

Big Sandy Area C.A.P., Inc. – HEAD START
Program Policies and Procedures

Community Advocacy

POLICY:

Staff will support and encourage Head Start parent involvement in community advocacy effort and opportunities.

This policy relates to Head Start Performance Standards 45 CFR Part 1302.45, 1302.53

GUIDELINES:

1. Staff will support and encourage parents to influence the character and goals of their community in order to help make community services more responsive to their interests and needs.
2. The program will provide parents with comprehensive information about community resources and advocacy opportunities throughout the program year (*see Accessing Community Resources and Service policy*)
3. Through various workshops and other program activities, parents are encouraged to feel good about themselves and less intimidated to work with agencies in their community. They are encouraged to take an active role on advisory committees for their schools and other agencies.
4. Head Start will provide parents regular opportunities to work together, and with other community members, on activities that they have helped to develop and in which they have expressed an interest.

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