MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a high quality, comprehensive and family-focused, infant/toddler and early childhood program uniquely designed to prepare each child for tomorrow’s opportunities and challenges through community partnerships.

VISION STATEMENT

“Building foundations for life-long growth and development”

Up and Coming

December 2010
13 - Winter Dinner Distribution Scheduled
15 - Policy Council
24 - Christmas Eve Holiday
27 thru 30 - Winter Break
31 - New Year’s Eve Holiday

January 2011
4 - Children Return
7 - Staff Development Day (includes CDA and ALL parents)
11 - FAN Brooke, Marshall, Wetzel
12 - FAN Hancock, Ohio
17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
19 - Policy Council and Advisory
20 - Administrative Planning
21 - Administrative Planning
24 - Christmas Eve Holiday
27 thru 30 - Winter Break
31 - New Year’s Eve Holiday

February 2011
16 - Policy Council
21 - President’s Day-Closed

March 2011
8 - FAN Brooke, Marshall, Wetzel
9 - FAN Hancock, Ohio
14 thru 17 - Ohio, Spring Break
21 thru 24 - Marshall, Spring Break
23 - Policy Council

Note to Parents—Please confer with your center staff regarding any program date changes – thank you

What and exciting time for our Head Start and Early Head Start programs! The website is under construction and in the final phase of roll out. The site is tailored to provide so much more information than before and will provide the agency’s stakeholders with real time information. This resource will bring our agency to a new level of communication among so many groups, not just within our local communities but with a broader base of those who may seek information about our program or want to reconnect with our program. Visit us at www.npheadstart.org. Sign up for the email updates. Give us your feedback. Share the link with others. We look forward to this new and enhanced area of communication with you!

For Enrollment Opportunities in Head Start or Early Head Start, please contact Michele Lee, Enrollment/Recruitment Coordinator, 233-3290

NPHS News

Another Year Under Way

We pulled through yet another year which saw among other things a Federal Review, a site move for Central Office, Self Assessment, an Expansion for Early Head Start Program via the American Recovery Reinvestment Act and more. Now we’re back in the swing of things and are looking to move forward with a revised monitoring process to ensure that we are in compliance with Head Start Performance Standards.

While we’re on the subject of change NPHS held its first Policy Council of the new program year which serves as an opportunity for parents to be involved in the Program Governance Process at NPHS. We saw many familiar faces as well as new ones. We have elections for new officers during the October 20th Policy Council meeting. Anyone interested in attending should contact their Family Resource Advocate or Sam Green (Family Investment Coordinator) at the North Park Office 304-232-4590.

For those attending Policy Council Meetings you can play a vital role by serving on the Committees which aid in the decision making process by discussing the very policies and procedures that shape our program and thus your child’s future, which would include in Program Committee, Personnel Committee and the Budget/Finance Committee. All of which are critical link in the chain of our success.

Over the summer NPHS held various events including the final Parent Banquets of the year which were especially interesting and fun to the newer staff, we had our first ever Dad’s Game Night held at El Tor Gaucho in Fulton where our “new” Family Involvement Coordinator (Sam Green) presented valuable resources and information to Head Start Fathers as well as an opportunity to simply hang out, play video games, chess, cards and just be one of the guys. Watch for many new opportunities in the coming year for dads/father figures to get involved!

Volunteers Needed

Northern Panhandle Head Start is always looking for folks that can lend a helping hand. Current projects include but are not limited to the new Jacksonburg facility where we will need help with designing and organizing, and as always your skills could be utilized in the classroom by assisting with daily preparation. If interested please contact Cathy Knox, Family and Community Partnership Manager at 304-233-3290 or cknox@npheadstart.org

NPHS Wish List

◊ Donated office space
◊ Monetary donations for our Head Start Families Winter Dinner
◊ Children’s classroom space in the Newell-Chester area to accommodate 40

NPHS Website

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Happy, mad, angry, frustrated, loved, sad, relaxed... These are words that we use daily to talk about how we are feeling, words that make up our emotional vocabulary. Having the words to talk about and deal with our feelings is a big step in learning how to deal with feelings in an appropriate way. Parents, teachers and friends of young children can help them learn a healthy emotional vocabulary by doing these things:

- Label your feeling in front of the child whenever appropriate. Example: “I love your toys! They make me happy” or “Wow! It’s a hard time for you right now, I am really frustrated.”
- Help the child label their feeling whenever possible. Example: “It looks like you are having a difficult time tying your shoes, it looks like you are frustrated.” or “You have a big smile on your face, it looks like you are happy. Are you happy?”
- Talk about how characters in a book might feel. Example: “When baby bear finds that his chair is broken, how do you think he felt about that? How would you feel if you were his chair?”
- Help children recognize emotions in others. Example: “Sara is crying, I think that she is sad. Is there anything we could do to make her feel better?”

- Value all feelings, it is important that children know that all feelings are ok! It is ok to be angry, happy, frustrated, sad, relaxed, etc.

- Encourage children to talk about their feelings by asking simple questions, “How do you feel about that?”, “How does that make you feel?” and then sincerely listen to what they have to say.

Welcome to Our New Staff

HealthyCHILD Partnership

To learn about the employment opportunities at NPHS, please contact Debbie Hercules, Human Resources Assistant, 304-233-3290, ext. 5007. dbhercules@npheadstart.org

We are currently seeking positions for:
- Bus Driver - Hancock Co.
- Parent Educator - Brooke Co.
- Part-time Teacher Assistant - OP Early Head Start
- Teacher Assistant Marshall or Ohio County
- Early Head Start - Family Resource Advocate
- Sub-Bus drivers, Teachers, and Teacher Assistants

Welcome to an exciting new year with Northern Panhandle Head Start, Inc. We are looking forward to our first full school year with our expansion.

Our current Early Head Start program serves 50 pre-natal to 3 year-old children in the home-based setting. We have five Parent Educators in 3 counties, one Early Head Start Teacher Assistant in Brooke County, one Early Head Start Teacher in Marshall County, and one Early Head Start Family Resource Advocate in Ohio County.

We are looking forward to working in the Regional Jail as well as a Family Resource Advocate. Leslie Dulaney is the Parent Educator in Jacksonburg.

ARRA Early Head Start Expansion and Northern Regional Jail are in collaboration implementing a program called Inside Out Dad. For more information on this program please contact Tim Midget at our North Park office at 304-232-4590.

We are proud to have expanded our program and we wish our families a happy and educational year. Throughout the year, I will discuss topics that deal with young children. If you have a topic and/or would like information, call me at Central Office 304-233-3290 and I will get the information to you.

Janice Barnett, Early Head Start Manager, jbbarnett@npheadstart.org

Welcome to Head Start and Early Head Start Federal Base Funding Information

Head Start......$4,089,191 T&TA...........$46,732

Early Head Start......$442,139 T&TA.............$10,860

ARRA Early Head Start Expansion: Fiscal Year September 30, 2010 - September 29, 2011 $600,000, (Federal Match $150,000). Fiscal Year November 1, 2009 - September 28, 2010 we received $751,895 (this amount included startup costs $250,000 and T&TA funding of $51,895). We are required to match each grant listed with a non-federal share match. We are grateful for the generous support of our community collaborations and parental involvement.

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