Parent Involvement in Community Advocacy  
Policy/Procedure

Actively involve parents in advocacy and activities with other community members which will help to develop self-esteem and leadership skills.

Policy/Procedure:
- Provide parents with information about the roles and functions of Parent Meetings, Policy Council, and Parent Advisory Committees.
- Encourage parents to actively participate within these groups, which will provide opportunities for developing confidence and skills in addition to establishing a process of integrated parent involvement.
- Provide parents with a community resource list (At Your Fingertips) so that parents will be aware of available services within their community.
- Parents may be assisted in participation of these events with childcare and mileage reimbursements.
- Program Managers will monitor sites to review parent participation in all program activities.
- Parents have the opportunity for organized state advocacy.
- Parents have the opportunity to represent Head Start on the Agency governing board.
- Parents are made aware through Policy Council of the opportunity to participate in the state Head Start Association.

This policy complies with Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1304.40.

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