

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency Van Buren Head Start

Expulsion Policy

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency Van Buren Head Start will not expel or unenroll a child from Head Start because of a child's behavior or health condition. When a child exhibits persistent and serious behaviors, UCHRA-VBHS will explore all possible ways to address such behaviors and initiate ways to keep the child's safe participation in the program. The program will take steps to engage a mental health consultant if deemed necessary, and in accordance with the 504 and the Rehabilitation Act to ensure that the child is not excluded from the program on the basis of a disability. If a temporary suspension is deemed necessary, the program will help the child return to full participation in all program activities as quickly as possible while ensuring all enrolled children's safety.

If it is determined that the child's continued enrollment present a continued, serious, safety threat to the child or other enrolled children, and if it is determined that program is not the most appropriate placement for the child, UCHRA-VBHS will work with the mental health consultant, disability specialist, and the parent to transition the child to a more appropriate placement. A detailed transition plan from UCHRA-VBHS to a more appropriate setting will be developed with the family.

Guardian Signature/Date: _____

Staff Signature/Date: _____