

Environmental Health Practices Procedure

Policy: Bridges Early Head Start, Head Start, and EHS-CCP will purchase and use non-toxic, environmentally safe substances and methods for cleaning, sanitizing, and pest management of facilities.

Performance Standard 1304.33(a)(8)

Procedure:

- The Health Manager and Health Services Advisory Committee (HSAC) will provide safety recommendations to the Policy Council to ensure that Early Head Start staff, children, and families are kept free from any harm related to the use of toxic substances.
- The HSAC will be utilized for guidance and recommendations prior to purchasing and using toxic cleaning agents and other chemicals on EHS-CCP premises. In the event that non-toxic cleaning and pest management agents do not meet state health guidelines, or are found to be too costly or ineffective, the HSAC will research other alternatives and create a safe plan for using the “least toxic” substances on a limited basis.
- Contracted workers will use protective goggles, face masks, gloves, and other appropriate protective devices when spraying, applying, or handling toxic substances.
- Any chemical substances must be purchased only with approval from the Education Coordinator, the Health Manager, or the HSAC.