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September 6, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable School Board Members

FROM: Kendra Goodman, CPPO, CPPB, Purchasing Agent 

RE: Memo of Understanding
National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management at Utah State University

The attached Memo of Understanding with National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management at Utah State University is being forwarded to the Board for approval.

Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start requests permission to collaborate with National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management at Utah State University for the Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO). This program focuses on hearing screening practices for Head Start grantees from birth to three years old.

Funding will be provided by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Office of Head Start. There is no cost to the District.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Beth Rawls at 42730, at your earliest convenience.

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Attachments



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Memo # PRK-008-11/12

Contact: Beth E. Rawls *BER*

Ext.# 42732

DATE: August 16, 2011

TO: HONORABLE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

FROM: Heather Fiorentino, Superintendent
Ruth B. Reilly, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instructional Services

SUBJECT: **Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding from The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management at Utah State University**

History

The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) at Utah State University welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with the District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start on the Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Office of Head Start. The goal of this initiative is to demonstrate model strategies using otoacoustic emissions (OAE) hearing screening technology to update hearing screening practices for Early Head Start grantees and to ensure that appropriate follow-up diagnostic and intervention services are provided for children who do not pass the screening. The focus of this effort is on the provision of updated hearing screening practices for children birth to three years of age.

Description

The memorandum of understanding was developed in collaboration with the Director of National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management and the district Purchasing department. This memorandum of understanding is designed to improve the availability and quality of services to Head Start children and families and includes all of the activities as required by the act.

Action Requested

Approval of the memorandum of understanding between the District School Board of Pasco County Head Start Programs and The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management is needed in order to satisfy federal requirements.

Conclusion

The staff respectfully requests the approval of the memorandum of understanding between the District School Board of Pasco County Head Start Programs and The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management.

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Memorandum of Understanding

To: District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start
From: William Eiserman, The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management, Utah State University
Date: 09/13/11
RE: Participation in the Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative

The National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) at Utah State University welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start on the Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Office of Head Start. The goal of this initiative is to demonstrate model strategies using otoacoustic emissions (OAE) hearing screening technology to update hearing screening practices for Early Head Start, Migrant/Seasonal and American Indian/Alaska Native grantees/delegates and to ensure that appropriate follow-up diagnostic and intervention services are provided for children who do not pass the screening. The focus of this effort is on the provision of updated hearing screening practices for children birth to three years of age.

To become an ECHO Model Program, District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start will:

- Ensure that at least one staff person responsible for conducting hearing screenings and at least one supervisor will complete the training process provided by the ECHO Initiative.
- Participate in periodic technical assistance webinars and phone calls.
- Use the OAE screening equipment and protocol as the first and primary screening method for all children, birth to three, served by the Early Head Start program.
- Assume all responsibility for care and maintenance, including annual calibration, of OAE screening equipment and purchasing disposable probe covers.
- Initiate screening of all children within 4 weeks of completing the training process and complete initial screenings for all currently enrolled children within 8 weeks of completing the training process.
- Submit screening outcome data quarterly on February 15, May 15, August 15, November 15 for at least one year. Aggregate data reflecting totals of children with different screening outcomes will be provided using the data tracking tool provided by the ECHO Initiative. Note that no individually-identifiable data will be submitted.
- Follow-up on all children not passing screenings who require medical evaluation and/or audiological diagnostic services. For children not passing screenings, follow-up medical and/or audiological diagnostic outcomes will be reported to the ECHO Initiative when it is available using the data tracking tool.
- Provide evaluative feedback to the ECHO Team about the process of implementing OAE screening and follow-up practices in your program.
- Provide information to other Early Head Start, Part C, Health Care Provider and other professionals in the state and local community who are interested in up-to-date hearing screening practices for children birth to three years of age.

CONTRACT REVIEWED
AND APPROVED:

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- If District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start does not or cannot meet the obligations above within six months, the OAE screening equipment will be returned to the ECHO Initiative in good working condition.

As a part of this collaboration, the **ECHO Initiative will:**

- Collaborate with key stakeholders in the state and region including the Head Start Regional Offices, Head Start State Collaboration Offices, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Programs, Primary Care Associations, local pediatric audiologists, and others as needed so that you have support from those entities in your efforts to implement updated hearing screening practices in your program.
- Provide training and resource materials to prepare you to implement OAE hearing screening and an appropriate screening and follow-up protocol for children birth to three years of age.
- Provide one piece of Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) hearing screening equipment valued at approximately \$4000 and an initial supply of probe covers necessary for screening children. This equipment will become the property of District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start six months after this MOU commences, if the program obligations described above are met.
- Provide hearing screening documentation forms and outcome tracking system reflecting the recommended screening and follow-up protocol.
- Review screening and follow-up summary reports and provide assistance to your program in implementing the hearing screening programs as needed.
- Provide follow-up training and technical support.

All of the services, supplies and equipment provided by the ECHO Initiative are funded by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Office of Head Start and are, therefore, not eligible to be used as non-federal, or "in-kind," match.

The above activities will commence on 09/13/11. It is encouraged that OAE hearing screening and follow-up practices will be permanently adopted by District School Board of Pasco County Head Start/Early Head Start as a result of the training, resources and support provided by the ECHO Initiative.

William Eiserman, Director
 Early Childhood Hearing Outreach (ECHO) Initiative
 National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management

Title

Kendra Goodman 7/28/11

Signature

Date

**Kendra Goodman, Purchasing Agent
 District School Board of Pasco County**