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Dear Parents:

There will be an Early Head Start and Head Start Parent meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday October 14, 2025, at 4:00pm**. The Zoom information is as follow:

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Service Area updates
2. Mend Farmers Market (10/21/25)
3. Brother to Brother presentation (Reggie Miller)
4. Children's Attendance
5. Program Recruitment(Staff and Children)
6. Fire and other Health and Safety drills
7. Parent Conferences/Family Partnership Agreement/Parent Volunteers
8. Ready Rosie, Positive Solutions For Families, (10/22/25)
9. Updated phone numbers and e-mail information.
10 Federal Reserve Bank Holiday Drive
11. Late pickups/Late arrivals
12. Policy/Board Member Training (10/23/25)/ input.
13. Parent input/ Comments/concerns

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Parent Meeting Report
10/14/25@ 4:00pm via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Service Area Updates
2. Mend Farmers Market (10/21/25)
3. Brother to Brother Presentation (Reggie Miller)
4. Children's Attendance
5. Program Recruitment (Staff and Children)
6. Fire and Other Health and Safety drills
7. Parent Conferences/FPA process
8. Ready Rosie, Positive Solutions For Families, Brother to Brother (Reggie Miller)
9. Updated phone numbers and e-mail information.
10. Policy/Board Member Training (10/23/25)
11. Federal Reserve Bank Holiday Drive
12. Late pickups/Late arrivals
13. Parent/ Policy/Board Member/Teacher/ input comments/concerns

COMMENTS/RESULTS

The Zoom Parent Meeting opened with warm welcomes and words of gratitude to all of the parents/guardians and staff who were in attendance at this first meeting of the new school year.
Service Area updates was the first item of discussion. Nurse Marie and Nurse Kim spoke to the parents about the importance of School Readiness from the Health Service Area perspective and the importance of keeping up to date with submission of health documentation which includes([physicals/dentals/bloodwork).
Nurse Marie and Nurse Kim also spoke about Flu shot requirements and forthcoming dates of submission. Contact information was given to the parents for assistance.
Robert Mikulski, Training Needs Coordinator spoke about some of the Initiatives that are coming down the pike from OHS as well as how we will be addressing the training needs of the families. Ms. Alie, Social Worker/Family Advocate, spoke to the parents about the importance of bringing the children to school every day, unless the child is sick. She spoke about how attendance is crucial for the child's learning and their ability to be prepared to attend Kindergarten. Ms. Alie also addressed the teacher shortage and how we recruiting teachers as well as children at this time.

Nurse Marie, spoke to the parents about fire and other safety drills that are taking place in the school.
Parents were advised to reinforce the drills at home by practicing and talking to their children about what happens in an emergency
The parents were also alerted to the fact that October is Fire Safety month and the various activities that are taking place in the centers to address fire safety.
Family Advocate, Ms. Mercedes, spoke about Parent conferences and the Family Partnership Agreement Process. She explained that we are in the process scheduling conferences and we will be looking at goal setting and explore and access resources that are in place to assist with the accomplishment of their short term and long term goals
Ms. Lynette, FCE Mgr., introduced Mr. Reggie Miller, Brother to Brother Coordinator, who spoke about the Brother to Brother, Fatherhood support group that will be starting in early November. He highlighted major topics of discussion and encouraged male participation. Other Parent Support groups discussed was The Ready Rosie parenting app. Parents were alerted to accept an invitation from Ms. Carr to begin using the app that is great for supporting children's learning.
The parents/ guardians were also informed that FCE Team will facilitate the parenting support group, Positive Solutions for Families that is tentatively scheduled to begin on October 28, 2025.
Mr. Rob, reminded the parents that were elected for the Policy Council and Board of Directors that there will be a training on October 23, 2025 via Zoom.
Family Advocate, Ms. Tasha, emphasized the importance of having updated phone numbers, addresses and email information to ensure effective communication between the school and the families. Ms. Tasha also stressed the importance of making sure that children arrive to school and picked up on time daily.
The Federal Reserve Bank of New York was discussed by Ms. Janice. She gave the history of the our relationship with the Bank and how over many years, the children have received generous gifts from the employees. She urged the families to complete the wish list form and return to their worker, if they have not done so.
The meeting closed with reminder for the parents to participate in "Bring your Parent To School Day on October 22, 2026 from 8:30am-10:30am.



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Dear Parents:

There will be an Early Head Start and Head Start Parent meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday**

November 18, 2025, at 4:00pm. Please make every effort to attend. The Zoom

information is as follow:

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AGENDA

1. Rutgers University Presentation, (The Contagion Storybook Intervention Study)
2. Flu Shots Due Now!
3. Program Service Area Updates/ Head Start Updates
4. Program Recruitment (Children/Staff)
5. MEND Program, Fresh Produce Distribution (11/18/25 @ 682 Park Ave)
6. Parent Conferences/Family Partnership Agreement/Parent Volunteers
7. Ready Rosie, Positive Solutions for Families, Brother to Brother, (Reggie Miller) Parent Support Groups.
8. Federal Reserve Bank Gift Drive (Tentative distribution date) (12/19/25)
9. Updated phone numbers and e-mail information
10. Attendance/ Late pickups/Late arrivals
11. Parent/ Policy/Board Member/Teacher/ input comments/concerns

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EHS/HS Parent Meeting Report
11/18/5 4:00pm via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Rutgers University Presentation (The Contagion Storybook Intervention Study)
2. Flu Shots Due Now!
3. Program Service Area Updates/Head Start Updates
4. Program Recruitment (Staff and Children)
5. MEND Program, Fresh Produce Distribution (11/18/25@ 682 Park Ave)
6. Parent Conferences/Family Partnership Agreement/Parent Volunteers)
7. Ready Rosie, Positive Solutions For Families, Brother to Brother
8. Updated phone numbers and e-mail information.
9. Federal Reserve Bank Holiday Drive (Tentative distribution date(12/19/25)
10. Attendance Late pickups/Late arrivals
11 Parent/ Policy/Board Member/Teacher/ input comments/concerns

