed well in advance and períodic changes in classroom rules were not consistently enforced.

In classroom C , the first teacher seemed relatively uninterested in conducting lessons, although she was able to elicit responses to her questions from most childsen and would correct wrong answers. - The replacement teacher and aide exercised a greater degree of control over the children to ensure their attention. They also used much regetition in lessons, made sure each child responded to questions, and usually corrected incorrect answers.

Although the model calls for involving, parents in classroom instruction, such involvement was almost nonexistent, contributing to the relatively low overall scores. The higher score for classroom A düring the third observation period reflects the only time a parent volunteer was present in the classrooms.

## e. Instructional Strategies

This category shows a relatively high level of implementation in all classrooms throughout the year. Although the duration of the curriculum lessons and the style in wrich they were presented varied, as previously shown., all of the instructors consistently garried out both large and small group activities.

Within instructional pertods, different teachers and aides had varying pedagogical strengths and interests. The teacher in classrogn B , for example, emphasized 4 anguage development and had the studerits talk in front of the group about their own experiences. By the end of the year, she was using large group time to accomplish this goald rather than activities like music which she enjoyed less. The teaching team in classroom $\mathcal{C}$, on the other hand, had frequent music activities. They introduced new songs, music, and rhymes. By midyear, the replacement teacher in classrobm $C$ found the children organizing themselves to do the flag salute and song. Storytelling, which the model strongly recormends, as a part of language acquifition; was also differentially emphas'ized. One teacher acted out her stories, while another teacher abnitted to being ineffective in this activity. In all classes children put-together puzzlés on their own and received lessons in self-awareness as part of the curriculum units at the beginning of the year.

Reflecting the preliteracy goals of the model, children in alf classes could read and write their own names and read the names of , fellow students by the end of the year. The aide th classroom $A$ enjoyed sciénce and math and offered both through the year. Math and counting were also promoted in classroom $C$, anicurhile math was deemphasized in classroom B, as the year ${ }^{\text {ppogressed most of the tudents }}$ learned to çount to at least 20.

The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects of the implementation process -at Nuevas Fronteras'I reflected in the preceding discution.

During the small group rotation five children are seated at a, small round tablein the math area.. The aide is at a pink felt board to which are attached different sized circles numbered from 1 to 9 . On the table are a number of little symbols such as arrows, balloons, doves, and chicks. Each symbol is of a distinct color and has a different total number of items. Miss Teresa (aide) calls Carmen to the board and tells her (all in Spanish) to put the yellow arrows on the board. Carmen begins to-do as she was requested, putting an arrow under each circle and counting, "one arrow, two arrow five arcow." The other children repeat after her "one arrow" through "five arrow." One boy begins to play with the little felt chicks on the table. Miss Teresa says "Felipe deja alli" and he drops the chicks but begins to finger the orange felt balloons on the table, absentmindedly counting "six balloons, seven balloons, eight balloons," in unison with the other children who are founting arrows. As Carmen sits down the aide picks up the blue dove-shaped pieces from the table and wsks, "What are thest?" Felipe answers first, saying, "birds." The aide holds up the felt stars and asks "¿Qué son estos?" Berta says "estrellas" aud Felipe eays "Yo también lo sé." Berta begins-to put the stars on the felt board and the children count after her with a decidedly Sparish accent "one (e)star, two (e)star."* Miss Teresa asks "What are these?" and the children respond "(e)stars."-As the exercise continoes Felipe plays absently with the different felt pieces and is again corrected by the aide who says "Felipe, no lo hagas." As:Berta sits down, the aide points to one of the circles and says. What number is this?".

This sequence illustrates the type of small group activities focusing on concept development and; in particular, premath skills, at Nuevas Fronteras I. The teacher employed instructional materials supplied by the model developers for the math lesson, which took place in the designited area for that activity? English. concepts were the main focus of the session, as the equal emphasis on both languages in

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counting-and the identification of numbers, and shapes tended to decline after the first observation period. Following the directives of the model, the teacher did not correct the children's periodic fallufe to pluralize the noun "arrow" but did correct the improper behayior of Felipe. She did so, however, in Spanish, which was. generally used for more complex communicative needs.

## 4. Classroom Implementation Faftors (Site II)

Within each of the five implementation categories reported in Table 73, a similarity in the scores of Site II classrooms at each of the three observation periods is discernible, and is especially noticeable for physical setting and instructional materials. This reflects a close coordination in the classroom organization and the concurrent use of materials and activities of the same curriculum units. There was an increase in overall scores from the first to last observation period in afl classrooms, whicb is accounted for largely by the rise in scores for scheduling following the posting of the daily schedule. Classroom A showed; a gradual increase in overall implementation during the year, classroom $B$ a rise followed by a noticeable decline, and crassroom $C$ the bighest-scores for every period in addition to a marked rise followed by a moderate decline. Results for classroom $C$ can be related to teacher enthusiasm and classroom camposition, as the teacher was most positive toward and cognizant of the cognitive-styles philosophy of the model and had. the best balance of Englishmpreferring and Spanish-preferring, chi.ldren in her class.

## a. Schedule and Organization.

The daily routine was'similar in all three classes. The schedule, which was posted in late 1979, remained essentially unchanged during the year, and read as follows:

| Juice |  | 15 minutes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Circle time | $\because$ | 30 minutes |
|  |  |  |
| Table activities |  | 60. minutes |
| : . . |  | 30 |
| Outdoar play |  | 30 minutes |
| Rest time and wash hands |  | 15 minutes |
| Lunch and book time |  | 30 minutes, |

Table 73. Nuevas Fronteras Il implementation scores by classroom over time.


The Head Start center operated two three-hour sessions daily, and Nuevas Fronteras was implemented in the morning classes between 9:15 A.M. and 12:15 P.M. Classes were similar in that most modelrelated activities were conducted regularly except for second language activities, which occurred in all classes only during the second period. This was largely a result of the limited knowledge of Spanish by sore of the teaching staff and the pressures of fitting a , variety of model-specific activities into a three-hour session.

Because they worked a single session, teachers had regular planning and preparation periods before and after class. However, little in-class time was available for individual observations of children to assess their preferred cognitive styles. Teachers indicated in informal interviews that they voluntarily put in extra time because they would otherwise not have had sufficient time to cover all planning, review, and preparation of materials that were required. ${ }^{6}$ Staff meetings were not held regulariy. The decrease at the third observation period in the scores of classroom A relates to the presence of a substitute teacher unfamiliar. with the model, while the dip in richassroom B scores reflects a tendency to vary from planned activities at the end of the year.

The stability of scores within an observation period across classrooms reveals a relative absence of variation in the schedule: Most children were bused and arrival and departure times were fairly dependable. The short transition between the morning and afternoon sessions als'o ensured schedule inflexibility.

## b'. Physical Setting

The Corona classrooms were roomy, well illuminated, and "warm" in tone. Each was of nearly identical size and spatial arrangement and included most of the areas suggested by the model: a large rug for large group activities, a music center, shelves of blocks, a small group table, a book area, a housekeeping corner, a "discovery" area of games and manipulative toys, and several tables for arts and crafts. Nuevas Fronteras also specifies a cooking area, which was absent except for a sink for washing and an electric frying pan. There also was no specific math area, although nembers and counting were regularly incorporated info the large group. and art activities. Room arrangement was orderly and there was no-varíation in placement of areas over the year. The fact that the room was shared with an afternoon team contributed to the "sameness". of the rooms; indivjdual teachers had less control over room arrangement than if-they had had the classroom to themsel ves.

While number añd placement of areas did not change, differences in degree of usage is reflected in the variation in scores. Classrooms $A$ and $C$ have similar first and third period scores with some. midyear drop. Classroom $B$ shows a contrasting pattern of a midyear
peak followed by a drop to less than kalf the maximum possible. Higher scores in this classroom during the first two observation periods relate to the regular use of areas for free play (housekeeping, blocks, discovery) and arts and crafts, while the subsequent drop is due to the teacher's tendency to extend outdoor play and shorten instructional activities late in the year. Free play was less frequent in the other classes; "particularly at midyear, as the lower scores at this time reflect.

Scores do not. approach the maximum possible in this category because certain daily model activities (such as large group) were restricted to a single area. In addition; the large group and art areas were frequented more consistently than other areas.

- c. Instructional Máterials

The Nuevas Fronteras Teacher's Manual does not discuss. the importance of materials per se; , but does stipulate that materials should be accessible and appropriate to each "area, of the room. There was greater abundance of materials in the art and library areas than in the discovery, block, and housakeeping sections, revealing the model's reliance on the teacher-directed activities that occur-in these areas. All rooms had colorful wall displays which included children's work and murals that corresponded to the curriculum unit teing presented at a partiqualar time. In addition, labeled \#nstructional charts of colors, numbers, weather, and mealtime. tasks were used regularly during large group activities. The optimal midyear scores reflect the greatest use at that time of instructional and display materials that were labeled in both English and Spanish.

Central to Nuevas Fronteras are a set of bilingual bicultural materials referred to "as the Curf.culum units. The stories ard pictures in these units provided $\forall i r t u a l l y$ all the bicultural materials used $-i n$ the site II, classrooms. Concrete $f$ tems related to Mexican or. Mexican American culture were almost, nonexistent.

## d. 'Individual Behaviors

The types of interactions experienced by children, the language used by teaching sta'ff, and the total involvement of adults in the classroom impinge heavily on the effective'functioning of the Nuevas Fronteras program. Class interaction scores, which are a combination of these three components, averaged, slightly, greater, than half the maximum possible and detlined gradually between the first and third observation periods.

The relatively high sciores for the finitial implementation period reflect the regular particifpation of one or more parents. in each classroom, although parental participation dropped markedly by midyear. Low participation relates to the absence of a parent
coordinator and parents' room, the lack of promised involvement of the "curriculum developers, and the scattered residence pattern which prevented parents and children from identifying with the -neighbprhood of the schoot.

The model also suggests a variety of activities to promote, children's expression of different cognitive styles. While there were many group activities, scores were to some extent lower for all periods because of the infrequency of solitary activities specified by the model.

