



Center Agreement of Support

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

We ask that you, as the parent or guardian, make the following commitments:

- **Be engaged in your child's education experience.** Studies show that active, regular parent participation in a child's education provides the most effective results for school readiness. We ask that you check your child's backpack, ask your child about his or her day, and keep in contact with your child's teacher.
- **Make every effort to have your child attend regularly.** Regular attendance is the only way we can guarantee your child gets the many benefits of activities and socializations with other children. Have him or her ride our bus service or bring him or her to school regularly.
- **Keep the Center up-to-date regarding changes in your family.** In order to effectively serve your child and family, please keep us up-to-date on changes regarding your *phone number, address, family situations*, etc.
- **Contact the Center 3 days prior to schedule changes for busing purposes.** This notification allows us to stay on schedule for arrivals and departures so your child gets the most from his or her school day.
- **Be actively engaged during drop-offs, pick-ups, conferences, 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 (e.g. cell phone).
- **Make every effort to complete follow-up appointments.** All aspects of your child's development are important. We ask you to complete dental and physical exams and necessary follow-up appointments, medical and educational referral appointments, and submit the paperwork to NESD Head Start Program, Inc. for your child's file. If you have questions about these appointments or associated paperwork, please ask.
- **Agree to have occasional guests accompany your child's teacher to observe a conference or home visit.** This applies to screening, mentoring of the teacher, or monitoring of standards.

We, at NESD Head Start Program, Inc., make the following commitments:

- **Provide 4 days, each 3½ hours long, of quality, comprehensive services.** We provide activities that incorporate social-emotional, physical, literacy and language, cognitive, mathematics, social studies, the arts, and English-language acquisition skills to further your child's development and school readiness.
- **Provide developmental and health screenings.** We provide developmental, behavioral, hearing, vision, and growth screenings. If needed, we refer your child to other programs for further assessment(s).
- **Provide access to counseling services.** We provide resources and connect you and/or your child to counseling services that may be needed or requested.
- **Provide a variety of learning experiences.** We sponsor experiences including food demonstrations, crafts, educational lectures, field trips, classes, parent-child activities, etc., with your input, to provide more learning opportunities and parent-child interactions.
- **Provide opportunities for you, as a parent or guardian, to grow and network with other families.** We provide parent training through speakers, handouts, resources, and opportunities for you to network and learn from other area parents and guardians regarding topics that are of interest to everyone.
- **Provide information and assistance in obtaining services.** We give you information and assist you in obtaining services from local agencies (e.g. supplemental food, economic assistance, mental health clinics, speech therapy, etc.).
- **Provide information on health and nutrition.** We give you health and nutrition information relevant to your family.

By signing, your family and NESD Head Start Program, Inc. agree to the above statements and devote joint efforts in supporting each other.

Parent/Guardian: _____

Teacher: _____