

**MISSISSIPPI COUNTY, ARKANSAS E.O.C.
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

PARENT SUPPORT

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GOAL STATEMENT- MCAEOC will strive for excellence by enhancing educational services to support school readiness of children that will maximize their potential to enter kindergarten with a solid foundation for reading success.

POLICY:

Supporting parents of children eligible for services under IDEA.

PURPOSE: A program must collaborate with parents of children with disabilities to ensure the needs of their children are being met and support parents to become advocates for services that meet their child's particular needs. The program must assist parents to access service and resources for their families.

PROCEDURES:

1. Support parents in their need to understand the referral, evaluation and service timelines required under IDEA.
2. Support parents in their need to be active participants in the eligibility process and IFSP or IEP development process with the local agency responsible for implementing IDEA including informing parents of their right to invite anyone they choose to participate in the meetings.
3. Support parents in their need to understand the purpose and results of evaluations and services provided under their child's IFSP or IEP.
4. Support parents to ensure their child's needs are accurately identified in and addressed through the IFSP or IEP.