Tabulations of teachers' language use are presented in. Table 74. Across classrooms, the ratio between observed English utterances and Spanish utterances averaged about two to one during the first observation period and about four to one during the third period. The model ideal of alternating between the two languages was thus met only in.part. Factors accounting for the predominance of English as the classroom language included (1) the presence of twice as many English-preferring as Spanish-preferring children in the program (for example, 26 of 39 'children were tested in English at Corona); (2) the greater. competence in English than Spanish by five of the six teaching staff menbers; (3) a lack of administrative support for a bilingual emphasis; (a) the lack of timely feedback by the model developers; and (5) the prevalence of. English In a cormunity in which the Sparitish-speaking population was greatly outnumbered by monolingual English speakers. The imbalance of English-preferring and Spanish-preferring children was promoted by funding decisions regarding transportation of the scattered school popolation. Morning buses were routed to several predominantly English-speaking neighborhoods, whiteafternoon children came largely from heavily Spanish-speaking areas.

A number of patterns in teachers' language use can be identified. For all periods in all classes, the total number of language utterances of iteachers was greater than that of aides. This reflects the 'greater frequency of teachers' interactions with children, especially dưring the teacher-led large group activities. Aldes, on the other hand, were more involved in mafintenance activities, materials preparation, and classroom set-up during class time. The only time that an aide's level of verbal interaction appwoached that of. the teacher was during the final observation period in classiroom $A_{2}$ when the regular teacher was absent and the aide took on teaching res'ponsibilities because of the inexperience of the substitute teacher.

There was alse a drop during the year in teachers' Spanish usage in all classes. Classroom B exhibited a steady decline and classroom A a noticeable drop in the final period, while classroom C majntained the greatest amount of Spanish usage at the end of the year. Accounting for this trend was an increasing proficiency in English by previously monol ingual or Spanish-preferring children. Socioemotional factors were also involved, as each teacher was able to point out at least one previously. Spanish-preferring child who by the end of the

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year desired to speak only English in the classroom, even if his or Her English ability was still limited. The greater use of Spanish in classroom C indicates the presence of the most Spanish-preferring children of the three classes, a fully bilingual teacher, and some knowledge of Spanish by the aide. (the other aides were monolingual English speakers).

The context of language use differed for the two languages. While English was used by staff and children across all settings, Spanish was restricted primakily to large group events in classroom $B$ and to large groups and on an iñdiwidual basis during art rotation in classroom A. Only in classioom C add it appear that the teacher regularly spoke Spanish with the children during meals and transi-" tions. Concurrent translation was a method used -in'both large and small groups. It occurred most regularly in classroom A, but averaged less than $20 \%$ of the utterances in each class, despite the model's emphasis on the concurrent use of both languages. Languageswitching was rare, exceeding $2 \%$ of all utterances only in class-( room A during the time when the substitute teacher was present.

The primary mode of teachers' verbal interaction in both languages was informational atements, followed proportionately in all classes by questions, commanids, and verbal reimforcement. In all classrooms, statements-accounted for $50-60 \%$ of all utterances. overall, but showed a decrease over the year, from 65-71\% to 32-42\% by the third observation period. In part, thils reflects the increasing importance of questions as the year progressed and as children became more adept at responding to 'teachers' queries and formulating discourse on their: own. In classroom $C$, questions represented nearly half of all teacher verbalizations by the third observation period.

## e. Instructional Strategies

The relatively high scores of this categery suggest that for the most part each class had large and small groups, first and second language activities, quiet activities, and both childinitiated and adult-initiated activities. The infrequency of second language actiyities, however, tended to depress scores.

A variety of teaching strategies was used in different activities throughout the year. "Children's language use was encouraged through a combination of question-and-answer and one-to-one-work. Stories and open-ended discussions during large group activitiès wereaugmented by English and. Spanish soings in all classrooms, corresponding to the Nuevas Fronteras tenet that songs can be learned easily in both languages because they are enjoyed by children. Large graup activities included review of special events before and after they took place and closed with a preview of the upcoming crafts period. During the craft rotation, close attention to the needs of individual chfldren by both teacher and aide was followed' by a review of the 'work produced by each child.

There was greater effort to encourage language development in English than in Spanish, although all teachers voitced the advantages they perceived in bilingualism. In practice, they concentrated on English language activities. One teacher stated that it was all they could do to teach English withir the constraints' of the threehour session. The large group situations of concurrent language use almost always gaye greater priority any time to Englishi. In addition to structured activities, second language learning occurred. informally during crafts at tables that included both Englishpreferring and Spanish-preferring children (who were addressed in their preferred language), and during meals (when the same food identification and thanks song were learned in bath languages by all children).

Corresponding to the preliteracy and premath emphases of the model; letter and number, recognition were promoted through the daily use of labeled charts, placemats, name cards, and personal cubby spaces. By the second observation period, practice in writing numbers and letters occurred daily. Teachers also recorded children's descriptions on their art work, and children had time to look at books on many dáys.

Social skills included learning a distinctive rautine early in the year. In addition to a pronounced routinization of the rules and classroom schedule, children received much cooperation training through structured task assignment for meals and the more informal peer teaching that occurred as teachers encouraged children to help each other during the art actjuities.

Classroom variation in instructional strategies scoring and $y^{-}$ in'total implementation results re/ates to a number of factors. Classrom A's lower scones refinct. the presence of the largest. number of children (five) with emotional or behavioral problems. They required more teacher attention and effort on her part to ensure that children knew the reason for her distupline.

A high initial implementation score for classroom $B$ is associated 'with more rapid coverage of curriculum units, a more extensive use of active activities (e.g., dance, songs with movement, blocks), and a more regular use of display materials for color, and weather review compared with the other classrooms. The dect ine over the year relates to a lesser degree of teacher verbalization and to an inability to effectively control the movement and actions of children in the class.

There was a higher overall score in classroom $C$ for all observation periods, despite the fact that there were two handicapped children and three speech-needs children in the class who required special attention. The bilingual ability of the teacher-aide team jed to greater stress on the desirability of two languages in the classroom. Language development was encouraged by the overall high rate of verbalization and expansion during large and small groups.

Children appeared to have internalized the classroom routine early in the year, responding to a single word or hand clap; this is reflected in the low proportion of commands and verbal reinfgrcement found in this class. While the teaching staff' of all classes liked and utilized the model's curriculum units, the classroom $C$ teacher had the mest positive perception and understanding of the philosophy underlying Nuevas Fronteras.

- The following excerpt is from an evaluation researcher's fieldnotes. It illustrates various aspects of the implementation process at Nuevas Fronteras II reflected in the preceding discussion.
following a filmstrip of the story of the three little pigs, the teacher leads a discussion in English with the entire group using. flannelboard figures. She reminds them. In English of the title, adding,. "de la historia de los tres puerquitos." Daniel watches closely and answers her questions in. English in unis with the other children, The teacher then reviews the related craft activities. At one table, the children -will cut and paste in order eight pictures of events from the story. At another, they will practice writing the number 8 and color eight pigs. At a, third table they are to make free drawings about an earlier field trip taken as part' of the "Community" curriculum unit. The teacher uses mainly English in describing the activities, which she has incorpơrated into the "Ranch and Farm Animals" unit.

Daniel is called to the middle table, where he sits down. "isabes que numero es?" the teacher inquires, pointing to stenctl of the number 8 posted on the wall next to the table. "Eight;" he replies. "Bueno," she says. Daniel writes a number 8 on his paper and then another. "Look it. Eight," he says to Bobby who sits next. to him. He writes a series of the number 8 and holds his paper for the teacher to see.: She smiles and praises him in Spanish. Picking. up a yellow crayon, he identifies its color to.. Bobby, "Look it, yellow." He sees that Bobby is Not writing the number 8 correctly, and taps him to show him how he did it, saying, "No, no, no. Hey, look at it: Pon este, mira.". He leans over, and potints to bis own paper to help Bobby get it right.

The "table" or "craft, rotation activities" described here were regularty carried out at the Coroma site. Given the lack of a math area at this site, the math-related activity took place at an arts and cpafts table. All the activities and materials were designed to coordinate with one of the curriculum units; the "Ranch and Farm
'Animals" unit. Activities geared to cancept development included recalling the sequence of a story, ordering pictorial materials, and recognition of colors and numbers. They occurred through a combination of adult-directed (the "three pigs" discussion) and " child-inititated (baniel's "teachifg" of Bobby) learning contexts. The teacher, following one of the language use strategies recommended by the model, made limited use of concurrent translation when she added the title of the story in Spantsh. The predominant classroom language at Corona, however, reflected in the discussion, was" English.

## 5. The Compar ison Groups

As mentioned previously, children comprising the comparison groups in both South Texas and Southern California attended Head Start. programs.

The comparison site for Nuevas Fronteras I was situated in an old wooden building about three miles from the experimental Head Start. Four rooms on the ground floor of the two-story structure provided the learning enviroment for 40 children, two teachers, and two aides. The rooms were divided into areas which were neither clearly demarcated nor labeled but, which had colorful seasonal and topical decorations. Six areas were found ine each class: book, housekeeping, art, science, manipulative, and music. Because the comparison site bordered an area uşed by other schools, school facilities (e pe, band, library, and ball fields) not available to the expermiental classes were used by the comparison group.

- The schedules of both experimental and comparison sites in South Texas were similar, except that less-time was devoted to instruction and more to outdoor play at the comparison site. Breakfast and lunch periods took place earlier at the comparison site and school ${ }^{-}$ was dismbssed 15 minutes earlier. The teachers included an afternoon activity (story or game) after the children's nap, white activities rarely took place after nap time at Nuevas Fronteras I. Comparison children; who as at the experimental site were all Mexican American, generally worked in two or three small groups in the two rooms al- : loted to each. class, requiring an adult to supervise ejch room. The two classrooms alternated use of the playground, which was smaller than the experimental playground, so that children had little opportunity to interact with children from the other classroom.

In contrast to the experimental children who.lived in the outlying areas of the community and therefore had to be bused, comparison children lived in the vicinity of their school. All 20 children in each classroom spoke Spanish and only a few spoke and 'understood English. Teachers and aides generally spoke spanish with', the children, although one teacher did interject English sentences and commands into the dafly routine. Parents'were observed partucipating frequently in both comparison classrooms.

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The comparison peachers utilized their own curriculum based on a combination of the Peabody Kit and the Southwest Education Development Labs (SEDL) Bilingual Early Childhood Program. The SEDL program is a highly structured curriculum geared toward specific learning goals that aim to develop the child's intellect through activities appropriate for each individual child. Activities, tied to stages; stress both "content" and "process," primarily through teacher-child interactions.

