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SUBJECT: Positive Child Guidance

POLICY: RWCFS will ensure staff, consultants, contractors, and volunteers implement positive strategies to support children's well-being and prevent and address challenging behavior. RWCFS will work in partnership with primary caregivers and the community to carry out this goal in healthy, nurturing, and responsive settings with full respect for the uniqueness of each child.

PROCEDURE:
It is our goal that each child participates fully according to the child's individual abilities and needs by building on individual strengths. We are committed to making each child's participation as successful, rich, and meaningful as possible, and to helping them self-regulate their own emotions and behaviors.

The formal curricula used to support the growth of children's social/emotional development and wellness will be Second Step for Head Start and Baby Doll Circle Time or Partners for a Healthy Baby for Early Head Start.

RWCFS staff will use the strategies, based on Conscious Discipline, in the Positive Guidance Handbook. Staff will provide a copy of the handbook to each participating family and review it with them annually and at other times when it would be supportive of family needs or requests and when developing individual goals or plans.

This handbook identifies acceptable, prevention, guidance, consequence, and safety approaches with information on many specific techniques to be used in HS/EHS classrooms and encouraged for primary caregivers to use in their homes.

ONGOING MONITORING:

CDM's will monitor quarterly to ensure that social emotional curriculum is being observed and implemented accordingly by reviewing the following documents:

- Documentation of the use of social emotional curriculum
  - Observation forms
  - Lesson plan review
- Documentation of the use of Conscious Discipline Strategies
  - Observation forms
  - ISP

- Site Team Meeting minutes

Forms:
Positive Guidance Handbook
Observation form
Lesson Plan Review
ISP
Site Team Meeting minutes

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