

NESD Head Start
HOME BASE AGREEMENT OF SUPPORT

We are pleased that you are a part of a HOME BASE unit in our Head Start Home Base 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 the primary teacher of my child(ren).** Since Home Base is a family/parent program, your home visitor will work primarily with you, the parent.
2. **Make every effort to commit to and be home for weekly 1 ½ hour home visits.** Studies show that active and regular parent participation in children's education provides the most effective results for school readiness.
3. **Make every effort to follow-through during the week with chosen educational activities.** In order to effectively teach your children, follow-through is key.
4. **Be actively engaged during the home visit and group socialization.** 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. **Attend group socialization/parent meetings with my child.** This will be your child's opportunity for a classroom experience / socialization and your opportunity for education and networking with other parents/families.
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 home visitor to observe a visit.** This would be for screening, mentoring of the home visitor or monitoring of standards and you would be notified in advance.

Head Start will make the following commitments:

1. **Allow you to be the primary teacher of your child(ren).** Our goal is to provide you with information, materials and support to be the best teacher for your child.
2. **Provide a 1 ½ hour weekly home visit.** We will share research, ideas, materials and resources on how to teach your child(ren); share how to assess your child's developmental progress; and plan for even further development and school readiness.
3. **Provide development and health screening .** Our program will provide developmental, behavioral, hearing, vision and growth screenings and refer you for further assessments, if needed.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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 Home Base Program agree
to the above statements and devote joint efforts in supporting each other.

Parent: _____

Home Visitor: _____