COMMENTS/RESULTS

The Zoom Parent Meeting opened with warm welcomes and words of gratitude to all of the parents/guardians and staff who were in attendance.
The meeting opened with a presentation from Rutgers University on The Contagion Storybook Intervention Study). The PowerPoint presentation gave valuable information on prevention by using picture books to teach young children about germs, viruses and disease transmission. Parents were very excited about participating in the study. The study will begin the first of the new year and more information will be shared leading up to the study.
Service Area updates included reminders from Nurse Marie and Nurse Kim about Submission of outstanding health documentation and flu shot deadlines. Mr. Rob also gave updates on the Happenings in Head Start at the federal level as well as at the state and local level.
Attendees were reminded that we are currently recruiting to hire teaching positions as well as for age eligible children for the program. Anyone in need of employment as well as child care are welcome to apply. Ms. Debbie reminded everyone about the fresh produce giveaway through the MEND program on 11/18/25 at 682 Park Ave. Ms. Debbie also reminded parents/guardians that parent conferences continue to be scheduled to discuss the FPA and goal setting. She also encouraged the parents/guardians to volunteer as time permits. It is

very much appreciated. Ms. Jonita spoke about the various parent support groups
that are currently happening and she welcomed all participation. Ms. Alie emphasized
the importance of keeping all contact information current. She also spoke about the
upcoming Federal Reserve Bank Holiday Drive Gift distribution, tentatively scheduled
for December 19, 2025. The Employees of the Federal Reserve Bank have been
donating to our families for over 40 plus years and we are so grateful for generosity.
Ms. Alie concluded the meeting with discussion on the importance bringing your
children to school every day as well as dropping off and picking up on time.
Parents thanked the staff and the meeting adjourned.



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Dear Parents:

There will be an Early Head Start and Head Start, Parent meeting via Zoom on **Tuesday, December 9,**

2025 at 4:00pm. The Zoom link is as follow:

Please make every effort to attend.

Join Zoom Meeting

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AGENDA

1. Child Plus Communication App. (Presented by Angela Carr)
2. Flu Shots/Outstanding Health Documentation Due Now!
3. Federal Reserve Bank of NY Toy Distribution (December 19, 2025) and Thank you notes for Federal Reserve Bank Employees
4. MEND Farmers Market (12/16/25 at 50 Washington Street, lower level)
5. Child Care Assistant Program
6. Positive Solutions For Families/ Ready Rosie/Brother to Brother (12/18/25) Parenting Support Groups
7. Attendance Program Recruitment and Enrollment/Late Pick up/Arrivals/Summer Program (2026)
8. Parent Volunteers/ Parent Conferences/ Library Card applications)
9. Service Area Updates. Head Start updates(Parents Unite) (upcoming workshops)/Community Resources
10. Parent/Teacher/Policy Makers comments/concerns



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Meeting assets for EHS/HS Parent meeting are ready!

1 message

Zoom <no-reply@zoom.us>
To: Lynnettew@eocdc.org

Tue, Dec 9, 2025 at 5:06 PM



Meeting assets for EHS/HS Parent meeting are ready!

Meeting summary

Quick recap

The meeting began with administrative matters including attendance and technical issues before moving into discussions about the Child Plus communication app and its implementation. The group covered various operational topics including health requirements, flu shots, and gift-giving policies for the holiday season, while also addressing the Parents Unite program and Parent Advisory Committee formation. The conversation ended with discussions about the Policy Council's roles and responsibilities, including upcoming elections and nominations, along with announcements about staff changes and upcoming events.

Next steps

- Parents: Download Child Plus Communications app from Google Play or Apple Store using the code sent via email
- Angela: Send quick email to parents letting them know to check for email from Child Plus
- Angela: Conduct session with staff to show them how to use Child Plus system
- Angela: Have teachers added to Child Plus Communications system by January
- Parents: Get flu shots for children and bring documentation ASAP
- Parents: Respond to letters from Nurse Kim for updated physicals and blood work - do not ignore them
- Parents: Attend toy distribution on December 19th and bring thank you cards for Federal Reserve Bank employees
- Parents: Come to farmer's market on December 16th at 2:30-2:45 in lower level of building
- Ariana: Speak with teacher about alternative arrangement for gift distribution
- Parents interested in summer program: Inform staff if you want to participate and whether you have childcare assistance or will pay
- Parents: Apply now for Child Care Assistance Program for summer program funding
- Parents: Fill out and return library card application papers sent to classrooms
- Parents: Sign in with name and child's name/classroom for meeting attendance

- Robert: Get Parents Unite program information sheet and Parent Advisory committee sign-up links to FCE staff to distribute to parents
- Robert: Prepare overview presentation on Policy Council roles and responsibilities for February meeting
- Parents: Contact social worker or teacher if child will be absent and provide written excuse if absent 3+ days
- Parents: Arrive on time for pickup and drop-off, call if running late
- Parents: Volunteer in classrooms or make donations for volunteer credit
- Morralee: Follow up with Angela tomorrow about Child Plus app login issues

Summary

Meeting with Login and Greetings

The meeting began with greetings and introductions, with participants discussing login issues and providing additional time for attendees to join. There were several messages exchanged about family members, including mentions of mothers and children, but no substantial decisions or action items were recorded. The conversation ended with Keisha making a brief statement, though the content was unclear from the transcript.

Child Plus App Implementation Meeting

The meeting began with Tasha welcoming attendees and introducing the agenda. Angela discussed the implementation of the Child Plus communication app, explaining its functionality and distribution process. She emphasized its importance for parent-teacher and parent-social worker communication, particularly in cases of school closures. MercedesF provided a Spanish translation of Angela's explanation. Tasha then instructed parents to log in and provide their names and children's names for attendance purposes. The conversation ended with a brief mention of flu shots and outstanding health documentation due.

