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Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
Preschool
Itinerant Teacher Services

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Family Handbook

MID-OHIO Educational Service Center

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PHILOSOPHY:
We believe that each child is a unique individual with an unlimited capacity for learning. We believe that young children learn optimally through interaction with peers, adults, and their physical environment. Since children learn through play experiences in which they connect past experiences to new experiences, our role as teachers is to provide an environment that is responsive to the children. The focus in early childhood is on the process children use when learning within this environment. Knowledge gained is a result of participation in these processes and will vary according to their needs. Together, with parents and other community resources, the school coordinates the efforts for the optimal education of children.

PROGRAM:
Your neighborhood school district, under the umbrella of the Mid-Ohio ESC Preschool Programs, will be cooperating with the Head Start, private childcare or preschools, and/or individual families to provide special education services for your child. An Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) was established for your child after the play-based assessment. A state-certified itinerant teacher will work with your child's daily child care staff, teacher, and/or parent to administer those special education services. The itinerant teacher will see your child at least four hours per month. A licensed occupational therapist, physical therapist, and/or speech and language therapist may also be involved with your child's program in some capacity, whether it be through direct services or a consultative model.

Program Information

ITINERANT TEACHER:
The itinerant teacher serving your child is employed with the Mid-Ohio ESC Preschool Program as part of the services provided by Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. Please direct any phone calls to the office phone number provided on page two, if you are unable to reach the teacher directly.

Itinerant teachers generally follow the regular public-school calendar for their office location. A child's days of attendance in their child care situation is determined by the center's own calendar.

COST:
There is no fee for itinerant services for children under an IEP whose admission is determined by state and local criteria. All costs are provided for by your local school district.

CANCELLATIONS/ILLNESS:
Please call (567) 274-6117 at least one hour in advance to cancel in the case of illness of the child or if you are unable to keep the scheduled appointment.

Be considerate of the health of the itinerant teacher and other students that have contact with the teacher when your child has a contagious disease so that exposure can be avoided. This includes exposure to lice found on the student or any family member and bed bugs found in the home. Cancellation isn't necessary for a simple cold if the child is feeling well enough to receive services that day.

HOME ACTIVITIES:
Your child's teacher may provide ideas/activities that can be used at home to re-enforce your child's learning objectives.

INCLEMENT WEATHER OR EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS:
If the district in which you live has closed due to inclement weather, your child will not be seen that day. Your teacher will contact you.

NO SMOKING POLICY:
In consideration of the itinerant teacher, it is greatly appreciated that you refrain from smoking during the hour that is spent with your child. The itinerant teachers want to thank you for sharing your homes with us.

NOTICES SENT HOME:
If your child is seen in a childcare setting, sending a backpack or book bag (with your child's name written on it) each day will help ensure children's work and important messages from the teacher get to you safely.

OMBUDSMAN:
An ombudsman is a public official appointed to investigate parent's complaints or serious concern with policy at the school level. The following is the Mid-Ohio ESC Preschool Program plan for parent's concerns:

Itinerant Teacher	Kelly Showecker	567-274-6117
Director of Student Services	Jennifer Crum	419-774-2577
Ohio Department of Education		614-466-0224

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:
An important part of the child's program may be planned outdoor activities. This is especially vital for children with gross motor concerns on their IEP. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather for sessions with the itinerant teacher.

PARENT CONFERENCES:
The itinerant teacher provides progress reports as defined per the child's IEP; parent conferences can be arranged at the parent's request.

HEALTHCHEK
Healthchek is Ohio's Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit. Individuals younger than age 21 who are covered by Ohio Medicaid can receive important preventive services through Healthchek, including:

- physicals,
- hearing, vision, and dental screenings,
- nutritional screenings,
- mental health screenings,
- developmental screenings,
- vaccinations, and
- blood lead screenings

Babies should have at least 8 Healthchek exams by their first birthday.

Children should have Healthchek exams at 15, 18, 24 and 30 months.

One exam per year is recommended for children over 30 months old.

Any doctor that accepts Medicaid can provide Healthchek services. Ask your doctor to give your child a Healthchek exam.

Healthchek support services are also available to help you with making appointments, transportation, and referrals to community services for food, clothing and other needs.

For more information about Healthchek services:

- contact your County Department of Job and Family Services,
    - Crawford County Representative: Alexis Sanderfer 567-393-4718
    - Huron County Representative: Marsha Nichols 419-668-8126 x3462
    - Morrow County Representative: Tara Lawyer 419-946-2656
    - Richland County Representative: John Dorsey 419-774-5483
- go online at Medicaid.Ohio.Gov/Healthchek,
- contact your Medicaid managed care plan, or
- call the Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline (800) 324-868