

Services for Children and Families Whose Primary Language is other than English

Procedure

Parents will inform Head Start staff of their primary language through the enrollment process. If there are no family or friend volunteers available to assist with interpreting for the family, we will arrange for appropriate interpretation services at no cost to the parent/caregiver.

Head Start Teaching Staff will provide for the development of cognitive and language skills for all children by planning for and implementing a language rich environment that is representative of the cultures and interest of the enrolled children.

Planned activities will include opportunities for experimentation, inquiry, observation, play, and exploration.

Opportunities for creative self-expression, interactions and language use with peers and adults, and emergent literacy and numeracy development will be documented in weekly lesson plans and supported by the curriculum.

Lesson plans will support the continuing development of the child's home language and support the child's acquisition of the English Language at home and in the classroom, and will be inclusive of children with disabilities