Health Updates and Toy Distribution

Nurse Kim reminded parents about the importance of flu shots, noting that children without documentation of vaccination by January 5th will be excluded from classrooms. She also announced letters for updated physical and blood work would be sent, urging parents to respond promptly. Mercedes discussed the Federal Reserve Bank's toy distribution event scheduled for December 19th, emphasizing the importance of gratitude and proper documentation for received gifts. Morralee raised concerns about accessing the app using her unit code, and Mercedes advised her to contact social work for assistance.

School Christmas Activities Discussion

The meeting discussed plans for a farmer's market on December 16th at the school's lower level, starting around 2:30-2:45 PM. Ariana raised concerns about her child participating in Christmas activities, and Janice clarified that while the school respects parents' religious beliefs, they encourage children to participate in gift-giving to avoid making others feel excluded. The school allows parents to opt their children out of classroom Christmas activities while still receiving thank you cards and gifts, with teachers available to discuss individual arrangements.

Gift-Giving and Childcare Updates

The group discussed how to handle gift-giving at a Head Start program, with Ariana expressing appreciation for the gifts but requesting they not be presented as from Santa Claus. The group agreed to remove the Santa Claus presentation and instead give the gifts separately, aligning with Head Start's philosophy of inclusivity for children of all backgrounds. Tasha announced that the Child Care Assistance Program is now accepting applications again for parents seeking financial support for childcare.

Parent Engagement and Funding Updates

Robert discussed the Parents Unite program and the formation of a Parent Advisory Committee. He reported that Head Start funding is coming in at full year, but at flat funding levels, which is better than some other programs but not enough to address cost of living increases. Robert mentioned that they are working on a two-pronged approach to engage parents, including having them speak to legislators about the impact of Head Start and the need for additional funding in April. He also briefly touched on recent East Orange Borough Council meetings, noting that they discussed potential additional bus routes and zoning issues.

Program Progress and Upcoming Activities

The meeting discussed the current good position of the program in various states, with some challenges faced but sufficient funding to continue. There was a discussion about a recent city meeting in Isoren regarding apartment complexes and community agenda items. The group also talked about the Positive Solutions for Families program, with Robert mentioning the possibility of booster sessions in the fall and spring, pending confirmation. Janice provided information about upcoming sessions for parents and mentioned Ready Roses, an at-home activity program, as well as the Brother to Brothers support group starting at 4 PM on December 18.

Fathers' Engagement in Parenting Program

The meeting focused on encouraging fathers to join the Brothers to Brothers group and discussing the recent parenting program, where several parents shared positive experiences and outcomes. MercedesF emphasized the importance of regular attendance, timely pickups, and recruiting new students for the current and upcoming year. She also announced that details about the summer program would be discussed in the next meeting, and parents interested in the summer program or parking arrangements should inform the staff.

Parent Engagement and Child Care Updates

MercedesF discussed the importance of parents applying for the new child care assistant program, which is now open again after being closed for a few months. She emphasized the need for parents to ensure their children attend school regularly and notify teachers if they will be late. MercedesF also highlighted the summer program, parent volunteer opportunities in classrooms, and the importance of parent conferences to discuss goals and services needed. Additionally, she mentioned the need for parents to fill out library card applications if their children do not already have one. Kareem inquired about updates on a college representative reading to students in the classroom, and Lynette confirmed the program starts in February.

Policy Council Roles and Engagement

The meeting focused on the Policy Council and its importance for parents. Morralee explained that the council involves National Head Start activities, including conferences and decision-making opportunities. Kareem shared his positive experience as a new member, highlighting the chance to

influence employment decisions and budgets. The group discussed the frequency of meetings, confirming they occur every other month. Robert suggested providing a brief overview of the Policy Council's roles and responsibilities in a future meeting to help prepare for the next year.

Policy Council and Health Updates

The meeting covered several key topics, including upcoming nominations and elections in March and April, with Robert planning to prepare a PowerPoint overview of Policy Council roles in February. Robert emphasized the importance of health requirements and vaccination timelines for children, noting that failure to comply could affect federal funding. The group expressed sadness and surprise at Mercedes's announcement of her retirement, effective January 8th, and discussed the upcoming father's meeting scheduled for the 18th. The conversation ended with Tasha thanking attendees and mentioning upcoming holiday festivities.

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Edit summary

Thank you,

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13, 2026 at 4:00pm. The Zoom link is as follow:

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AGENDA (Happy New Year!)

1.	Outstanding Health Documentation Due Now!
2.	Brother to Brother (January (Zoom) January 16. 2026 January 30 2026 @4:30pm
3.	MEND Farmers Market on January 20, 2026 @ 682 Park Ave).
4.	Positive Solutions for Families parenting Support group (March 2026)
5.	Summer Program 2026
6.	Attendance/ Program Recruitment and Enrollment/Late Pick up/Arrivals
7.	Federal Reserve Thank you cards
8.	Service Area Updates
9.	Parent/Teacher/Service Area input comments/concerns

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1/13/26 4:00pm via Zoom

AGENDA

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| 1. Outstanding Health Documentation Due Now! |
| 2. Brother to Brother (January 16, 2026, January 30, 2026 @4:30pm) |
| 3. MEND Program, Fresh Produce Distribution (1/18/25@682 Park Ave) |
| 4. Parent Conferences/Family Partnership Agreement/Parent Volunteers) |
| 5. Positive Solutions For Families Parenting Support Groups (March 2026) |
| 6. Service Area updates |
| 7. Federal Reserve Bank Holiday Drive Thank you cards! |
| 8. Attendance Late pickups/Late arrivals |
| 9. Parent/ Policy/Board Member/Teacher/ input comments/concerns |

