

## Child Development and Health Services: Mental Health

### **Performance Standards:**

#### 1304.24 Child Mental Health (a) Mental Health Services

There is one mental health professional (MPH) on staff on a regular basis

#### 1304.24(a)(1)(i)

The Mental Health professional attends all orientation meetings for parents and explains role. MHP is available for informal conversation with parents voicing concerns about their children.

#### 1304.24(a)(1)(ii)

The MHP will confer with the teacher when she observes any behavior, which is cause for concern, and the teacher will often consult the MHP when she is concerned about a child's behavior.

#### 1304.24(a)(1)(iii)

Parents are given an opportunity to discuss their child's behavior when they attend the monthly parenting skills training sessions.

#### 1304.24.(a)(1)(iv)

The parent's first contact with the Head Start program set the stage for a nurturing, supportive model of appropriate behavior.

#### 1304.24(a)(1)(v)

A well-rounded series of workshops dealing with numerous issues including, mental health issues such as emotional well being, stress, social emotional competency, decision making etc. is offered to parents in the form of parent workshops/trainings.

#### 1304.24(a)(1)(iv)

Parents are an integral part of the education process, which may include mental health treatment services for a child and family.

#### 1304.24(a)(2)

A Mental Health Professional is a permanent member of the staff.

#### 1304.24(a)(3)

A MHP is on-site full-time and her schedule is posted on her door. At Orientation she distributes information about her schedule.

#### 1304.24(a)(3)(i)

The MHP meets weekly with managers to discuss the program, the monthly parent meetings, a particular child's behavior, an intervention that may be needed for a child and any other concerns of the group.

#### 1304.24(a)(3)(ii)

The MHP meets regularly with Family Advocates.