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**Health Services Advisory Committee
Statement of Purpose**

The Health Services supports Health, Mental Health, Disability, and Nutrition Services in providing necessary services to children, families, staff and the community. The Committee will include professionals from many disciplines from the community, Head Start services staff, parents and collaborative agencies. The Health Services Advisory Committee advises in the planning, operation and evaluation of the following areas:

Assists the Prekindergarten Head Start Program in meeting the Head Start Performance Standards

Participates in the process of problem solving of health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutritional issues

Assists in developing and reviewing policies and procedures for the health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutrition for the Prekindergarten Head Start Program's participants

Identifies the health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutrition needs of the community and the families the program serves

Assists in identifying resources for health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutritional issues and making those resources available to families, staff and the community

Identifies health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutritional educational needs and assists in child, staff and parent training in the identified areas

Identifies resources for referral and assistance when issues arise

Acts as an advocate for children and families in the areas of health, safety, disabilities, mental health and nutrition