COMMENTS/RESULTS

The Zoom Parent Meeting opened with Happy New Year! warm welcomes and words of gratitude to all of the parents/guardians and staff who were in attendance
Nurse Marie and Nurse Kim reminded the parents with outstanding health documentation should submit them immediately and as always offered support to those who are in need of assistance with this matter. Nurse Marie also reminded the parents/guardians about the fresh produce giveaway provided by the MEND program that will take place on 1/18/26 at 682 Park Ave.
Ms. Debbie reminded the parents of the for the coming Brother to Brother meetings that will be held on January 16 and January 30, 2026 @4:30pm via zoom.
Ms. Debbie also reminded parents about the on-going parent conferences and volunteering at the various sites in the agency. Ms. Jonita reminded everyone about the Spring session of Positive Solutions for Families that will take place in late March or Early April. The date will be announced and all are welcome to attend. Ms. Lynette reminded the parents to please send Thank you notes to the employees from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for their warm generosity. The children once again received wonderful clothes and toys.
Attendance, late pickups/late arrivals were discussed and the importance was emphasized by Ms. Debbie. The meeting concluded with the parents that participated in the Positive Solutions for Families, parenting support group praising their experience and how it help them by providing strategies

to deal with their children's challenging behavior's. They also encouraged parents to join the sessions. The meeting adjourned.

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Dear Parents:

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February 10, 2026 at 4:00pm. The Zoom link is as follow:

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AGENDA

1.	ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Presentation: Reggie Miller, Facilitator
2.	Brother To Brother (February 12 and February 26 2026 @4:30pm
3.	MEND Farmers Market on February 17 , 2026 @ 50 Washington Street
4.	Positive Solutions for Families parenting Support group (upcoming Spring Session)
5.	Summer Program 2026 Survey/Updates
6.	Save the Date (Pre-K Registration Open House February 25, 2026)
7.	EHS Transition to HS updates
8.	Attendance/ Program Recruitment and Enrollment/Late Pick up/Arrivals,
9.	Update Emergency Contact Information.
10.	Service Area Updates/ Head Start Happenings
11.	Parent/Teacher/Service Area input comments/concerns

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Parent Meeting Report
2/10/26 4:00pm via Zoom

AGENDA

1. ACES(Adverse Childhood Experiences) Presentation, Reggie Miller, Facilitator
2. Brother to Brother (February 12 and February 26, 2026 @4:30pm)
3. MEND Program, Fresh Produce Distribution February 17, 2026 @50 Washington St)
4. Positive Solutions For Families Parenting Support Groups (March 2026)
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COMMENTS/RESULTS

The Zoom Parent Meeting opened with warm welcomes and words of gratitude to all of the parents/guardians and staff who were in attendance.
Mr. Reggie Miller, Brother to Brother, Facilitator presented valuable information on ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences), in which a short video was shown and the ACES questionnaire was shared and discussed. Mr. Miller also shared information on the forthcoming Brother to Brother meetings and encouraged male participation. Nurse Marie and Nurse Kim gave updates on the Health Service Area and encouraged parents to attend and receive free produce through the MEND program on February 17, 2026 at the 50 Washington site. Ms. Lynette reminded the parents that the spring sessions of the Positive Solutions for Families Parenting Support group will begin at the end of March, 2026)
All were welcome to join. Ms. Lynette also gave updates on the Summer Program. Reminders were given to complete the survey and submit to your SW/Advocate if you are interested in attending. The Summer Program is tentatively scheduled to begin on July 6, 2026 - August 14, 2026 from 8:00am – 3:00pm.
Ms. Alie encouraged all parents/guardians with Pre-K eligible children to participate in the Pre-K Open House planned for February 25, 2026.
Ms. Debbie gave updates on EHS Transition to HS and informed all of the

the activities that will take place supporting a seamless transition to the HS
Pre-school program. Ms. Debbie also spoke to the parents/guardian about the importance
of bringing your child to school daily and dropping off and picking up on time. All were
reminded that these practices are vital for supporting school readiness.
Ms. Tanya spoke about the importance of making sure emergency contact
information as well as change of phone numbers and addresses/emails are current
and relevant staff is made aware of any changes.
Mr. Rob gave updates on the happenings in Head Start and encouraged parents
to participate in all areas of the program.
The meeting closed with parents thanking the staff for all of their support.
Meeting adjourned.



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AGENDA

1. EHS to HS to Kindergarten Transition
2. Pyramid Model Expectations (1. We are safe! 2. We are kind.! 3. We are responsible!
3. Nominations for Policy Makers Groups
4. Brother To Brother (March 12 and March 26, 2026 @4:30pm
5. MEND Farmers Market on March 17, 2026 @ 682 Park Ave
6. Positive Solutions for Families parenting Support group (upcoming)
7. Summer Program 2026 Survey/updates/ 2025-2026 School Calendar updates
8. Attendance/ Program Recruitment and Enrollment/Late Pick up/Arrivals
9. Update Emergency Contact Information/Parent Conferences
10. Parent/Teacher/Service Area input/updates/ Head Start Happenings/comments/concerns



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Meeting assets for EHS/HS Parent meeting are ready!

1 message

Zoom <no-reply@zoom.us>
To: Lynettew@eocdc.org

Tue, Mar 10, 2026 at 4:59 PM



Meeting assets for EHS/HS Parent meeting are ready!

Meeting summary

Quick recap

This was a parent meeting for Early Head Start and Head Start programs where staff discussed upcoming transitions and important updates. The main focus was on children transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start, with specific attention to those turning 3 by October 1st who need to begin the transition process immediately. Staff announced upcoming "Brother to Brother" sessions on March 12th and 26th at 4:30 PM via Zoom, and a Farmer's Market amendment on March 17th at 682 Park Avenue from 2:30-2:45 PM. The meeting covered health file updates needed for transitions, summer program details for Early Head Start (August 3-14) and Head Start (July 6-August 14), and the importance of maintaining attendance and punctuality. Staff also discussed the Positive Solutions parenting program launching in late March or early April, board member nominations for policy-making positions, and the need for parents to check emails and respond to calls regularly.

