EDUCATION/TRANSITION COMMITTEE GOALS

1. Increase the frequency and number of contacts between public school and Head Start, beginning with parent group meetings.
   1. Increase public school membership at meetings
   2. Head Start staff to make initial contact by email to include a plan for a classroom visit prior to the children starting (first week of staff return).
   3. Introduction and goals for contact, successful transitions, share events, shared visits.
   4. Establish on-going relationship with the public school
   5. End result: long term sharing through parent groups, public school events, information sharing, etc.…
   6. Shared information on transitioning children.
2. Connect Head Start students and their families with public school-wide events.
   1. Kindergarten teacher/public school staff will email info to contact person, be specific in subject line: what, and who, school specific.
   2. Add events and information in monthly newsletter, post on parent board.
   3. Announce at parent group
   4. Address at home visits in print
3. Include kindergarten readiness packets in information sent home to families monthly.
   1. Include information in monthly newsletters
      1. Public school events
      2. Community wide events
      3. Suggestions from Getting Ready for School calendar
      4. Activities from child assessment
   2. Include in Parent Group a teachable moment tying in kindergarten readiness with parent-child activities
   3. During Home Visits
   4. During Parent-Teacher Conferences
4. Head Start teachers will visit kindergarten classrooms in the fall and spring (Friday visits.)
   1. Head Start teacher/home visitors will visit the kindergarten classrooms in August prior to children beginning, ½ to 1 hour visit. Observation points:
      1. Routine
      2. Large Group
      3. Common Language
      4. Early skills, i.e. sight words
      5. First 3 weeks curriculum
      6. Note how schools differ
      7. Overall expectations
      8. Seat work
   2. Spring visit, plan after field trip, focus: meet with teacher to share need to know information.

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