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**POLICY:**

Parents involved with McPherson/Marion County Head Start program will be provided educational and training opportunities to increase their knowledge of parenting, parent involvement, child development, health and safety, and advocating for their child, family and community.

**PROCEDURE:**

1. Education on community resources will begin at the time of recruitment and continue throughout the time the child/family is involved with McPherson/Marion County Head Start and will include resources that the family may need at that time.
2. Parents will complete a parent interest survey to assess training, volunteer opportunities and parent/social support group needs at the time of Parent Orientation. A copy of the survey will be placed in the child’s file and the original will be turned in to the Family and Community Service Coordinator
3. Parent Orientation will take place prior to the first day of class. Parent Orientation will include parent handbook, & parent calendar.
4. Documentation of Parent Committee meeting notes will be documented in childplus and made available for parents who are not able to attend. These meetings are intended for updating parents on Policy Council information, advising staff in developing and implementing activities and policies.
5. Parents will be provided with a variety of opportunities to participate in Conscious Discipline training, the Parenting Curriculum that the Early Childhood Program chose as its parenting curriculum. Staff will use feedback from parents to establish the best way to create opportunities for families to learn about Conscious Discipline. Information will also be shared with parents on various parenting classes going on within the community.
  - a. Participation will be documented in childplus
  - b. Agendas will attached in childplus or in a specific google drive
6. Parents will be given information on the importance of attendance throughout the year but will be given flyers and information at Parent Orientation. There will also be resources located on the Early Childhood website.
7. The Early Childhood Program will continuously evaluate and assess what is working best for parents and use parent feedback to make proper adjustments to the opportunities provided to parents. See family advocate work plans for more information for recent changes or updates.