A goal of developing English language competency in Spanish speakers is to be implemented through the use of both languages in the classroom. New concepts are introduced in the child's first language. Systematic bilingual language instruction occurs in opening exercises and conversation time through songs, counting, and naming colors and shapes. Other language development objectives include (1) discriminating sounds; (2) knowing their sources, (3) remembering and repeating sound patterns, (4) building basic.language patterns in English, and (5) increasing the child's vocabulary in. English.

Objectives for concept development include (1) classification, (2) labeling, (3) learning parts and functions of objects, and (4) some seriation. Comparison children were observed learning numbers, shapes, colors, and the names and jobs of community. professionals in Sparish and to a lesser extent in English. In the 'realm of socioemotional development, SEDL stresses the acquisition. of a positive self-concept as children take part in dally activities which provide them with competency skills. Materials found at the Nuevas Fronteras I comparison site included art supplies, manipula.tive toys and games, books in English and Spanish, audiovisual items (records, film strips), playground equifment, sleeping mats, and classroom furniture.

The comparison si.te for Nuevas Fronteras II was an independently operated Head Start center located in a newly remodeled wing of a public school in a community about 15 miles from the experimental site. 'In addition to office and kitchen facilities on the premises, there were six classrooms. Each was brightly painted and well illuminated, partially carpeted, and had its own sink and bathroom. The experimental site, by contrast, had no on-site kitchen, a more distant office, no in-class bathrooms, and only cold-water sinks, and cilassrooms had to be shared by two teaching staffs. Comparison classrooms had housekeeping, block play, music, science, book, and art learning centers, each of which had colorful wall displays and both purchased and handmade materials. Adjacent to the classroom was a fenced-off playground with log-climbing structures, swings, slides, and tricycles.. Classes alternated use of the playground so there was less interaction of children from different classes than occurred at the experimental site.

The Site 'II comparison and experimental sites both had threehour morning sessions, and an afternoon session followed the experimental site. Most of the children at both sites were bused, bit they were less residentially scattered at the comparison site which was located in a larger conmunity: Posted schedules in comparison site classrooms called for an introductory sharing time, outdoor play, snack, work period (act, story, musicic and/or free play), clean-up, lunch, quiet time (song, story, or poems), and review of the day.

The curriculum of the Site HI comparison Head Start center, was based on children's choice as well as adult direction, and drew on the Bownfar Early Childhood Series and Peabody Language Development Progrant. Parents attended regularly and were involved in instructional activities along with aides. Daily and weekly planning' followed a series of themes. By comparison, the experimental site had less regular parental participation and required more maintenance tasks and less instructional time on the part of aides.

Socioemotional goals were to develop a child's self-esteen and awareness of the world, expose children to a variety of jexperiences, encourage exploration without pressuring the child, increase 'responsibility, permit dramatic play, and provide health education. Much positive reinforcement characterized adults' relations with children. In the areqa of concept dévelopment, the stress in most of the comparison classrooms was on letter recognition, writing skirls, and appreciation for books. Numbers, shapes, spatial relations, perceptual acuity, and calendar and weather concepts were also taught. The fact that the comparison and experimental sites of Nuevas Fronteras II were similar in most of these objectives may explain. the relatively equal performance of children in these areas on the standa.dized tests.

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objectives for language learning, included building vocabulary, association of words with objects, and identifying size, likenesses/ differences, and classes of objects., Most teacher-aide pairs included a bilingual person because there were usually several monolingual Spanish children in each class. While there was no systematic second language instruction, children in some comparison classrooms learned songs, stories, numbers, and colors in both languages. Spanish was also used to assist individual chydren in understanding and for word meánings. However, like the experimental site, more English than Spanish was used by teachers at the comparison center. While children at the experimental site were of Mexican American and Anglo backgrounds, the comparison site population included Black and Asian children as well.

## C. Summary and Feasibility of Transfer

- Results of the standardized tests and the classroom observations reflect the implementation process at each site. The few significant differences found between experimental and comparison groups favor children who participated in the Nuevas Fronter'as curriculum model. Differences found favoring Spanish-preferring children at Site I on Spanish Alquisition and on the measures of English Language Acquisition ánd Comprehension are consistent with the extensive practice the children at this site were observed to receive ingrecitation, identification, word recognition, and rhyming.

English-preferring experimental children at Site II outperformed their Head Start comparison group on the measure of English Comprehension. This finding is consistent with the model's emphasis on recitation and recall. On all other measures no significant differences were found between experimental and comparison groyp children. Thus, participation in a bilingual program did not hinder the children!s development in their first language. It is interesting to note that the few English-preferring children at Site I followed a pattern similar to that of many Spanish-preferring children at all. sites where English was the predominant language of the classroom; that is, they came to prefer their second lanquage (Spanish) in the classroom and showed consistent gains across a number of constructs in that language.

Experimental and comparison gnoup mothers at both sites were favorably disposed toward bilingual education. Both experimental and comparison parents at Site I reported Spanish to be the preferred language of their cbildren and themselves. Parents at Site II perceived their English language ability to be better.

* Teaching staff at both sites were generally favorable toward the Nuevas Fronteras-curriculum. After experience' with the model, all teachers felt more strongly that the social aspects of bilingualism were its primary benefits for both English- and Spanish-preferring children.

Both sites were relatively successful in implementing the model especially. with respect to maintaining a regular schedule, establishing and using distinct learning centers, having required materials, and conducting model-appropriate instructional activities. The successful implerventation of the model at sites with different schedule's shows that it can be used flexibly for both half-day and full-day sessions. Relatively higher implementation scores at site if suggest that closer adherence to Nuevas Fronteras guidelines may be possible with a routine which gives teachers daily planning and preparation time apart from their teaching responsibilities.


## FOOTNOTES

${ }^{1}$ Owing to the small sample size when Spanish-preferring children at Corona were divided by entry-level English ability, ińferential statistics could fot.be usad to contrast experimental and comparison children. Observable trends were, however, consistent with those at Rio Grande City and acrosscall models. On measures of English Acquisition and English. Concept Development experimental children with little English ability had higher posttest means, than did the Head Start comparison group (EMLU $=1.73$ vs. 1.23; PSIE $_{\bar{又}}=12$ vs: 10.6), whereas on mea'sures of Eng fish Comprehension the fleans of the two groupe inere very similar. Experimental children with entry-level abilitiegin English had a higher mean scire on'the PSIE ( 21.7 vs. 28) and EMLU $(3.8$ vs. $3: 3)$ but a somewhat lower mean on the comprehension measures ${ }^{\bar{x}}(10.0$ vs. 11.2).
${ }^{2}$ Generafly higher rank order correlations between test measures and observed classroome behavior in Spanish over English in language' acquisition and production reflect the extensive use of Spanish by both Englisher and Spanish-preferring children in the Rio Grande classroom. (See,Appendix' W.)
${ }^{3}$ The Spanish comprehension skills practiced in the classroom appear, however, to have little relation to those tapped by the standardized ests. (See AppendixW.)
"The 'only child who did not -- Oscar -- had been the only Spanish-- preferring child who at the first observation period registered practice of concepts in his second language.
${ }^{5}$ These pàtterns in language use related to concept development also account for the relatively low correlation between test results and classroom observations in this area. (See Appendix W.) Given the decline in emphasis on Spanish concepts, the limited behaviors of the Spanish-preferring children in the classroom toward the end of the year did not reflect their level of Spanish concept development measured by the tests. Similarly the extensive classroom practice in English at the end of the year resulted in a number of Spanishpreferring children ranking even higher in English concept development on classroom observations than the English-preferring children, a trend not reflected in the test measures.
${ }^{6}$ In- spite of this unpaid overtime, however, teachers expressed overall job satisfaction at Site II, as they received salaries that were competitive with similar professional positions in the community.
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## VIII

SUMARY OF FINDINGS. AND IMPLICATIONS

This chapter summarizes the results of the evaluation of the Head Start bilingual bicultural curriculum development effort for Spanishspeaking children: Implications of the results for preschool bilingual education and of the methodology employed are also discussed.
A. Child Findings

a. Spanish-preferring children who were exposed to the bilingual bicultural curricula performed better ón English, language measures than did comparitson preschool chfldren who were not exposed to structured bilfingual bicultural curricula.

At posttęst, Spanish-preferring experimental children performed significantly better than the fr'Head Start comparison groups on Eaglish language measures of Language Acquisition, Concept Development, and Perceptual. Motor Develorment ( $\mathrm{p}^{\prime}<.05$ ). The jexperimental children also performed better thai comparison childrentor the EngTish. Compretension measure. However, th ferences for the Engkish Comprehension measure were only significant at the . 10 level of confidence. Despite such gavins, Spanish-preferpring children generally did not achieve the same level of performance on these poisttests as did their English-preferring classmates. These English-preferring, classmates' were culturially similar to the Spanish-preferring children; although their Engl.ish language abilities were greater at the beginning of the Head Start year.

These results occurred despite the fact that the comparison groups were enrolled in preschool prograins with similar objectives and with bilingual teachers who provided some input in Spanish. The comparison programs, however, did not offer a structured bilingual bitcultural preschool curriculum.

These findings are augmented by servational data which indicated that Spanish-preferring experimental , ubsample children inc eased their use of the English language in the aclassroom by $21 \%$ over the course of the year. This increased use of English was characterized by use of grammatical formis such as complete sentences and plural nouns which the children generally had not been observed to-úserat the beginning of the
preschool year. Children were also observed to increasingly use English for visual discrimination and seriation/sequencing.

In the area of socioemotional behavior, observed instances of appropriate behavior consistently outnumbered the converse of such behaviors throughout the year. The observed increase in the proportign of appropriate soctoemotional behavior. by the subsample children was due primarily to the gains of 58\% of the Spanish-preferring chirdren in the area of motivation. Over the course of the Head Start year, these
children showed an increasing willingness to complete activities independently.

The consistency of the qualitative and quantitative findings suggests that Head Start experience in general may provide Spanishpreferring children with some isolated practiçe in English, but that consistent improvement across a number of dipensions of English. usage comes about through exposure to curriculum modets structured to provide. systematic practice with English.
b. Spanish-preferring experimental group children also increased their linuistic and functional competenaies in the wSpapişh l anguage.

