



CAHS Approach in Parent/Child Custody Matters

It is the intent of Capital Area Head Start to maintain positive relationships with all members of your family. In an effort to remain neutral and work together with the families in our program, we are unable to "take sides" when there may be possible conflicts regarding the children we serve. To that end, we will remain neutral in situations where there are custody agreements in place.

If you have a court order/deedee, which establishes you as the legal guardian, you **must** provide Capital Area Head Start with a copy of such documentation to be included with your child's permanent record. We will use this as a legal basis for working with the custodial parent.

In the absence of such a document, you must be aware that we cannot deny either parent access to his/her child. We cannot withhold information or refuse to work with the other parent. We cannot keep the other parent from picking up his/her child from the center.

Capital Area Head Start wants to protect all children from emotionally upsetting situations. In the best interest of your child, parents should make every effort to resolve custodial issues outside of the center setting. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation!

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