

Big Sandy Area C.A.P., Inc. – HEAD START
Program Policies and Procedures

Community Partnerships

POLICY:

Head Start will take an active role in community planning to encourage strong communication, cooperation, and in sharing of information among agencies to improve the delivery of services to children and families in accordance with the agencies' confidentiality policies.

This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1302.45, 1302.53

PROCEDURE:

1. The grantee and delegate agencies will establish or enhance collaborative relationships within the Big Sandy service area. The partnership include, but not limited to:
 - a. Health care providers;
 - b. Mental health agencies/providers;
 - c. Nutrition service providers;
 - d. Individuals and agencies that provide services to children with disabilities and their families;
 - e. Family preservation and support services;
 - f. Child protection services and other agencies working for the prevention of child abuse and neglect;
 - g. Local schools and other educational institutions for children and families;
 - h. Providers of child care services;
 - i. Other organizations or businesses that may provide support and/or resources to families.
2. The program will encourage volunteers from the children's families as well as in the community. Community leaders are invited to visit/observe classrooms.
3. To enable the effective participation of children with disabilities and their families, Head Start makes specific efforts to develop interagency agreements with Local Education Agencies (LEA's) and other agencies within the program's service area.

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