Spanish-preferring experimental children showed significant gains over Head Start comparison children on some measures of language performance in Spanish. In the area of Spanish language production, the experimental group children demonstrated greater gains on measures of their production of Spanish words and use of grammatical forms when telling a story than did comparison children: Similarly, on the measure of concept development in Spanish, experimental group children outperformed. children who received Head Start exposure without a bilingual curriculum model. Experimental children performed as well as comparison groups on all other Spanish measures :

Classroom observations revealed that children in the Spanishpreferring experimental group, despite using less Spanish, increased their Spanish language competence at the same time that they increased their English language use and English language competence, Eighty-one percent of the Spanish-preferring experimental group increased the variety of Spanish grammatical forms that they used. Use of plural nauns; the negative and ínterrogative forms, and the present and past tenses increased over the year. These data suggest that the achievement of the second language goals of the bilingual bicultural. curricula will not adversely affect the development of preschoolers' primary language.
c. The gasins made by Spanish-preferring children were different, depending on their English language abilities. upon entering Head Start.

Classroom observation data revealed that the Spanish-preferring experimental group children received yarying degrees of exposure to English depending on the level of English linguistic development at which the children entered preschool.: At all sites the children could be divided into two main groups; those children with little/no productive ability in English and "those beginning the year with some measurable productive ability in English.

Spanish-preferifig experimental children who entered preschool with limited/no English-speaking abilities made significant gains over similar comparison children on measures of English Language Development and Concept Development ( $p<605 \mathrm{f}:$ These gains are partly explained by the exposure to English provided them by the teachers using the bilingual bicultural curricula. Early in the year their use of English was in the form of repetition of isoldted lexical ftems modeled by the teacher. By the second observation period, teacbers began to interact more frequently with these children in English. Toward the end of the year, teachers continued to increase the amount of English used with these children to the extent that the children were able to respond with single words and short sentences in. English to both teachers and peers. The data suggest that the bilingual preschool programs provided these children with access to and practice, in English not avaifable in preschool programs without a bilingual bicultural model and that ability with two languages is important for teaching staff working with preschool children with 1 imited/no English-speaking abilities.

Spanish-preferring experimental group children who entered Head Start with English language abilities made significant gains over similar comparison childrenton, the English Comprehension measure (p s.05). A possible explanation for the gains made by the experimental group in comprehension is. that as the bilingual curricula provided input in both Spanish and EngTish, children received essentially multiple exposure; that is, the curricula provided the children with the opportunity to relate meanings in both languages.

## 2. English-preferring Children

a. English-preferring experimental children performed as well as comparison children who attended a Head Start center without a bilingual curriculum model.

Similar gains were made by both English-preferring experimental and comparison children on all. English language measures. There were no observed adverse effects on English language, concept e, and socioemotional development measures for English-preferring children who participated in. the bilingual programs.

Classroom observations were consistent with the test results. Eighty-six percent of these subsample children were observed to diversify their practice with grammatical forms in English ${ }_{r}$ By the end of the year, the majority of the children increased their use of the negative form and past, present, and future tenses.

Functionally, almost tho thirds of the children diversified their use of English for various purposes. By the end of the year, they had acquired the ability; to provide descriptions of themselves and give verbal instrucions in English. These children also displayed an increased diversity in memory and recall abilities. Gains were also observed in areas of sélf-esteem and motivation.

This suggests that an English-speaking child's placement in a bilingual/bicultural preschool classroom can result in at least the same level of gains that would occur through placement in a regular preschool. classroom.
b. English-preferring children's progress in Spanish was lind ted.

The test scores of both experimental and comparison children on most Spanish measures remained at or near zero at posttest. In the classroom it was -observed that the majority of the English-preferring children used Spanish for the repetition of isolated lexical items in response to teachers! modeling, usually during structured activities. The exception to this pattern was the children who entered preschool with some demonstrated ability in Spanish, especially those at the site where Spanish was the predominant classroom language. English-preferring children at this site had experiences in their second language similar to those of Spanishpreferring children with some entry-level abilities in English at other • evaluation sites. These children were addressed by teachers in both languages and by peers primarily in Spanish. They were observed to increase their practice with negative and interrogative forms and the use of the present tense in Spanish. They also expanded their functional
abilities with Spanish and maintained progress in English similar to that of the other English-preferring children.

## B. - Parent Findings

1. All sample mothers expressed highly positive attitudes taward the educational system and bilingual education.

Mothers of experimental and comparison group children felt highly positive toward the educational system, bilingual education in general, and the curriculum models. Also, they had similar educational aspirations for their children; most hoped for a college education for their offspring. Both experimental. and comparison grọups appeared to provide similar pome environments.
2. Transportation availability and the distance between some Head Start sites and the home affected parent participation.

Despite the positive attitudes of parents toward bilingual education, their partici-pation in the classroom was difficult to secure at some sites. Lack of adequate transportation impeded parental participation in Head Start programs that were located at sites distant from the main residential areas of the Head Start families. In situations where the Head Start. $\cdot$ center was located in the immediate neighborhood of the families being served, parents became invalved if classroom activities. This suggests that, transportation resources and the geographical proximity between the homes and the Head Start centers should be taken into account in planning parent involvement activities at a local level.

## G. Teacher Findings

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1. A majority of classroom staff participating in the experimental programs at, all sitess had ábility in English and. Spanish.

Unlike many studies of bilingual programs which report large numbers of teachers with little proficiency in Spanish (e.g., AIR, 1978), 31 of the 33 teachers interviewed.across all sites stated that they used Spanish in situations outside of the classroom. ..Findings from classroom observations were consistent with the teacher interview data on the language skills of teachers. Onfy-three of the teachers were never bbserved to use Spanish
in the classroom. Twenty-six of the teachers were observed to use Spanish in one third or more of their classroom interactions. The Spanish language abilities of the Head Start teaching staff cannot be Ygnored as a factor in the success of the demonstration effort. Such abilities should also be a consideration in planning future efforts in bilingual preschool instruction.
2. Teachers viewed the social value of bilingual education as its major advantage.

Teachers' integrative orientation, toward bilingualism and bilingual edycation was heightened over the course of the preschool year. Benefits such as cultural awareness, intercultural communication; and selfenrichment were those most frequently cited for both English: and Spanish-preferring children.

## D. Degree of Implementation

1. Approaching a balanced use of two languages in the classroom próved the-most difficult implementation goal to àchieve.

All teachers tended ta rely on one language, that which corresponded to the language preference of the majority of the student population, regardless of their own linguistic preference. Even at those sites where many of the children had some bilingual abilities, the language used in the community in which the prescinools were found predominated in classroom use. Although some models did not require that all classroom staff be bilingual, monolingual teachers could not always respond to children in spontaneous interactions. The linguistic input proyided to individual children varied with the entry-level abilitfes of the children. Spanish-preferring children with some initial ability in English received increasing practice in English throughout the year and, in those classrooms where English predominated, many actually demonstrated a decided preference for using English in the classroom context at the end of the year. Spanish-preferring children who demonstrated no ability in English at pretest recefved increasing input in that language, but in general maintained their preference for Spanish in most-lassroom interactions. With the exception of the few English-preferring children at sites where Spanish was the predominant classroom language, the teaching staff provided direct input only in English to English-preferring chilldren.
2. Carrying out the classroom language strategies suggested by the models was the aspect of programming most related to positive child outcomes.

It was at those sites where the teachers most consistently followed the model's strategy for language practice that significant d'fferences between expenimental and comparison Head Start children were generally found. 'Teachers using models recommending language separation encountered difficultites in maintaining the use،of a single language during language sesisions. At sites where proficiency with the second language was very low, children often did not understand a lesson conducted entirely in their second language and' became bored. At other sites where second ldinguage proficiency of the children was high, they often persisted in speaking the second language even when the. teacher was conducting the session in their first or. preferred language.

Staff, turnover affected the instructional strategies employed by the teachers. It was generally impossible to carry out smal] group'or languagensessions effectively with a single teacher, and new personnel needed tinte to adapt to a curriculum before they were able to carry out the lessons as the models directed. Training sessions proved especially valuable in providing all teachers with an opportunity to practice skills targeted by the models as important for carrying out instructional strategies and in ensuring that the teaching personnel had understanding of and confidence in the model. $\cdot$ :

## E. Implications



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a. Bilingual, preschool programs can be effective for both Spanish-and English-preferring children.

Test results and classroom observations slowed that the bilingual curricula coritributed to the positive development of Spanforth- and English-preferring children. - Cpanish-preferring expe ${ }^{\text {in }}$ nental childoren increased their use of English and made consistent gans across a number

- of Englísh language and cognitive criteria when contrasted to comparison groups. Despite these results, there was no evidence of what some researchers (MacNamara, 1966; Torrance, Gowan, \&f Al iotti, 1970) have referred to as a "balanced effect"; that is, bill ngual chi.jdren's' skilt in their first language did not decrease as they hmproved second language skills. To the contrary, experimental Spanish-preferring children scored consistently higher than either Head Start compartion or stay-at-home comparison children on à number of Spanish measure ${ }_{\text {t }}$.

This trend is consistent with the classroom observation data. These data, show that Spanish-preferring children used less Spanish in, the classroom over the year. However, they expanded their use of grammatical forms and increased their functional. competencies in Spanish.

Englisर्h-préferring ex experimental children" generally performed as well' on all measures in English, as did the English-preferring comparison groups. These children were also observed to expand their grammatical and functional competencies in English. This suggests that participation in a bilingual program by English-preferring "preschoolers can result in at least. the same level of gain that would be achieved in a Head Start program without a bilinguaz curriculum model.
b. One year in a bilingual curriculum may not be sufficlient for Spanish-preferring preschool children to reach the level of competency in English necessary to compete successfully with their English-praferring peers.

Spanish-preferring children with limited/no English ability at entry to the bilingual bicultural classrooms were able to make significant gains in English over similar comparison children. However,' their
$\therefore$ grammatical and functional competence in English was still limited at the end of the year in both their classroom and test performance. Given the relative success of the programs, it would be appropriate for ACYF' or other federal agencies to consider expanding a similar systematic
? bilingual bicultural curriculum development effort through second or third grade.
c. Bilingual preschool programs are especially effeclive for those children who enter the programs without measurable abilities in English.?
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Children with no demonstrated entry-level abilities in English made significant gains on a number of English constructs over the course of the Head Start year. The bilingual nature of the classroom provided: these children with -access to situations in which they could systematicalla practice English through structured interactions with teachers and peers. This suggests that the bilingual bicultural curriculum models may be especially effective in those situations where a majority of the children's practice outside the preschool is in spanish.

