

Community Partnerships

POLICY: Umatilla-Morrow Head Start, Inc. will develop partnerships with community agencies throughout the service area to build community and family strengthening and resiliency. The program will take an active role in community planning to encourage strong communication, cooperation, sharing of information and establishing ongoing collaborative relationships with community agencies for families to have access to services

PROCEDURE:

1. UMCHS will take an active role in community planning through attending school board meetings, school site councils, and by participating in civic and service organizations.
2. UMCHS will offer parenting classes and community leadership classes in each community that it serves in conjunction with community partners.
3. UMCHS will perform presentations on program services with local civic organizations in order to encourage volunteers at UMCHS.
4. UMCHS will conduct two surveys a year to determine need for services and satisfaction of services.
 - a. A Community Input Survey will be given to community members and organizations in the winter, to determine community strengths and risk factors, as well as determine need for services.
 - b. A Multicultural Survey will be given to families accessing UMCHS services to determine satisfaction with community services, and areas for improvement.
5. UMCHS will maintain and strengthen already established relationships with community partners as outlined in Interagency Agreements, Child Abuse Policy and Procedure, Responding to Emergency and Crisis Needs, Recruitment, Selection, and Enrollment Policy, Transition Policy, Comprehensive Parent/Staff Conference Policy, Services to Children with Disabilities Policy, and Health Advisory Committee Policy. Partners include but are not limited to:
 - Hermiston, Pendleton, and South Morrow School District
 - Umatilla Morrow, Grant County, North Central, and Wallowa County Educational Service Districts
 - Local Mental Health providers
 - Hermiston Police Department, Pendleton Police Department, Umatilla Police Department
 - Cities of Umatilla and Pendleton
 - Oregon Child Development Coalition
 - Department of Human Services
 - Health Departments of Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, and Wallowa County
 - Grant County and Wallowa County Mental Health