

Area: Mental Health

Subject: MH05 - Mental Health Professional

Reference: 1304.24 (a)(2), 1304.24 (a)(3), 1304.24(a)(3)(i)

Policy: Services of mental health professionals will be secured through contracts/agreements to enable timely and effective identification and intervention, to address family/staff concerns about a child's mental health.

Procedure:

1. The Disability Supervisor will secure a contract/agreement with licensed/certified mental health professional(s) annually.
2. Mental health professional (s) will provide copy of license/certification, service availability, qualifications to address Head Start Mental Health performance standards and professional experience pertaining to infant/toddler/preschool age groups.
3. The mental health professional will provide individual observations, teacher training/technical assistance (inc. classroom observations), parent training, and referrals to outside resource agencies that offer families more intensive support.
4. A mental health professional will be readily available to provide ongoing information, parent /staff trainings, parent/staff consultation and to help locate any needed mental health treatment or service for children in a timely fashion.

Supervised by: Director II

Performed by: Disabilities Supervisor

Forms needed: Mental Health Contract

Frequency: Annually