## 2. Methodological Implications

1 - In meeting the goals of the evaluation, number of methodological approaches were integrated in a variety of ways. The implications of the methodology may prove relevant to future evaluations or to bilingual research in general.
a. Cooperation between the evaluators and the curriculum developers can help ensure the relevance of the evaluation.

In an evaluation of this nature, scientific objectivity can only be achieved by defining and measuring the treatment process and then selecting and developing impact measures that reflect the goals of treatment. This was achieved by allowing instrument sglection and development to take place over the same, time period that the curriculum developers were preparing and piloting their curriculum packages. Impact measures and criteria were selected to reflect the developmental constructs that were emphasized by the models and the overall. Head Start objectives.
b. A combination of observational and test/interview approaches can increase the interpretability of evaluation findings.

In assessing the impact of bilingual bicultural efforts, it. is important that observational procedures be combined with tests/interviews. The natural istic observations permitted an investigation of the reasons for the treatment effects found in the analysis of test data. The use of an interactional analytic process in which information derived by quantitative methods was compared and contrasted to results gathered through qualitative means enabled a more specific and accurate interpretation of the complex interactions among the children, the teacher, and the task environments that were intended to prombte the curricular goals of the models being evaluated.

The information gathered on the implementation process allowed for systematic study of many issues. of concern to teacher trainers, - program staff, and policy. planners with attention to both program processes and outcomes. Sufficient information is supplied through the qualitative analysis to enable interested parties to determine which factors hinder or promote program implementation in different settings.
c. Observational studies of individual children can provide generalizable findings if a sufficient variety of cases is studied to determine common patterns.

As the findings of this s.tudy have shown, individual children re-: ceived different variations of the treatment. By selecting a sufficient number of subsample children with different entry-level characteristics at each site, it was possible to estimate the extent to which the treatments yielded a similar set of outcomes or nonoutcomes across different cases. The cons,istent patterns observed across all models for. each set of ehildren with similar attributes strengthen generalizations about the impact of bilingual preschool curpicula. Thus, in evaluations using observational techniques, especially those related to the linguistic. abilities of children, it would seem crucial that the sample be heterogeneous in the characteristics on which the treatment is predicted to, have an effect.
d. Qualitative anazsis permits an estimate of the effects of the treatment to be made in situations which preclude parametric statistical' analysis.

Observations made in situations where cell size was severely reduced, for example, in classrooms with very few English-preferring children, allowed an assessment of the effects of the treatment for such children to be made. The use of observational techniques are, therefore, extremely useful for providing information on individuals who possess different chlracteristics than those of the majority of a given population but do not exist in sufficient numbers to be examined through the use of parametric statistics.
e. An adequate assessment qf preschool language development requires measurement on a number of developmental constructs.

Study findings showed that the same children had different entrylevel abilities on different measures. Fully three fourths of those Spanish-preferring children who demonstrated'little/no English ability on the measures of language, acquisition and concept development at pretest scored above the minimum criterion on the test of English. comprehension. Thts sứggests that children who live in dual language environments have varying skill levels across different developmental constructs. Therefore, measurement across a vaniety of developmental constructs is more appropriate than the mevurement of a single construct."
f. Multiple quality control techniques are essential to large-scale observational data gathering. out In carrying out the evaluation, a series of activities was carried This to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the information collected. gatherers; providing fraining to the fieldworkers; closely superv isi the field operations; conducting parallel observations; constant monit ing of field reports (including weekly feedback to the fieldworkers and reorientation and retraining meetings); establishing a central data processing center to facilitate consistency of the data; developing standardized formats for accurate data recording; and developing a field manual to provide compon definitions, delineate role relationships, and specify ethical and confidentiality considerations. In monitoring a multisite evaluation effort which includes large-scale observational data collection $/ 2$ extensive quality control procedures should be a consideration if comparable data is a concern.,

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APPĖNDIX A
$\therefore$ OVERVIEW OF AN EVALUATION OF HEAD START CURRICULUM DEYELOPMENT PROJECT REPORTS

## -A $2-$ <br> OVERVIEW OF AN EVALUATION OF HEAD START CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REPORTS

A. list of the supporting documents produced for this study and a summary of their contents are presented below. ERIC reference numbers are included where appropriate.

Review and Recommendation for the Test Battery, July, 1978 presents the procedures used in selecting the standardized instruments, addresses the radical issues which guided the selection of the tests, lists the recommended tests and justification for their selection and discusses the process of test administration. ED190221

A Qualitative/Quantitative Data Gathering Approach, December, 1978 presents the rationale for the multimethod, data collection strategy and describes the various procedures utilized in the evaluation: participation researcher, naturalistic observations, teacher interviews, implementation checklists, time and event samples, etc. In addition, a discussion of data management and data analysis procedures is presented. The report also elaborates on the integration of psychometric and ethnographic data. ED190222

A Plan for the Pilot Study of Child and Parent Impact. Measures, December, 1978 contain's a description of the procedures used to pilot test the battery of impact instruments and a preliminary plan for their field testing with a sample of children from the evaluation sites. The latter discussion provides details on site contact, training of examTiers, and examination procedures.

Pilot Study Results of the Child Assessment Measures: June, 1979 reports the results of the plot testing of the impact instruments and recommends procedures fest administration including selecting and training of examiners, monitoring the testing, facilities, scheduling and order of testing. ED190219
Final Report of the Pilot Study Results and the Training of Fieldworkers for the Ethnographic/Observational Component: September, 1979 presents the results of the pilot testing of the qualitative techniques as well as the training'process for the fieldworkers. Included are the pilot. Ing of implementation checklists; time and event samples, ethnographic notetaking, coding, quality control, role management and policy and ethical matters. ED190230
Field Supervisor Observations and Quality Control of Ethnographic Data: December, 1979 describes, in detail, the qualitative data collection techniques and, dy scusses quality control procedures far the ethnographic data including the monitoring of field notes, parallel observations, the development of a field manual and the reorientation and retraining of fieldworkers. ED190220

Report of the Pretest Results and Posttest Analysis Plan for the Quantitative Component, February, 1980 presents an overview of the instruments, and data analysis procedures used in the pretest at the evaluation sites. It also includes a profile of the sample at each evaluation site and the results of the quantitative impact measures on children, parents and staff. ED190218; Appendices ED190223
Preliminary Repoŕt' on the Fietd-Supervissoris Spring Parallel Observations and Debriefing of Fieldworkers: July, 1980 reviews the data
... collection strategies, presents the results of the supervisor-fieldworker second set of parallel observations and describes the plan for debriefing. implementation and participant: researchers.

## CRITERIA FOR CALCULATING MEAN LENGTH OF UTTERANCE SCORES

Criteria for calculating MLU's were based on those of Brown (1973) and Chesterfield and Pêrez (1981). They are as follows: (1) Only fully ${ }^{\text {a }}$ transcríbed utterances are used; none with blanks. Portions of utterances, entered in parentheses to indicate doubtful transcription, are used. (2) All exact utterance repetitions are included. Stuttering is marked as repeated efforts at a single word; therefore the word is counted once in the most. complete form produced. In the few case where a word is produced for emphasis or the like (ng, no, no) each occurrence. is counted; such fillers as mm or oh are not counted, but no, yeah, hi, si, ese, or hola are counted. (3) All compound words (two or more free morphemes), proper names, and ritualized reduplications count as single words. Examples of these are birthday, rackety-boom; choo-choo, rompecabezas, abrelatas, cumpleaños. The justification is that there is no evidence that constituent morphemes function as such for these children. (4) All irregular past tenses of the 'verb (got, did, went, hice, fui, puse) are counted as one morpheme. The justification is that there is no evidence that the child relates these topresent tense forms. (5) All diminutives (doggie, perrita) are counted as one morpheme because these children do not seem to use the suffix productively. Dimunitives are the standard forms used by the child. (6) Auxiliaries. (is, have, can, puedo, ha, está) are counted as, separate morphemes, as are all catenatives: gonna, wanna, hafta. These latter count as single morphemes rather than as going to or want to because they apparently func-, tion so for the children. (7) All inflections are counted as separate morphemes; for example, possessive (-s), plural (-s), third person singular (-s), regular past (-d), progressive (ing).

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SPANISH PREFERRING CHILDREN, TREATMENT GROUP: COMPARISON HEAD.START



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APPENDIX D
INTERNAL CONSISTENCY RELIABILITYY COEFFICIENTS • 'FOR CHILD SCORING MEASURES, ACROSS AND BY treatinent grooup and language preference

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APPENDIX E

PRE- AND PQSTTEST CORRELATIONS AMONG CHILD MEASURES FOR SPANISH-PREFERRING AND ENGLISH-PREFERRING CHILDREN

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${ }^{1}$ Correlations above the main diagonal are for pretest measures ; those below it are for posttest measures.

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APPENDIX G
RELIABILITY COEFFICIENTS FOR SOME MOTHER INTERVIEW MEASURES ACROSS AND BY -TREATMENT CLASSIFICATION AT. PRE- AND POSTTEST



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PRE- AND POSTTEST CORRELATION • COEFFICIENTS ON FOURTEEN ITEMS OF THE INTERVIEWS OF SAMPLE MOTHERS.


- Upper right-hand triangle depicts correlations among measures at pretest
* Lower left-hand triangle depicts correlations among measures at posttest.

