

Pocatello/Chubbuck District #25 Head Start

MISSION STATEMENT

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Because we believe that all children have the right to grow up in safe, healthy, nurturing families that are supported by their communities;

Because we insist that all families should have the opportunity to receive support in enhancing the richness of their children's lives and maximizing achievement of their potentials;

Our goal is to promote programs and policies and build sustainable systems that help families enhance the social/emotional and academic development of their children.

THE HEAD START VISION FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT

To create and sustain a partnership and collaboration with all Head Start parents, with goals to:

- Support parents as primary educators, nurturers, and advocates for their children;
- Provide every parent with opportunities for a significant experience in Head Start; and
- Ensure that parents are involved in making policy and program decisions for their Head Start program.

Each Head Start program should reflect this vision through efforts to carry out the following principles:

- All aspects of the program support the cultures of the families and the community in which the program operates.
- Parents have opportunities for participation and shared decision-making in every area of the program.
- The staff and program meet the expressed interests and needs of each parent, through an ongoing process of personal and family goal-setting and partnering of activities to meet these goals.
- All aspects of the program respond to and support children with disabilities and their families.
- Families build the confidence, skill, and knowledge they need to access community resources on their own behalf.
- Program make special efforts to reach out to and include fathers, supportive male family members, and male care givers in their parent involvement activities, especially those activities involving the development of their children.
- Parents, staff, and Policy Council members work together and provide leadership to: strengthen their community; communicate with their communities about the gifts, interests, and needs of Head Start families; and assist in improving existing services or bringing in new services that are needed.