**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, E.O.C.**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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**PARENT INVOLVEMENT - ACCESSING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES**

**POLICY**:

Each program ensures that activities and venues are established so that parents and members of the community may influence the character of programs affecting their interests.

**PROCEDURE:**

**1.0 Accessing Community Services and Resources**

1.1 Family Service Advocate and Home Base Teacher / Home Visitors share community resources information with parents through Resource Directory, Parent Newsletter and Community Partners Networking

1.2 The program provides training on community resources to staff and parents during registration and as needed throughout the program year.

1.3 Program Teachers, Center Coordinator and Family Services Advocate invite community members to speak at parent meetings.

1.4 Program Family Services Advocate encourage parents to join Policy Council by discussing the opportunities and providing meeting schedules and names of contact persons.

1.5 Parent meetings provide opportunities for parents to share centers and community news.

1. The Secretary records this in the meeting minutes.

1.6 Program Family Services Advocate bring community members into Head Start/Early Head Start through Parent Meetings, and Policy Council meetings.