

Parent Participation in Transition of Children

POLICY:

The program will assist parents in becoming their child's advocate as they transition into Head Start and from Head Start to kindergarten or the next educational setting.

This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1302.71, 1302.72

PROCEDURE:

1. Parents will be involved in the transition of their child from home or other setting into the Head Start program.
2. Activities will include parent orientation meetings and materials which will provide information on all services available through the program.
3. Parents will also be given opportunities to visit the center/classroom to learn more about the program before the child begins to attend.
4. Staff will work to prepare parents to become their children's advocate in transition periods through parent meetings, staff-parent conferences and home visits. These activities/discussions will enable parents to understand their child's progress while in the Head Start program and what to expect in public school or the next educational setting.
5. To promote the continued involvement of Head Start parents in the education and development of their children upon transition to school, the program will;
 - (a) Provide education and training to prepare parents to exercise their rights and responsibilities concerning their children.
 - (b) Provide activities which assist parents to communicate with teachers and other school personnel so they can participate in decisions related to their children's education.