Next steps

- Rob Mikulski: Send out resources on ACEs training and information about Parent Unite and sign-on letters for appropriations to all social workers for distribution to parents within the next day or two.
- Parents of children turning 3 by October 1st: Visit your social worker to receive and begin filling out the transition package for moving from Early Head Start to Head Start, starting tomorrow.
- Social Workers: Distribute transition packages to eligible Early Head Start parents and assist them with the process.
- Lynette: Send out Zoom information for Brother to Brother meetings (March 12th and 26th at 4:30 PM) to social workers for distribution to parents.
- Parents: Bring bags to the Farmer's Market event on March 17th at 682 Park Avenue.
- Rob Mikulski and Lynette: Develop and deliver a 5-10 minute presentation on roles and responsibilities of board/policy group membership for the April parent meeting.
- Parents interested in board/policy group: Speak to your social worker to express interest and/or complete nomination forms when distributed.
- Social Workers: Distribute Positive Solutions parenting group survey to parents and collect responses to determine interest/participation for late March/early April sessions.
- Parents interested in Positive Solutions parenting group: Complete and return the survey to social workers.
- Parents of children transitioning to kindergarten: Monitor for and respond to Board of Ed transition letters in April; contact social workers with questions.
- Parents applying for summer program (Head Start): Pay \$25 deposit and complete survey; contact social worker or Lynette to secure spot.

- Parents (Early Head Start and Head Start): Apply for Programs of Parents (if eligible) by providing required pay stubs and documentation to qualify for subsidized summer program fees.
- Parents: Ensure all health/medical paperwork (physicals, blood work, dental) is up to date for transitions; respond promptly to nurse requests for updated information.
- Social Workers: Distribute revised school year calendar to parents when available.
- Parents: Update contact information with social workers if there have been any changes (phone, address, etc.).
- Parents: Complete Ages and Stages questionnaires with your child (not independently) and return to teachers for upcoming conferences.
- Social Workers/Teachers: Conduct Ages and Stages conferences with parents after questionnaires are completed.
- Anna: Call Oliqua to reschedule a meeting time for parent consultation.
- Mercedes: Inform relevant department/parents who do not participate in meetings about key updates, especially for Spanish-speaking parents.

Summary

Meeting Introduction and Protocol

Debbie hosted a meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves by sharing their name and their child's name in the chat. She emphasized the importance of being on time and requested attendees to mute their phones. The meeting was in its early stages, with Debbie preparing to start the main discussion.

Head Start Transition Planning Meeting

Debbie and Robmi discussed upcoming transitions for Head Start and Early Head Start children. Robmi shared information about parent advocacy opportunities, including a National Head Start initiative for parents to meet with legislators in April and a pre-written letter regarding Head Start funding. Debbie announced that the transition process for children moving from Early Head Start to Head Start would begin the following day, targeting children who are 3 years old or will turn 3 by October 1st. She also mentioned that transition letters from the Board of Education regarding kindergarten placements would be sent directly to parents in April, and that children moving to kindergarten would not need to re-register but would need to transition to community schools or the East Orange Community Charter School.

Pyramid Model and Policy Updates

The meeting covered several topics including the pyramid model expectations and policy nominations. Lynette explained the three key expectations - "We are safe," "We are kind," and "We are responsible" - which are being implemented in Head Start classrooms and posted in multiple languages at the entrance. Debbie announced nominations for the Policymakers group, explaining that board meetings occur monthly via Zoom and are approximately one hour long, inviting interested parents to discuss with their social workers. The meeting also included a special guest appearance from Mercedes, who joined remotely from New Jersey to greet the team.

School Board Parent Involvement Discussion

Debbie and the team discussed parent involvement in the school board, with Maureen sharing her positive experience as a board member. Tanasha expressed interest in joining and was advised to speak with her social worker about the process. The group agreed to create a mini-training session about board responsibilities to help potential candidates understand the commitment involved before making nominations.

Board Meeting and Training Schedule

The group discussed upcoming board meeting procedures and training. They agreed to present board information at the April meeting, with materials being distributed in advance for board members to review. The meeting format was explained, with meetings typically lasting less than 30 minutes and occurring on the third Thursday of the month. Additionally, they confirmed two "brother-to-brother" sessions scheduled for March 12th and March 26th at 4:30 PM via Zoom, and announced a Farmer's Market amendment event on March 17th at 682 Park Avenue from 2:30-2:45 PM, where attendees were asked to bring reusable bags.

Children's Health Records Management

Nurse Marie and Kim emphasized the importance of keeping children's health files and medical paperwork up to date for smooth transitions between programs, whether moving to Head Start, kindergarten, or returning in September. They warned that delays can occur if required documentation is not submitted promptly, and encouraged parents to respond to requests for updated information promptly. Debbie announced that a survey about the Positive Solution program would be distributed to parents, with details about timing to be announced later.

Parenting Group and Summer Programs

Lynette announced a parenting group starting in late March or early April with 7 Zoom sessions. The summer program dates were confirmed with Early Head Start running August 3-14 and Head Start from July 6 to August 14. Parents were informed about a \$25 deposit requirement to hold summer program spaces and the need to apply for Programs of Parents subsidies now, as this can take several weeks to process. Debbie emphasized the importance of attendance and requested that parents call if their child will be absent, noting that children are showing improvements and learning.

Pregnant Moms Program Attendance Updates

Debbie discussed the Pregnant Moms program, emphasizing the importance of informing the program early in pregnancy to avoid waitlists. She addressed issues with late arrivals and pickups, reminding parents that school starts at 8 AM and late fees apply after specific times. Lynette commended parents for consistent daily attendance despite challenges. The team discussed updates to the school calendar due to an extended year and stressed the importance of checking emails and responding to calls for important information.