APPENDIX I
EXAMPLES OF FIELDNOTES AND CODING UNDERTAKEN DURING PARALLEL SUBSAMPLE OBSERVATIONS BY. FIELDWORKER AND FIELD HORK SUPERVISOR AT TWO SITES
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Time Context: Snack-time

$\qquad$ showing her glass to Herbert.
felipe $11: 33$ sits on the rug. glances at (Obs) and brusties back his hair with a brush while mouthing a few words. Angle says to him, "Felipe, tu tambien canta, He then sings loudly. When the song changes tot "La casita" he sings and fortes his index fingers fnto eaves as called for. 6.5.1 Similariy he makes the motions of waves vith his hands together with the other children while singing "suben y bajan las olas del mar." Fellipe auestions Angie "¿Todavia-van a hacer, verdad? He then moves forvard with the other thildren initating a frog or playing in the sand in response to a new song. He says something to Angie which begins.
5.3 MMiss Yo..." One of the kids asks for "Eiena la ballena" which is put on. Felipe Which is put part actively but-

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aide is in Sp. The teacher ige the group one of her own, "quienes son los que quieren leche?" Dians 5.1 responds "Yo." The teacher asks a question of another child in'Spanish while Oiana looks on. She then looks at Herbert at the next cable 5.7.2/5.7.10 and sings "! got illk, I got milk"

Diana - playing with paper ${ }^{\text {cups says }}$ got it" $i$ got..." then sings, "I got more than then sings, she looks you." ( $2 x$ ). She looks ai Armaceld who asks $T$ where the aide is in Sp. The teacher ige


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5.7.2/5.7.10. To Herbert

The child had been sarved snack. in a singing tone she sald, (erackers fuice milk) "I got it, I got..." "I got wore thin you." "I got thore than you" (she sald this several times). M.C. sald something in Spanish. she said, "Quienes son' los que quieren leche?". Diana said, "Yo"
" I got mitk, I got milk." She showed him her
gless. She observed Robin.

PR (NUEVAS FRONTERAS)
Felipe: 11:33, A.M. - I1:38 A.M.
Felipe: Felipe's on his knees singing. Angie tells him, "Felipe, tu tambien canta." He sings louder. chest and looking around. He has his hends clasped in irent of him. He looks at the giris to his left. He has his
5.1 hands behind his head and half yauns: he pushes his ears back the wrong way, 1 think, against his head. He makes a techo with his hands and sings "La casita." ha looks at tony hands and sings says, "Mira Robert." He puts 5.7.1/5.7.23. When the lattor says, "Mira Robert. the song ends. Ho says something. The next song is "Las olas
6.5.1 del mar." Felipe moves both hands and arms and then only one in imitation of the waves. He says something. He's not singing for a while and then begins again. He watchos his hand as he moves it. How he switches to his left hand. he sings. He apparently says that no le va a hacer, iverdad? ... He moves his hands and arme 5.3 - out on the rug like'the others initating a frog. I can't tell whether he's singing or not. He hits at Aviel and then sits back, not partidupating anywore. He's sitting on his knces. He rubs his chin as ane song ends, He saycis ${ }^{\circ}$
sitting on his knoes with his hands togather. He looks' towards the girls to the left again. He stings and then scratehes his neek and yauns. He puts his hands in his lap. He's not singjng now. Angie says, "Folipe, canta." He sings

MADJUSTED MEAN YALLES ON SELECTED COASTRUCTS FOR SPAMISH-PREFERRING EXPERIMENTAL HEAD START NDO COWPARISON CHILDREN GROUPED BY ENGEISH ENTRY LEVEL ABILITY AT EACH OF EIGHT SITES ${ }^{\prime}$


Key to Absroviations:
$S P_{1}=$ Spanish-preferring Group $_{1}$
$\mathrm{SP}_{2}=$ Spanish-preferring Group ${ }_{2}$.
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Children were grouped. by English entry level ability as follows: Spanish-preferring Group includes all children who showed little or no ability on the pretest measures (EMLU $=0$, PSIE $\leq 3$, ECOMP $\leq 3$ ). Spanish-preferrthg 6 ordup 2 includes all children who demonstrated some ability in English on the pretest measures (ExU $>0$, PSIE $>3$, ECOWP $>3$ ).

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APpendix $k$
COMPARISON OF OBSERVED PRACTICE IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF LANGUAGE, CONCEPT, AND SOOCIOEMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY ALL SUBSAMPLE CHILDREN FROM THE FIRṢTTO THE THIRD OBSERMTION PERIOD.

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FUNCTIONAL COMPETENCE
Description of Self
Description of Others
Description of Own Feelings
Telling of a Story/Event
Verbal Instruction
Diversification
COHCEPT DEYELOPMENT
Visual Discrimination
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Matching/Classificátion/. Grouping of Objects
Spatial and Time Relations
Symbolic Representation
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Overall
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## School readiness

## Self-Esteem

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| 46 |  | 53 |  | 9 |  | 68 |  |
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$1_{\text {Indicates }}$ the percentage of subsample children who increased the relative frequency. of practice ${ }^{-5}$ in an area from the first to the third observation period.

APPENDIX L

BACKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS

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APPENDIX M
BAĆKGROUND CHARACTERISTICS OF.SAMPLE TEACHERS



APPENDIX 0

COMPARISON OF OBSERVED PRACTICE WITH SPANISH AND ENGLISH by Subsample children ever three points in time

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ENGLISH-PREFERRING ( $\mathrm{N}=5$ )


COMPARISON OF OBSERVED PRACTICE WITH SPANISH BY. SUBSAMPLE CHILDREN OVER THREE POINTS IN TIME:

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## COMPARISON OF OBSERVED PRACTICE WITH SPANISH BY. SUBSAMPLE <br> CHILDREN OVER THREE POINTS IN TIME: <br> ALERTA ${ }^{1}$





SPAMISH-PREFERRIMG (MES)

## PGUUISTIC COMPETENCE

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Negative Form
Interrogative Form
Present Tense
Past Tense
Future Tense
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- Descríption of Others

Description of own Feelfings
.Telling of. a Story or Event

Verbal Instruction


EXGLISH-PREFERRIMG ( $\mathrm{K}=3$ )



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- RELAF́IVE FREqUENCY OF OBSERVED PRACTICE WITH LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES by individual sútample children over three points in time:


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by individual subsample children over three points in time:



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by individual subsample children over three points in time:
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COMPARISON OF OBSERVED PRACTICE WITH DIFFERENT AREAS OF CONCEPT. DEVELOPMENT BY SUBSAMPLE CHILDREN OVER THREE POINTS IN TIME



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## NUEVAS FRONTERAS I




## A. Un Marco Abierto

i. Sociocultural Environment

Both High/Scope sites were located in 甘ispanic enclaves of large metropolises. Un Harco Abierto-I lay about 12 miles east of the Los Angeles City Hall near the border of a section of the city known as East Los Angeles and the incorporated city of Montebello. - Un Marco Abierto II was found about two milles south of downtown Milwaukee in the area known as Hunter's Point.' Both areas were highly industrielized and characterized by factories and warehouses that lay principation along the major thoroughfares: Interspersed with the large buildings and predominating along most of the major streets were a series of bars, take-óut food stands, small restaurants, small markets, and comercial establishments such as auto repair. shops, laundromats, and dry goods stores. ';

Residential areas differed in the two locales. Those in Milwaukee were made up of apartment buildings and large houses converted into multiple family dwellings, all of which were contiguous to the commercial Zione's, whereas in East Los Angeles neighborhoods were demarcated by four-lane highways and consisted largely of single family dwellings with yards.: In both cities residential buildings or apart'ments were generally rented by the working-class residents.

A number 'of social services were available in each community and these agencies were staffed mainly by members of the local community. Community centers and church organizations provided services including adult English lessons, lunches fór sénior citizens, and legal advice for. community members.

The ethnic composition of the communities reflected an increase of Spanish surnamed families over the last few years. In East Los Angeles, although Hispanics, primarily of Méxican descent, had been the largest ethnic group in the area since the 1950s, at one time there were also large concentrations of dapanese and Anglos in the community. By 1960, however, approximately $63 \%$ of the area's population was Spanish-surnamed and that fígure had increased to $82 \%$ by 1970. A strong sense of ethnic fride also developed in recent years among East Los Angeles Hispanics. This was translated into greater political awareness and a demand for better social services and skilled employment.

Approximately $75 \%$ of $\$$ he population in the Hunter's Point area of Miliwaukee was censidered Hispanic: In contrast to the almost entirely Mexican ethnfcity of the East Los Angeles population, two major" ethnic groups were represented in the Hispanic population of Milwaukee. Mexicans, who began migrating to the area as, early as the 1920 s , made up approx imately $65 \%$ of the total, and Puerto Ricans, who began settling, in the area after the Second World flar, totaled about $35 \%$
of the population: Both groups came originally to the area to work in the tanineries. Competition for the same jobs; as well as ethnic differences, led to some animosity between these two groups. The area's Mexicans were numerically superior and more politically active. They tended to dominate formal organizations. Despite such efforts to set. themselves apart from their fellow Hispanics, all Spanish'surnamed ethnic) groups tended to view bilingualism as an asset and prided themselyes on their ethnic heritage.

## 2. Administration

Each site was supervised by an agency located about a mile from. the Head Start campus. In East Los Angeles, the agency coordinated administrative tasks; medical and social services, parent participation, teacher training, and supervision for nine Head Start centers. Following Head Start gifidelines, 'these offices 'prowided a parent coz ordinator, health care worker', social worker, special education for: children with developmental handicaps, and monthly parent workshops on issues related to children's learning skill's and social developmant. All Head Start-related services were administered from the Head Start center (parent meetings, teacher in-services, etc.), and all. personnel such as the social worker, parent coordinator, and Head Start director had offices in the center.

Themilwaukee agency, on the other hand, was'responsible' for providing social services to the Hispanic community at large and therefore devoted only a fraction of its resources to Head Start. Funding for the Head Start program at Site II, however, was channeled to this agency through another conmunity development office.

The responsibilities of the directors (both Hispanics) at the two High/Scope sites differed considerably. Both had administrative duties related to policy and funding (e.g., writing proposals), but in East Los Angeles teacher's worked directly with the teacher supervisor who evaluated their performance and responded to the ir class-*. room needs.. Because the director was not physically preseft at the school on a day-to-day basis, the teachers had a.considerable amount of freedom and responsibility for running the program themselves: Mos̀t hiring decisions., especially of assistant teachers, were made in consplatation with teachers and their recomnendations were given important consideration.

In Milwaukee, the Head Start director workjng directly on site supervised teachers, making frequent classroom observations and arranging. teacher interviews. All hiring of staff members, salayy negotiations, and distribution of funds were made through theyadministration on consideration of the director's recommendation.

