
Subject: Policy Council Objectives

Source: Head Start Performance Standard 45 CFR Section 1304.50.

Policy

The purpose of the Policy Council is to provide a formal means of involving parents, agency, and community persons in decisions affecting the operation and management of the Early Head Start program.

Procedure

1. At a minimum, the Policy Council is expected to:
 1. Participate in establishing criteria for and the selection of the program staff. Members of the Personnel Committee participate on Hiring Committee.
 2. Assist the agency in the development of and give approval to the Early Head Start grant applications.
 3. Initiate suggestions and ideas for program improvements.
 4. Establish a procedure for hearing complaints against the Early Head Start program.
 5. Assist agency in organizing activities for parents, communicating with present and past parents, encouraging active parent participation, recruiting volunteers, and mobilizing community resources.
 6. Serve as a link between public and private organizations.
 7. Establish and review Early Head Start policy and approve major programmatic changes.
 8. Evaluate program on an annual basis using the program evaluation tools.
 9. Review and approve of disbursement of parent activity and Policy Council funds on an annual basis.
 10. Plan and implement participation in local community events:
 1. Celebrations
 2. Festivals
 3. Fairs
 4. Parades
 5. Etc.,