Parent Conferences and Child Development

Debbie and Lynette discussed ongoing parent conferences and emphasized the importance of parents meeting with social workers to discuss transition activities and child development. They clarified that Early Head Start will have full-day classes tomorrow from 8 AM to 3 PM, with no before or aftercare, and reminded parents to check emails and return calls. Mercedes offered to assist Spanish-speaking parents, and Allie provided translation services during the meeting.

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14, 2026 at 4:00pm. The Zoom link is as follow:

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AGENDA

1.	Nominations for Policy Makers groups
2.	Brother To Brother (April 16 and April 30, 2026 @4:30pm
3.	Week of the Young Child(4/13/26- 4/17/26)
4.	MEND Farmers Market on April 21 , 2026 @ 50 Washington St)
5.	Positive Solutions for Families Parenting Support group 4/29/26
6.	Summer Program 2026 Survey/updates
7.	Class Pictures May, 2026
8.	Program Recruitment and Enrollment/EHS/HS/Kindergarten Transition (Pre-School Registration Fair (4/22/26 @ 125 Glenwood Ave from 2:00pm-5:00pm)
9.	Attendance/Late arrival/Late pick up.
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Tue, Apr 14, 2026 at 5:22 PM



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Meeting summary

Quick recap

This was the April meeting for the East Orange Head Start program, where staff and parents discussed various program updates and announcements. The meeting covered several key topics including the Family Literacy Initiative presentation (postponed to May or June), upcoming policy maker group nominations, and the new online application process for the Program for Parents through MyNewJerseyHelps.gov. Ms. Lisa Gray from the East Orange Community Charter School presented information about kindergarten registration requirements and the application process, explaining that the charter school now requires parents to take completed applications to the Board of Education for approval before returning to the charter school. The meeting also addressed attendance requirements, emphasizing that 90% attendance is critical for funding and that children must be brought to school on time, with late pickup resulting in fees. Additional discussions covered the summer program applications, health intake requirements for children transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start, and transportation services for families.

Next steps

- [robmi](#): Present overview of policy board and policy council responsibilities at May meeting (short 5-8 minute presentation)
- [Parents](#): Sign on to letters and/or create short videos in support of Head Start funding by May
- [Parents](#): Submit nominations for policy makers group (for those interested in running again)
- [Ms. Reynolds](#): Send out class picture scheduling documentation and fees to all centers/parents within next few days
- [Parents](#) applying for summer program: Submit \$25 deposit fee to hold spot
- [Parents](#): Apply for Program for Parents funding online at MyNewJerseyHelps.gov for summer program assistance
- [Parents](#): Ensure Program for Parents agreements are extended through summer if currently receiving funding
- [Parents](#): Update all contact and address information with school immediately if changes have occurred

- Parents: Complete full Head Start to Kindergarten transition paperwork including 3 proofs of residency, picture ID, and updated physical/shot records
- Parents: Complete health intake assessment with Nurse Kim for Early Head Start to Head Start transitions
- Ms. Lisa Gray: Send information about upcoming Saturday open house registration event to Ms. Janice when date is confirmed
- Kareem: Reach out again to Mr. Mike regarding transportation services
- Parents: Complete online pre-application for East Orange Community Charter School under Families tab
- Parents: Bring completed charter school registration packet to enrollment center for stamp approval, then return to Ms. Lisa
- Parents: Bring children to school regularly to maintain 90% attendance
- Parents: Pick up children by 3:00 PM to avoid late fees
- Parents: Update emergency contact information
- Parents with children transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start: Complete redetermination process including all required paperwork
- Parents: Upload Head Start registration paperwork to Board of Education website in addition to school submission
- Parents: Bring children in for physical assessment with Nurse Kim as part of health intake process
- Parents: Update physical and blood work documentation over summer before expiration
- Ms. Lisa Gray: Send applications and business cards to Ms. Janice
- Parents: Submit policy council nomination forms to John Miga for upcoming election

Summary

Head Start Program Updates Meeting

The meeting focused on updates and announcements for the Head Start program. Rob provided information about federal budget developments, noting that Head Start received flat funding, and discussed upcoming changes to performance standards. The team announced that Mr. Rob would present on the policy board and policymakers group in May, and they encouraged parent involvement in advocacy efforts. The meeting also covered upcoming events including a Health Mental Health Fair and a farmers market on April 21st, as well as the summer program application process which is now being handled online through MyNewJerseyHelps.gov. The team reminded parents about the importance of updating their address information for school assignments and discussed the process for transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start.

Kindergarten Program Registration Information

Lisa Smith-Gray, the family liaison at East Orange Community Charter School, introduced the school's kindergarten program to parents. She explained that the school, located near Head Start, accepts students from kindergarten to 4th grade with 90 slots available for kindergartners on a first-come, first-served basis, prioritizing East Orange Child Development students. Lisa outlined the required registration documents, including the child's birth certificate, shot record, ID, and three proofs of address, noting that children must be 5 years old by October 1st. She also mentioned that the school provides free breakfast and lunch, but does not offer transportation, and that physicals must be within 12 months of registration.

School Registration Process Discussion

Kareem Alexis, Leah's father, inquired about registering his daughter for both Sheila Oliver Academy and East Orange School. The group discussed the process of school registration, including the handling of hardship letters and the option to attend charter schools. They also addressed the expiration of physicals and dental records, with Ms. Kim mentioned as someone who could provide updated dental records if needed. Ms. Lisa mentioned plans for an upcoming open house to recruit new students.

East Orange School Registration Process

The meeting discussed registration processes for the East Orange Community Charter School. Ms. Lisa explained that on-site registration will be conducted on a Saturday for convenience, though the specific date is not yet finalized. She outlined the new process where parents complete initial paperwork at the charter school and then take the forms to an enrollment center for stamp approval before returning to complete registration. The school will hold orientation in late August, one week before school starts, where parents will learn about Class Dojo setup and other important information.

