

NESD Head Start Family Orientation Guidelines

Families will have the opportunity to meet their child’s teachers, tour the center, and meet other staff.

The orientation may be done to some extent “site specific”: Unit Staff / Education & Family Service Coordinators will determine what format best meets the needs of their site.

- Time Frame approximately 1 hour

- Examples

- *A day prior to the first child contact day:

- Parents/children can be split up into small groups (i.e. Half of the AM class come at 9:00-10:00, other half come at 10:30 – 11:30)

OR

- *A night prior to the first child contact day

- All parents /children attend (i.e. 6:30-7:30)

- All staff must attend and will be allowed to flex their hours for that day (if your center chooses to do it in the evening) – talk to your Education Coordinator ahead of time.
- Snacks/meals will not be served.
- Bus transportation will not be provided – but if families need help with transportation, FSC/EC can help with arrangements.
- Parents must attend with their children.
- An attendance sheet needs to be filled out by parents

- Ideas of What to Cover:

- *Introduce All Staff

- *Menus/Mealtimes/Special Diets

- *Daily Schedule

- *Bus Routes

- *Interest Areas in Classroom

- *Encourage Volunteering/In-Kind

Specifics for Our Site: (i.e. Dual Language Learners, Collaboration Sites (contact their principals), Transportation – Bus drivers from Rideline, Aberdeen come to talk to parents, etc.)
