

Agreement Between

The South Dakota Head Start Association
PO Box 1020
Wagner, SD 57380



and

The University of South Dakota
Department of Nursing
Vermillion, South Dakota

I. Effective Date and Period of Understanding

This interagency agreement is effective upon the signatures of the authorized Head Start representative and the University of South Dakota School of Nursing. This interagency agreement shall continue in effect until either party provides written notice no later than 6 months prior to opening session in any academic year. This agreement may be reviewed annually and amended from time to time by the parties. No amendment shall be binding unless the same shall be in writing and signed by both parties.

It is mutually agreed that there shall be no discrimination on the basis of a person's race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this interagency agreement is to use South Dakota Head Start Programs as practicum sites for University of South Dakota Nursing Students. University of South Dakota nursing students will receive education, instruction and clinical laboratory experience. The Head Start participants will receive health histories, health screenings, immunizations, and health education for both parents and children regarding anticipatory guidance.

III. Authority

Head Start

The Head Start program is authorized by Title VI, Subtitle A, Chapter 8, Subchapter B of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, PL 97-35 (8/31/81) and amendments PL 103-218 (3/9/94), Title I of the Human Services Amendments of 1994, PL 103-252 (5/18/94).

IV. Cost

There is no financial cost associated with this Interagency Agreement. Services provided by nursing students may be credited as INKIND by Head Start programs.

V. Background

Head Start

The Head Start Program consists of four components: education, health, parent involvement and social services. Head Start emphasizes cognitive and language development, socio-emotional development, physical and mental health with parent involvement as a key element since parents are considered to be the primary educators of their children.

Of the total Head Start enrollment, 90% must be children of families who are at or below 100% of federally regulated poverty guidelines. Ten percent of Head Start enrollment may be above income guidelines. Ten percent of Head Start enrollment must include children with disabilities.

Typically Head Start serves 3-5 year old children who can benefit from a comprehensive developmental program. Families with infants and toddlers ages 0-3 and expectant parents may be eligible to participate in Parent Child Centers or Early Head Start programs. All children are required to receive a thorough medical and dental examination, health screenings, and immunization assessment and a nutrition assessment after they enter the program.

Family services provide educational programs for parents to help them overcome economic and personal problems, health education and ensure prenatal health care for expectant mothers.

University of South Dakota Department of Nursing

The University of South Dakota Department of Nursing offers an Associate Arts Degree in Nursing within the College of Arts and Sciences. Nursing is the art and science of human caring with the application of knowledge and skills derived from the natural, behavioral, and social sciences. Nursing involves the diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential alterations in functional health patterns of individuals or groups providing preventive, restorative and supportive care; health teaching and counseling; and case finding and referral.

The practice of caring is central to nursing. The practice of caring integrates biophysical knowledge with knowledge of human behavior. effective caring promotes health and individual or family growth. The practice of nursing by a registered nurse means the assessment, supervision, delegation, evaluation and teaching of health; all of which require a substantial specialized knowledge, judgement and skill based upon the principles of the biological, physiological, behavioral and sociological

sciences (SD Nurse Practice Act 36-9-3).

Nursing practice requires political and social activities which foster growth in the profession and enhance health care.

Associate Degree nursing education which incorporates knowledge from other disciplines (natural sciences, social sciences, and behavioral sciences) involves the learning and clinical practice in the roles of Associate Degree Nurse as: provider of care, manager of care, and member within the discipline of nursing. The University of South Dakota utilizes community - based agencies/services to provide settings in which the student may incorporate this knowledge into practice.

VI Local Contacts: University and Head Start Representatives

The Administrator and/or the Health Coordinator at the individual Head Start program sites and the Department chairperson at the University shall be responsible representatives of the respective institutions. Week-by week and day-to day planning for student assignments will be made by nursing instructors and Head Start health personnel.

VII Responsibilities:

The University agrees:

1. The University shall have full responsibility and authority to establish regulations, standards and costs governing the admission of students and to administer such policies through the personnel it may designate for this purpose. The university reserves the right to withdraw a student from the clinical portion of the program at any time if in the judgement of the responsible committee it is in the best interest of all concerned to do so.
2. Each nursing student carries liability insurance coverage for any possible acts of negligence or malpractice. Nursing instructors are also required to carry malpractice insurance. The University agrees to provide evidence of coverage on request.
3. The University agrees to require all students, instructors and supervisors to comply with Head Start health policies, professional and legal standards and particularly to require that the above personnel respect and preserve the confidentiality of all health and other information of Head Start participants.
4. Hospitalization and medical insurance shall be the responsibility of the student. The University will provide evidence of appropriate immunizations and health status of students and personnel on request.
5. The University agrees that during such times as its faculty and /or personnel are on the premises of the Head Start program, the University shall provide necessary

workers compensation protection as required by law. Students are regarded as volunteers and are not eligible for worker's compensation by either the University or the Head Start Program.

6. The nursing students will do the following: health histories, health screenings, immunizations, and health education to parents and children in the form of anticipatory guidance.

The Head Start Association Agrees:

1. The Head Start program shall provide care for students and instructors in cases of emergencies occurring while students are at the Head Start site. Charges incurred will be billed directly to the University student.

2. The Head Start program maintains ultimate responsibility for services to Head Start participants and has the authority to establish policies and procedures regarding University students and instructors interaction with Head Start participants.

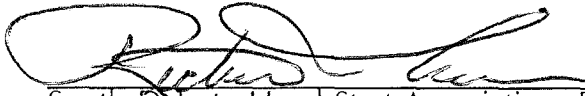
3. The Head Start program agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the State of South Dakota, its officers, agents and employees from and against any and all actions, suits, damages, liability or other proceedings which may arise as a result of performing services hereunder. This section does not require the Head Start program to be responsible for or defend against claims or damages arising solely from acts or omissions of the State, its officers, agents, or employees.

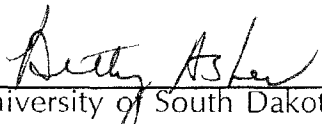
4. The Head Start program shall allow the university students and instructors to observe and participate in the health component service delivery integration activities of the Head Start participants as appropriate.

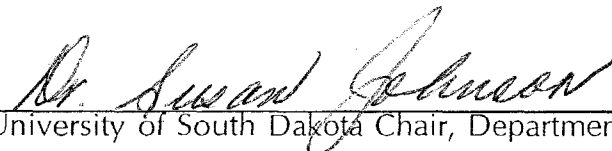
5. The Head Start program will allow university students to participate in program options of service delivery such as : center based, home based, combination options, Parent Child Centers, Transition Demonstration or Early Head Start whichever applies.


6. Specific activities that university students might participate in include: observation of child development age span 0-5, physical assessments such as height, weight, nutritional status, vision and hearing, child and parent health education.

SIGNATURES


South Dakota Head Start Association, President Date 11-2-95


University of South Dakota, President Date 1-18-96


University of South Dakota Chair, Department of Nursing Date 12-22-95


University of South Dakota Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Date 1-4-96

APPENDIX

South Dakota Head Start Association, Region VIII Programs:

Badlands Head Start

Interlakes Community Action Head Start

Northeast South Dakota Head Start

Oahe Child Development Center, Head Start

Sioux Falls Head Start

South Central Child Development, Inc., Head Start

University of South Dakota Head Start

Youth and Family Services, Head Start and Parent Child Center