Head Start Enrollment Process Updates

The meeting focused on Head Start program applications and enrollment processes. Ms. Lisa explained that parents can submit pre-applications through the East Orange Community Charter School website, which will automatically add their children to the waiting list. Lynette clarified that the team is currently reviewing applications from the waiting list, including Kareem's son who has been waiting since November 2024 for early Head Start at the 682 location. When asked about special needs programs, Ms. Lisa confirmed they do not have dedicated special needs classes but offer inclusion services and a calming room for all children who need a break.

Parent Election and Attendance Process

Lynette clarified the process for nominations and elections for policymakers, explaining that parents need to be nominated annually if they wish to run again. Alie emphasized the importance of attendance, noting that it accounts for 90% of the school's funding and stressed that parents should bring their children to school on time, with late pickups incurring fees. LaTanya Green-Chan added that arriving late in the morning disrupts the class routine and schedule.

Driver Services and Registration Discussion

Kareem inquired about driver services for pickup and was advised to contact his social worker, Ms. Janita, for assistance. The group discussed Mr. Mike, a reliable driver who had been unresponsive to Kareem's recent outreach efforts. Janita and Alie assured Kareem that Mr. Mike is dependable and recommended trying to contact him again. The discussion also covered Early Head Start registration policies, with Alie clarifying that it operates on a first-come, first-serve basis for new children, regardless of whether parents already have children in the program.

Early Head Start Transition Process

The meeting focused on discussing the transition process for children moving from Early Head Start to Head Start. Kareem agreed to update his application with current medical information. Lynette and Janice emphasized that all children must be redetermined and undergo health assessments, including scans, even if transitioning from Early Head Start. Nurse Marie provided guidance to a parent regarding the health intake process, explaining that both a questionnaire and physical assessment are required. Janice also advised on the additional step of registering with the Board of Education online to obtain an identification number for the child's school enrollment.

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Meeting summary

Quick recap

This meeting focused on updates and announcements for Head Start and Early Head Start programs, including information about the Board of Directors and Policy Council elections. Robmi explained the composition and responsibilities of the 12-member board, which includes six community members and six parent representatives from currently enrolled students, with elections scheduled for June 11th. The meeting covered upcoming events including National Head Start listening sessions for parents and staff, a farmers market at 50 Washington Street, and a mental health fair on June 16th at 106 Washington Street. Marie and Kim provided updates on health intakes and orientation requirements for children transitioning between programs. Lisa from East Orange Community Charter School discussed kindergarten recruitment, explaining their full-day program, transportation reimbursement options, and the process for out-of-district students. The meeting also addressed attendance policies, weather-appropriate clothing recommendations, and upcoming picture day packages.

Next steps

LaTanya

- [Continue outreach to Early Head Start parents transitioning to Head Start; parents should respond to calls, messages, or emails from LaTanya.](#)

Ms. Lisa

- [Bring additional charter school applications to Ms. Debbie in the morning for Early Head Start parents with older children.](#)

robmi

- Send registration links for both the parent and staff National Head Start listening group webinars to social workers for distribution to parents and staff.

Collaboration

- Parents interested in joining the Policy Council: Contact Ms. Webb or Ms. Murray at 50 Washington Street to express interest and commit to participation; election is June 11th.
- Parents: Complete SurveyMonkey survey to vote for candidates to represent centers/classrooms and return to social workers.
- Parents: See social workers to submit \$25 deposit (money order) to hold Head Start summer program slot; submit remaining payment by end of May.
- Early Head Start parents paying out of pocket: Submit first half of summer program payment (money order) by June 19th and second half by July 24th.
- Parents completing Programs of Parents applications: Submit forms to Ms. Lynette for signature for Head Start summer program.
- Parents with children transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start: Complete health intake with Nurse Kim at 50 Washington Street.
- Parents: Complete orientation packets and ensure children are up to date on health requirements for September; contact Nurse Marie or Nurse Kim to schedule.
- Parents interested in East Orange Community Charter School: Bring required documents (lease, proof of residency, ID) to Ms. Lisa at 50 Washington Street on Thursday at 2:00 for registration, or pick up applications from Ms. Debbie.
- Parents: Update emergency contact information with social workers and teachers if there are changes to phone number, address, etc.
- Parents with 3- or 4-year-olds: Bring children to 50 Washington Street for September intake.
- Parents: Be mindful of attendance, late arrivals, and pickups; update teachers/social workers of any changes affecting attendance.
- Parents who did not pay for pictures at time of picture day: Await email proof and pay online if interested in purchasing.

Summary

Head Start Board Structure Meeting

The meeting focused on explaining the structure and responsibilities of the board of directors and policy council for EOCD's Head Start program. Robmi detailed that the 12-member board includes six community members, six parent representatives of enrolled students, and specific designated positions including an attorney and education representative. He explained that parents can be elected to the policy council, which meets monthly via Zoom, and outlined the election process scheduled for June 11th. The discussion concluded with information about National Head Start conducting listening sessions for parents and staff regarding K-12 transitions, with a parent webinar scheduled for Wednesday at 4 PM.

Upcoming Meetings and Program Updates

Robmi announced two upcoming meetings on Wednesday at 4 PM - one for parents and one for staff - and shared the registration link in chat. Lynette informed the group about a SurveyMonkey poll for selecting candidates to represent centers or classrooms, asking participants to submit responses to their social workers. Deborah discussed the Brother to Brother program meetings scheduled for May 14th and May 28th at 4:30 PM, emphasizing the need for more father participation in the program and requesting staff to encourage fathers, stepfathers, uncles, and brothers to attend.

