



## Home Base Agreement of Support

We are pleased that you are a part of NESD Head Start Program, Inc. Because of your importance and the importance of the program, it is necessary to explain carefully what your involvement will mean in terms of what you will receive and what will be expected of you. We do this to best support your child's development, meet your family and child's needs, and provide the best services we can for you and your child on your path for family success and school readiness.

**We ask that you, as the parent or guardian, make the following commitments:**

- **Be the primary teacher of your child.** Home Base is a family/parent program resulting in your home visitor working primarily with you and you interacting with your child.
- **Make every effort to commit to and be home for weekly 1½ hour home visits.** Studies show that active, regular parent participation in a child's education provides the most effective results for school readiness.
- **Be actively engaged with your child.** It is important to turn off your phone, TV, etc. to give your full attention.
- **Make every effort to follow through with chosen educational activities during the week.** To effectively teach your child, follow through is key.
- **Be actively engaged during home visits and group socializations.** We ask that you turn off distractions (e.g. TV, cell phone, tablet, etc., feed your child before or after, if possible) to most effectively use the time allotted.
- **Attend group socializations and parent meetings with your child.** This is your child's opportunity for a classroom experience and socialization and your opportunity for receiving education and networking with other families.
- **Make every effort to complete follow-up appointments.** All aspects of your child's development are important. We ask you complete dental and physical exams and necessary follow-up appointments, medical and educational referral appointments, and submit the paperwork to NESD Head Start Program, Inc. for your child's file. If you have questions about these appointments or associated paperwork, please ask.
- **Agree to have occasional guests accompany your home visitor to observe a home visit.** This applies to screening, mentoring of the home visitor, or monitoring of standards. Your home visitor provides advanced notice.

**We, at NESD Head Start Program, Inc., make the following commitments:**

- **Allow you to be the primary teacher of your child.** Our goal is to provide you with information, materials, and support to be the best teacher for your child.
- **Provide 1 home visit weekly, 1½ hours long, and 2 group socializations monthly, each 2½ hours long.** We share research, ideas, materials, and resources on how to teach your child. We also share how to assess your child's developmental progress and plan for further development and school readiness.
- **Provide developmental and health screening.** We provide developmental, behavioral, hearing, vision, and growth screenings. If needed, we refer your child for further assessment(s).
- **Provide access to counseling services.** We provide resources and connect you and/or your child to counseling services that may be needed or requested.
- **Provide a variety of learning experiences.** We sponsor experiences including food demonstrations, crafts, educational lectures, field trips, classes, parent-child activities, etc., with your input, to provide more learning opportunities and parent-child interactions.
- **Provide opportunities for you, as a parent or guardian, to grow and network with other families.** We provide parent training through speakers, handouts, resources, and opportunities for you to network and learn from other area parents and guardians regarding topics that are of interest to everyone.
- **Provide information and assistance in obtaining services.** We give you information and assist you in obtaining services from local agencies (e.g. supplemental food, economic assistance, mental health clinics, speech therapy, etc.).
- **Provide information on health and nutrition.** We give you health and nutrition information relevant to your family.

**By signing, your family and NESD Head Start Program, Inc. agree to the above statements and devote joint efforts in supporting each other.**

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Visitor: \_\_\_\_\_