

## Community Partnerships and Coordination Policy

Arrowhead Head Start will take an active role in the community to advocate for the needs of low-income families and their young children. Managers are required to be involved with at least one early childhood related organization as a board member or part of regular and on-going planning. Such services may be related to health, education, safety, county/state support, or other entities providing services for children and families.

Arrowhead Head Start will establish formal partnerships with shared service providers (such as Individual school districts, dental services, and mental health providers) to promote inclusion and seamless transition to outside services (in accordance with confidentiality requirements). These formal partnerships will include memorandums of Understanding, agreements or contracts that ensure the requirements of both parties are met. Such documents will be reviewed regularly.

Arrowhead Head Start will work with other education-related entities to provide data as requested. Data may be shared to the state education system, Minnesota Head Start Association, and other programs.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 1302.53.

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