Upcoming Events and Health Updates

Deborah requested Rob to send registration links to parents and staff for upcoming events. Marie announced that the next farmers market will be held at 50 Washington Street next Tuesday, and a mental health fair will take place on June 16th from 2-4 PM at 106 Washington Street. Marie also

informed parents that health intakes are required for children transitioning from Early Head Start to Head Start, and Nurse Kim is available to conduct these at 50 Washington Street.

School Program Updates and Reminders

Kim announced that physical blood work is due by August and will inform parents of any missing items. The team discussed the upcoming Positive Solutions meeting, reminding parents who signed up to attend. Lynette informed parents that the same Zoom link is used for all meetings and encouraged participation. Deborah reminded parents that school programs continue until June for Head Start and July for Early Head Start, and asked for completion of summer program surveys and renewal forms.

Early Head Start Payment Details

Deborah and Alie discussed payment details for Early Head Start, specifying that the first half of the payment for the first week is due June 19th, with a second payment due July 24th, and that payments must be made by money order. Lynette announced that deposits for Head Start summer program slots are being accepted, with the due date for remaining payments set for the end of May, and encouraged interested families to see social workers for more information about applications and funding. The meeting also touched on program recruitment and enrollment updates, with a mention of Lisa Gray returning to discuss charter-related matters.

East Orange Charter School Recruitment

Ms. Lisa discussed recruitment for East Orange Community Charter School, focusing on enrolling four-year-olds who will be five by October 1. She confirmed she would be available on-site at 50 Washington Street on Thursday at 2:00 PM to assist with registration and provide applications for children transitioning to kindergarten. The school offers a full-day program with lunch provided, though transportation is not offered directly but can be reimbursed through the Board of Education for distances over 2.5 miles. Ms. Lisa also mentioned that before and after care options are available, along with programs for parents.

School Programs and Policies Overview

The meeting discussed school programs and policies. Ms. Lisa explained that before-care runs from 7-8 AM and after-care from 4-6 PM, with uniforms consisting of yellow tops and navy blue bottoms. She confirmed that the charter school accepts out-of-district students and provides summer programs, though she was unsure about summer school payment details. The discussion also covered the process for families receiving kindergarten transition letters from the board, with Ms. Lisa clarifying that parents can choose to register at the charter school despite receiving automatic assignment letters for board schools.

School Residency Documentation Requirements

The discussion focused on requirements for proving residency when enrolling children in schools. Ms. explained that parents need to provide a lease agreement or two other forms of proof of residency, along with a picture ID, to ensure accurate school placement. She noted that even if families had previously been approved at enrollment centers, additional documentation is required to transfer students to different schools. Ms. also mentioned that she would work with Ms. Watkins to find accommodations for parents who lack typical proof of residency documents, particularly those from different countries.

Early Head Start Updates Meeting

The meeting focused on important updates for Early Head Start and Head Start parents regarding attendance policies, weather-appropriate clothing for children, and the need to update emergency contact information. Deborah announced that picture day packages would be distributed to social workers within a week, with parents who didn't pay upfront receiving email proofs to decide later. LaTanya requested responses from Early Head Start families transitioning to Head Start, while iPhone encouraged referrals for 3-4 year olds for September intakes at 50 Washington Street. The conversation ended with a reminder from Lynette about schedule changes for the following day, with Early Head Start having full-day hours from 8am to 3pm and Head Start having early dismissal at 12pm.

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12. Parent/ Policy/Board Member/Teacher/ input comments/concerns

COMMENTS/RESULTS

The Zoom Parent Meeting opened with warm welcomes and words of gratitude to all of the parents/guardians and staff who were in attendance at this meeting.
Ms. Carolyn Lofton-Simpson and Ms. Jamilia Aquil of the EOBOE, Early Childhood Department, presented a workshop to launch the Family Literacy Initiative(LIFT) highlighting the importance of reading to your children at the very early stages of development. The parents/guardians in attendance at this meeting, will receive books for their children. The presentation very well received by all.
Mr. Reggie Miller, Brother to Brother Coordinator, presented as well at this meeting. Mr. Miller topics included, Summer Safety tips and the Sesame Street video, "Wondering about skin color", which talked about, how our skin color may come in all shades and we look different, we are all beautiful together Mr. Miller reminded the group about an upcoming male engagement activity, " Bring Your Child to School Breakfast", which will take place on June 15th and June 17th. Ms. Debbie reminded the parents that the end of the year celebrations for the HS Pre-school will take place on June 18, 2026, (rain date June 19, 2026) Moving up

activities will take place in the classrooms and family fun activities will take place outside, weather permitting. Nurse Marie, reminded everyone about the Mental Health/Health Fair and the MEND fresh produce giveaway will be held on June 16th at 106 Park Ave in the parking lot. All were invited to come out and get lots of resources from the community partners that will be there. We are looking forward to a great event.
Ms. Jonita congratulated the participants who will complete the last session of Positive Solutions for Families on June 17, 2026. The parents were reminded that the Summer Program will begin on (HS) July 6-August 14, 2026 (EHS) August 3-14, 2026. If anyone is in need of the service, they are to contact their SW/Advocate.
Mr. Rob, reminded the parents about the Policy Makers election to vote on June 11th via Survey Monkey. All parents were urged to look out for the survey in their email and vote. Mr. Rob gave updates on HS happenings and reminded the parents about the NHSA Parents Unite Advocacy Group and how to get involved.
The link was shared with the parents in the chat.
School calendar update reminders were discussed by Ms. Debbie. EHS last day is 7/24/26 and HS last day is 6/25/26/Corrina site 6/29/26.
The meeting concluded reminding all that we are currently recruiting for children and staff, the importance of continuing efforts to improve attendance and bringing in and picking up on time. We all thanked everyone for a wonderful school year and we are looking forward to seeing our retuning families in the new school year!
The parents also thanked the staff for all of their support during the year and wished Everyone a safe Summer! The meeting adjourned.