

**NESD Head Start**  
**CENTER AGREEMENT OF SUPPORT**

We are pleased that you are a part of a CENTER unit in our Head Start Program. Because of your importance and the importance of the program, it is necessary to explain carefully what your involvement will mean, both in terms of what you will receive and what will be expected of you. We do this in order to best support your child's development, meet your family and child's needs, and provide the best services we can for both you and your child on your path for family success and school readiness.

(Child's  
Name):

**Parents/Guardians will make the following commitments for their child,**

1. **Be engaged in my child's education experience.** Studies show that active and regular parent participation in children's education provides the most effective results for school readiness (we ask that you check your child's backpack, ask them about their day, keep in contact with your child's teacher)
2. **Make every effort to have my child attend regularly.** Regular attendance is the only way we can guarantee your child get all of the many benefits of activities and socialization with other children (have them ride our bus service or bring them in regularly).
3. **Keep the center up to date on any family changes.** In order to effectively serve your child and family – please keep us up to date on changes in phone number, address, family situations, etc.
4. **Contact the center well in advance of schedule changes.** We ask that you turn off distractions (i.e. TV, cell phone, tablets, etc.), unless an emergency, in order to most effectively use the time allotted.
5. **Be actively engaged during drop off/pick up, conference and home visits.** These are great opportunities to communicate with your child's teacher and make a connection with your child – please make every effort to be present and turn off all distractions – i.e. cell phones, TV, etc.
6. **Make every effort to complete follow-ups.** All aspects of your child's development are important: we ask that you complete dental and physical exams and follow-ups, medical and educational referral appointments and submit the paperwork to Head Start for your child's file. If you ever have questions about any of these, please ask.
7. **Agree to have occasional guests accompany my teacher to observe a conference/ home visit.** This would be for screening, mentoring of the teacher or monitoring of standards.

**Head Start will make the following commitments:**

1. **Provide 4 days, 3 ½ hours each of quality comprehensive services.** We provide activities that cover all areas of your child's development to further their skills for school readiness.
2. **Provide development and health screening .** Our program will provide developmental, behavioral, hearing, vision and growth screenings and refer you for further assessments, if needed.
3. **Provide access to counseling services arranged by the program .** We can provide resources and connect you and/or your child with any counseling services that may be needed/requested.
4. **Provide a variety of learning experiences .** We will sponsor experiences such as; food demonstrations, crafts, educational lectures, field trips, classes, parent/child activities, etc. , with your input – to provide more learning opportunities and parent/child interactions.
5. **Provide opportunities for you, as a parent, to grow and network with other families .** We will provide parent training, in the form of speakers, written information, resources and provide opportunities for you to network and learn from other area parents on topics that are of interest to everyone.
6. **Provide information and assistance in obtaining services .** We will give you information and assist you in obtaining services from local agencies; supplemental food, food stamps, mental health clinics, speech therapy, etc.
7. **Provide information on health and nutrition .** We will give you health and nutrition information relevant to your child and family.

By your signature, your family and the Center Program agree  
to the above statements and devote joint efforts in supporting each other.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_