Both directors"were supportiye of the High/Scope curriculum." The California director welcomed the experimental program, seeing it as an
opportunity that would bring the agency national recognition for being one of the first sites to implement the model. He was also enthiusiastic about. getting new training for the teachers and hoped they would be able to help disseminate the model to other sites in the agency.

The Head Start director in Milwaukee cooperated fully with the High/Scope trainer and tried to assis't teachers when they had problems understanding the teacher's guide. . She did, however, express doubts as to the effectiveness of the curriculum, seeing it as too difficult for the teachers and not structured to ensure formal concept development.

## 3. Head Start Settings

The two sites differed in terms of the physical plant. The school at Site I consisted of. a prefabricated portable structure, whife the school'ât Site'II was housed in ancold stône church divided into three floors. The large rectangular area-m East Los Angeles ( $40^{\prime} . \times 30^{\prime}$ ) was partitioned to provide for a single classroom with tables where children both ate" and worked; small kitchen alcove with a'compact sink, stove, and microwave gen for preparing meals; and a small office area where teachers had one.desk in common for preparing lesson'plans and paperwork. Closets and hathrooms were located along the east walls. The Milwaukee site offered three classrooms, offices for the direnctor and social workers, auxiliary kitchen, cafeteria, a teachers' lounge; and severàl large empty rooms used by visiting medical staff or by the children when it was too cold to go outside.

Both sites had large playgrounds complete, with asphalted, sandy; and grassy areas. Both offered a variety of equipment designed to aid in large muscie development (slides, tricycles; wagons, jungie * gyms, and treehouses). The Califorfia site seemed better arranged to elicit fantasy play from children as the.playground contained a boat, a bridge swinging between two ladders, and ax variety of pla'stic boxes, buckets, and tools. Warm weather permitted the East Los Angeles children to utilize their playground mere frequently, than did Milwaukee children.

Fifteen children in eachoof tfie Site i classes attended for four hours a day, four däys a week. Two classes were held in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each class had one teacher and one assistant teacher. The two morning classes ofccupied the room at the same time, forming one large class of 30 children with four adult staff.. In the afternoon there were $15^{\circ}$ children and two staff members. In each class, the teacher and assistant teacher were assigned seven or eight children at a table for meals, planning, recall, and small group activities. During the rest of the time, children were integrated and had access to all the adults and children in the room. :

At Site. II, teachers taught double sessions of approximately three hours each, four days a week. Two of the classes observed in this evaluation were held in the morning and one in the afternoon. The approximately 15 children per class worked with a teaching team of one teacher and one or two aides. As in East Los: Angeles, teachers or aides were assigned five to seven children to a table for most - of the daily activities. While East LOs Angeles teachers were provided more free time for planning and child evaluation, they also had responsibility for daily maintenance of the school and took turns sweeping, mopping, and cleaning the bathrooms during children's rest time in both the morning and the afternoon sessions. At Site II, teachers had only to keep their rooms in order while two janitors took care of school maintenance.

Children attending both the experimental and control schools in .East Los Angeles lived in surrounding neighborhoods and therefore walked to the centers accompanied by parents or siblings. In contras st, $80 \%$ of the children attending Head Start at the Milwaukee site werfe bused.

## B. AMANECER

1. Sociocultural Environment

The two. South Texas cities of Corpus Christi and Laredo served as the testing grounds for the AMANECER curriculum model. Both 10cales had a large population of Hispanics and both were hubs of transit networks for. South Texas, although neither was a major urban center:

XMANECER I was lócated in Córpus̀ Christi, a coastal city with a population of over 200,000. At the time of the 1970 census, $53 \%$ of the city's 204,525 population was White, $40.6 \%$ was Spanish-language or sưrname, and $5.1 \%$ was Black. The large Hispanic population and Spanish language media developed to meet the needs of that group made it a city which linguistically approached being bilingual, although English.continued to be the majority language. Its diverse economic base included shipping, agriculture, tourism, the oil and petrochemical industries, and fishing. Hispanics were concentrated in the service industries offering relatively low wages. They tended to live in the low-income housing in the south and west sides of the city which surrounded the sprawling seaside residences of the higher income families.

AMANECER II was located in Laredo, a city of over 70,000 which was situated adjacent the Mexican border. It had as its economic base tourism and ranching. The city was situated on the Pan-Anerican Highway and Feceived much of the American and Mexican tourist. traffic that went, both north and south of the border, Geared to this flow of. tpurists, many of the area's inhabitants, of which $86 \%$ are Hispaics,
were employed in various seryice-oriented businesses, such as restaurants, motels/hotels, and retail stores, which were strung out along the highway. Many residential areas were characterized by pockmarked dirt roads and clapboard houses. Informants described the area as ectomically depressed and the available jobs as low skilled r and low paying. Because of the city's close proximity to the U.S.-Mexican border and the high proportion of Hispanic inhabitants, the use of Spanish as a medium of communication and commerce was common,

The Head Start centers themselves at both replication sites were located in areas separated from the máin residential or commercial areas of the city. AMANECER I, whiche bis surrounded by pastures, utilized the physical plant of a former Catholic high school. The center at Laredo was situated on a former military base on the outskirts of town, near the airport. Thus neither of the centers was truly neighborhood based,

## 2. Administration

The AMANECER sites were both administered by local community action agencies located at.a distance from the ${ }^{\wedge}$ Head Start centers. Hithin such agencies responsibilities for the centers fell to the Head Start project directors and the educational coordinator in the case of AMANECER I and the codirector and acting AMANECER coordinator in the case of AMANECER II. .

The educational coordinator and a curriculum specialist were housed at Site I and hàd more direct interaction with the staff than the Head Start director. The educational coordinator was viewed as the key in the decision making process by staff members who often provided input aimed at affecting his decisions.

Both sites had governance-board structures which allowed for community input. At AMANECER I, staff hiring was conducted through public announcement. Applicants were first interviewed by the educational coordinator and the Head Start director. These individuals submitted the names of recommended candidates to the policy council who approved or rejected the applicants.

At AMANECER II, community input' was enacted by means of the Parental Screening Committee which included a group df Head Start parents: This compittee was responsible for approving the hiring, of Head Start teaching staff. .

Site II housed'only the social workers and classrooms. The Head Start director and AMANECER coordinator were situated at the central Community Action Program offices. The director was seldom directly invoived with the site as the coordinator was responsible for most of the direct interactions with AMANECER II.

Both sites had head teachers charged with making day-to-day decisions. However, AMANECER I lost its original head țeacher in November and her replacement in January, and no head teacher was designated after that. At Site II, a single head teacher was responsible for daily decisions throughout the year. Individual teachers, ever, were fairly autonomous within their own classrooms.

Staff recruitment for the demonstration project provides a good example of the decision-making process at both sites. Teachers at AMANECER I stated that the coordinator approached them with the information that they would be taking part in the implementation of a new curriculum model. . The teaghers and aides implied they had had no choice in partictpating in the ©́roject. At AMANECER II, the coordinator, a model supporter, also made the choice of teachers, aides, and classrooms for the model's implementation.

## 3. Head Start Settings

The isolation of the Head Start centers led to situations that may be atypical of many Head Start popułations. Unlike neighborhoodbased Head Start centers, the sites recruited stifdents from throughout the city. Because there were. few potential families in the immediate area, the majority of the children were bused or driven to the sites.

The building at Site I was part of an old high schoot, which had not been used since 1972 when it was closed due toclining enrollment. The Head Start project used a two-story, yellow-brick building with its adjacent playground and the kitchen facilities of a redbrick building across from the outside play area. Initially, the $150^{\prime}$ by $75^{\prime}$ playground area had no equipment. Parents later set up swings, slides, and other structures provided by the Head Start center with money, raised by pareits the previous years.

The center at AMANECER I I was housed in former barracks of a military base: This barifing had been renovated to accommodate the teachers and children. the building was divided into two sections. Section A housed the main office where the social worker and health aide had their offices. Adjacent to the office were two large classrooms. Section B of the center was located directly*across from Section A. The two sections were separated by alarge rectangular playground which had a variety of equipment for child use, such as swings, slides, jungle gym sets, a merry-go-round, and small metal ponies for riding. Section. $B$ housed the classrooms implementing the AMANECER curriculum. All of the classrooms in this section were-extremely small.

AMANECER I was a full-day care center which opened at 8:00 A.M. and ran until 2:30 P.M. Teachers, had a scheduled planning session between 2:30 and 4:00 P.M. AMANECER II was a full-time' extended day
care center open from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P, M. The sites' activities included a food service program for (1) breakfast/snack, (2) lunch, and (3) afternoon snack. Eating time took approximately two hours. The, small size of the rooms was a special problem during nap, time when teacher's set out individual cots. on the room's floor. As the children were closely. packed together, the nonsleepers found it easy to disturb the sleeping children.
C. ALERTA

1. . Sociocultural Environment

The two ALERTA replication sites were in areas of New York City with predominantly Hispanic and Black populations. ALERTAF was located in South Bronx., an area where an advanced state of physical deterioration and massive population displacement were evident. Although there was a section of renovated townhouses near the ALERTA I center, most of the area was characterized by the skeletons of abandoned, gutted buildings. ALERTA II was situated in the Lower East Side of Manhattan, an area of red-brick tenements in various stages of disrepair and several large housing projects along the East River. In the immediate area of the Head Start center there were relatively fewer destroyed buildings and consequently-more people in the streets and a greater amount of conmerciaf activity than near the South Bronx center.

In both locales, residents rented the apartments in which they liyed. The generally tight housing market in the city was exacerbated in these areas by the deterioration of edifices, although renovation efforts and cooperative management were making available some additional living quarters, Commercial establishments, which were genera`ly small, included fruit and vegetable stores, restaurants, ethnic food stands, and retail outlets. There were a number of churches of different denominetions in both communities, Social clubs were in evidence along with human services agencies that included government, legal aid, and self-help organizations. Unemployment and underemployment were high in bath areas. One result of this appeared to be increasing political awareness and concern for community edudation and, in some cases, growing unity across ethnic lines in the face of shared.crime and economic problems.

Great multicultural diyersity characterized both communities. Puerto Ricans had been the largest ethnic group in both. areas since the 1950 s , and comprised about $60-70 \%$ of all residents. More recent immigrants included Dominicans, West Indians, and South and Central Americans. About $30 \%$ of the population was Black. In addition, Eastern European, Jewish.: Chinese, and Italian enclaves were found in sections of the Lower East Side near the Head Start center.

