



## Head Start Core Values

Head Start Core Values	Evidence found in Head Start: A Nation's Pride video
<p>Establish a <b>supportive learning environment</b> for children, parents, and staff in which the processes of enhancing awareness, refining skills, and increasing understanding are valued and promoted.</p>	
<p>Recognize that members of the Head Start community—children, families, and staff—have roots in <b>many cultures and languages</b>. Head Start families and staff, working together as a team, can effectively promote respectful, sensitive, and proactive approaches to diversity.</p>	
<p>Understand the <b>empowerment of families</b> occurs when program governance is a collaborative effort among families, governing bodies, and staff, and when the ideas and opinions of families are heard and respected.</p>	
<p>Embrace a <b>comprehensive vision</b> of health for children, families, and staff that ensures basic health needs are met; encourages practices that prevent future illnesses and injuries; and promotes positive, culturally relevant health behaviors that enhance life-long well-being.</p>	
<p>Respect the importance of all aspects of an <b>individual's development</b>, including social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth.</p>	
<p>Build a community in which each child and adult is <b>treated as an individual</b>, while at the same time reinforcing a sense of belonging to the group.</p>	
<p>Foster a relationship with the <b>larger community</b> so families and staff are respected and served by a network of community agencies that work in partnership with one another.</p>	
<p>Develop a <b>continuum of care</b>, education, and other services that allow stable, uninterrupted support to families and children during and after their Head Start experience.</p>	

Reflections:



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