

## **Family Partnership Services Policy**

Family service staff will develop cooperative relationships with families that allow for assessments of their strengths/needs and promote parent/guardian goal setting, crisis assistance and parent education.

Family service staff are required to complete the Family Service Credential Training in order to develop and strengthen the skills necessary to work with families from diverse backgrounds and economic status. Family support begins at the time of application and continues throughout their enrollment in Head Start.

Family partnership and assessment efforts happen throughout the year, as driven by the family. However, prescribed check-ins on these activities are set to happen three times per year.

COVID19 Considerations: During pandemic restrictions and intermittent crises, family service staff may work with families virtually or by phone to monitor and address family needs.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 1302.52

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