BBoth Spanish and English were common as the languages of conversation, place names, and reading matter in the two communities. Language mixing and dialectical differences wére in evidence. People had considerable pride in their cultural heritage, but feelings about bilingual education węre mixed. Spanish speakers maintained a desire that their children also learn Spanish, but voiced the importance of children learning English in school to achieve greater economic security in a generally, English-dominant metropolis.

## 2. Administration

Each center had its own administrative staff with affices on the premises. In addition to a director, a parent coordinator, secretaries, custodian, and kitchem staff, both sites also had fami$l y$ workers for each classroom and an education director. Because the principal function of poth directors was to connect the center to supportive resources; fincluding funding sources and social services like medical facilities, city-based children's programs, and publice schools, the directors were not always present on a daily basis.- At neither site were the directors closely involved in most - curriculum-related decisions. In general, they both supported, the multicultural, emphasis of the ALERTA model as well as its bilingual design.

The major link between the model developers and the Head Start centers was the education directors. In addition to coordinating the functioning of the teaching staff, these individuals were re- .source persons who helped work out questions raised about model aims and activities. The education directors at bath sites viewed the -ALERTA curriculum favorably. In addition; each class had a family worker' who was the primary channel through which community and family influences vere transmitted to the classroom. Their presence facilitated ALERTA's aim for continuity between home and class room. ALERTA I also had a health coordinator, while family workers took on health education and preventive care functions at ALERTA II.

All staff members had'an input into the program through partici-. pation in different forums. At Site I, biweekly educational planning meetings were held for the education staff, monthly classroom committee meetings for most staff and parents, and monthly in-service sessions by the model developers for the entire staff. At Site II, educational planning meetings were conducted weekly along with weekly meetings of, the full staff. Daily and weekly plans were presented for discussion at the staff meetings, facilitating the coordination of activities across classrooms and enhancing the integration between particular goals and objectives. However, in-service training was rare, especially in the early part of the year. At both sites, the nonteaching staff also contributed to the curriculum through participation intpecial activities and cooking ethnic foods.

## 3, Head Start Settings

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The two ALERTA replication sites were located in basements of churches. Both centers had two rectangular classrooms separated by a hallway, as well as administrative offices, a parents room, closets, kitchen, and bathroom. Space limitations made for some crowding, but classrooms' at both sites had most of the learning centers specified the model. Some of these were partitioned by furniture and shetxing, For large-muscle exercise, ALERTA I used an upstairs gymnasium and a nearby playgraund, while ALERTA II'. used a hardwood-floor assembly hall and asphalt-covered yard in addition to a nearby playground.

- At both sites, classes of 17 to 18 children met for three-hou sessions, five days a week. Two teacher-aide pairs each conducted a morning and an afternoon class at ALERTA I. Three of these classes were the subject of the current evaluation. The same teacher and aide conducted a morning and an afternoon experimental class at ALERTA II, while another pair taught two classes of three=year -olds.

Classes at both sites followed a daily routine in which particular new activities were" scheduled for each day. Teachers at ALERTA I alternated language groupings day by day, posted their lesson plans in the hallway, specified English and Spanish vocabulary words for each week, and delineated daily objectives for large group, art, story, outdoor, and language group times. Teachers at ALERTA II int frequently conducted language groupings, did not post their lesson plans, formulated mécé general goals and objectives, and maintained a more flexible routine;

Children attending both ALERTA centers proportionately represented community ethnic and linguistic ratios. All lived within walking distance of school and were accompanied by parents (primarily mothers), siblings, grandparents, or other caretakers. Often Jate parent arrival with children or:early pick-up of children resulted in the shortening or curtailment of activities, particularly at ALERTA II, More parents stayed to socialize at ALERTA I, but few at either site actually participated in classroom activities.

## D. Nuevas Fronteras

1. Sociocultural Environment

Both Nuevas Fronteras replication sites were located in semis rural communities. Nuevas Fronteras I was located in Rio Grande City, a town of about 6,000 residents lying along the Rio Grande River about halfway between Brownsville and Laredo. Some long-term residents claimed descent from. the original Spanish land-grant hold-. ers who founded the community as a ranching settlement. The semiarid
countryside of mesquite cover and roilieg hills continued to sup-a port cattle ranching, while large corporate farms along the river produced irrigated crops of melons, peppers, onions, and cotton. Although oil was produced since the early part of the century and agribusiness employed. people on corporate farms and in packing sheds, economic opportunities in the area were generally limited. Ünemployment.and underemployment ranged as high as $40 \%$, and many residents were forced to look elsewhere for employment.

The Nuevas Fronteras II site was located in Corona, a rapid growing community of 35,000 in Southern "California. Like site irrigation had transformed part of this warm and dry region into a productive agricuitural zone. Large citrus ranches were a major employer in the area, seasonally hiring large numbers of agricultural workers as fruit pickers. However, proximity to Los Angeles, good climate, and availability of land and recreational facilities encouraged considérable growth and development in recent years. Construction, light industry, and food processing provided some diversification of the local economic base. Like Nuevas Frontelas I, however, there did not exist within the community a great potential for occupational mobility.

Generally, few social services were available’at Nuevas. Fronteras I because of its small size and rural location. There were some state and federally funded programs and church-sponsored activitigs, in addition to the recreational activities of football, dances, and bingo. Community activities at Nuevas Fronteras II were sponsored by the public school system, several churches, private organizations, and city and federal programs, while recreational avenuess included theaters, parks, a new public library; and nearby aquatic and mountain sport locations. At both sites, the Head Start children tended to reside in small clapboard frame houses in low-income neighborhoods of the community.

The great majority of residents at Site I were Mexican American ( $80-95 \%$ ) or Mexican (about 10\%). The principal language of the community was Spanish; $93.63 \%$ of county residents identified that lan. guage as their mother tongue according to the 1970 census. Many aspects of Mexican curture persisted through Spanish language TV and radio programs originating. in Mexico and through visits back and forth across the border. The afficial language of the community, however, was English. English was the sole language heard in the classrooms prior to the advent of biringual education, only English-. language reading material was available locally, and business was igenerally transacted in English.' The peculiar geographic and guistic characteristics of the community were also reflected in a self-identity in which an individual described him- or herself as "Mexican"s when speaking in relation to people in other, parts of the country and as "American" or "Texan" when referring to Mexico or recent immigrants from Mexico.

Hispanics dominated the social, political, and economic life of the community. Those families who qualified for Head Start, however; were concentrated at the lower end of the economic scale in farm occupations and service industries.

Roughly half of the population of the Nuevas Fronteras 'II community was Anglo and half was Hispanic. The Hispanics were primari--ly Mexican Americans, although Mexican-born individuals were "also present. Most. Hispanics worked in ${ }^{\text {farm, }}$, canning, and factory jobs rather than in white-collar or service positions. Recent arrivals from Mexico were more heavily represented among citrus workers. Longer-term Hispanic residents tended to be second- or thịd-generation immigrants, from other parts of the-fquthwest. Even for most of the Hispanic residents, the dominant language was English and informants expressed little identification with Mexjco.

## 2. Administration $=$

At' Site I, all Head Start functions except the mjgrant programs: were directed by a Head Start director in conjunction with a local Community Action Ágency. This agency provided support to 10 classrooms. Nine of the classrooms, including those implementing the model, were under the direction of a Head Start coordinator.

Site 11 was also housed in an elementary school which was part of a local school district. At the center, teachers ordered supplies in conjunction with a Head Start secretary, who also coórdinated meetings with parents. A Head Start director, hired the previous year by the local school district, was ostensibly in charge of the preschonl program. . However, she was concerned primarily with her responsibilities as principal of the elementary school housing the Head Start program ind with generatirg funding and thelefore rarely had time to visit the Head Stert classrooms.

The Nuevas Fronteras modêl received different degrees of administrative support af the two sites. At the Rio Grande site, administrators supported the model and felt that it had relevance to local needs. At the Southern Cajifornia center, on the other, hand, the director had had no input into the selection of the Head Start replication site for the Nuevas Fronteras curriculum. She expressed ambivalence about bilingual education in general and was uncommitted to the bilingual bicultural aims of the model.

## 3. Head Start Settings

The two Nuevas Fronteras replication sites were each housed in three classrooms on the grounds of a public elementary school. At Site I, the Head Start classrooms were located in a prefabricated ${ }^{*}$ building, while the Site II experimental classrooms were in a rear wing of the elementary school complex. Each site had an adjacent•dirt
and grass playground containing climbing, swinging, and stiding equipment, and Site II had a separate H/A Start office on the grounds. Relations between the Head Start teachers and the elementary school staff at both sites were negligible,

Classrooms at both replication sites were spacious, well illuminated, and relatively uncluttered by furniture. Colorful, materials including prominently displayed children's work labeled by teachers to match class curriculum themes, lined the walls. Organization was similar across. classrooms in each site. At Nuevas Frontergas I each foom contàined a sink, drinking fountain, and a bathroom in addition to learning centers that correspanded to model guiderine : large group/music, fantasy, math, art, smaM group, book, biock, yand discovery/stience. areas. The'same areas, with the excation. of math,. a were found at Nuevas Fronteras II, However, Datroumaigilities wionin the classroom were lacking at this, site:

Class size and daily schedules differed at the two sittene at Site $\cdot I$, the 19 children in each class met for a full-day (6-1\%4 hour) session, five days a week. By comparison, the 16 children in ejach of the Nuevas Fronteras II classrooms met for three hours in the morning, five days a week. Within each site the teacher and aide in-each class followed a similar routine of daily activities and coordinated planning to the extent that the same curriculum units were covered at the same time.

The composition of children at the Texas site reflected and language patterns of the community as all of the children were Hispanic and all but three Spanishspreferring; About two thirds of the students in Site II experimental classes were Hispanic, but: English-speaking children predominated. Most children at both sites were bused. Approximately equal numbers of boys and girls were recruited into both programs, but a sex imbalance was observable in certain, classes at each site. Because of the generally mild weather. in both areas and the provision of tranisportation, children attended regularly at both sites, averaging over $80 \%$ attendance in all classses during the ye.


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ correlations above the main diagonal are for pretest measures; those below it are for posttest measures.

[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ percentage totals may. not equal 1003 due to rounding.

