NMCAA Parent Involvement Activities

Head Start/GSRP/Early Head Start could not exist without the tremendous parent involvement that all program options receive. The involvement of parents is the program's real strength, so keep up the good work parents!

You can get involved in the program in the following ways:

PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH:

- Becoming an active member in the Parent Committee.
- Talking with other parents and staff about the program and ways that each person can help.
- Supporting and assisting their Policy Council Representatives with center information and concerns or actually serving as a Policy Council Representative.

PARENTS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM:

- Gives parents a better understanding of what the program is doing for their children.
- Showing your child that you care about school.
- Giving the staff an opportunity to know you better and learning from them and them from you.

PARENTS MAY HELP IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN ACTIVITIES THAT:

- Are responsive to specific needs expressed by parents.
- Could also include community problems of common concern, (for example, housing, recreation, health, etc).

PARENTS ALSO MAY REQUEST FROM STAFF ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING FUN ACTIVITIES IN THEIR OWN HOMES. STAFF MEMBERS WILL HELP PARENTS WITH SKILLS THEY NEED TO KEEP THE PROGRAM "ON GOING" AT HOME TO REINFORCE AND SUPPORT THE CHILD'S TOTAL PRESCHOOL EXPERIENCE.