Coordination of Disabilities, Health, Education Services Policy

The disabilities, health, mental health, and education services components work together to coordinate services.

Procedure:

- 1. Managers work closely together in the assessment process and follow up to assure that the special needs of each child with disabilities is met. (*see* Child Assessment Process Policy/Procedure)
- 2. There is coordination between the consultant's and Disabilities and Mental Health Managers to help staff identify children who show signs of problems such as possible serious depression, withdrawal, anxiety, or abuse.
- 3. The Health Manager ensures the administration of all medications, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs to children with disabilities is in accordance with State and Head Start Performance Standards. (*see* Medication Administration Policy/Procedure)
- 4. Head Start staff under the supervision of the Health Manager or designee is responsible for following the doctor's instructions and parental consent on file.
- 5. Health, nutrition, mental health, and developmental data are included at the annual staffings on each child. (*see* Individualization of Program Policy/Procedure)

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1304.21, 1308.6

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